

Number 1 Clarksville Crushes McLeod

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The number 1 ranked Clarksville Blue Tigers continued their early dominance of the District 19-A Division 1 race by crushing the McLeod Longhorns 88-21 in a game played on Tuesday night in the Clarksville High School Clarence L. Nix Jr. Gymnasium.

Junior forward Gary Moore had an outstanding game as he scored a game high 21 points with five of his field goals arriving by way of crowd pleasing slam dunks. Moore was also an intimidating force inside, and he anchored the Tigers control of the boards on both ends of the court.

Clarksville 17-5 overall, was never really threatened in the game. The Tigers provided smothering pressure defense that keyed transition points throughout the game. The Clarksville defense has held all three district opponents to less than 13 first half points each.

Moore scored 17 of his points in the initial half as the Tigers led 20-6 at the end of one quarter and a 34 point second period explosion helped Walker Nichols' team move to the intermission in control 54-8.

All 10 players would score in the game for the Blue Tigers who now own a 3-0 league mark.

Clarksville also hammered in eight three pointers with Lonnie Hobbs knocking down four to account for his 12 points in the game.

Fellow guard Radonte Edwards followed Moore in scoring with 14 points. He contributed two of the three point field goals. The remaining treys arrived from guards Quinton Beaty and Jordan Alexander. Tyus Savage just fell short of reaching double figures with his nine points, but the sophomore forward did manage a slam dunk of his own. Alexander also contributed nine points.

Senior forward Jarrian Roberts returned to the line-up after missing a game and a half when he suffering an injury. He really didn't have to shoot in the game, but Roberts did manage a second half field goal.

Edwards believes the Tigers are headed in the right direction at this point in the season. "We've been good and aggressive in district. Early in the year we weren't playing as one. We can make it to Austin if we play as one," explained Edwards following the game.

Since opening district play Clarksville has averaged 83.6 points per outing while giving up an astonishing average of 26.3 points per game.

The Tigers will play another league game on Friday night when the Maud Cardinals travel to Clarksville.

Score By Quarters

McLeod 6 2 2 11 21

Clarksville 20 34 18 16 88

Scoring:McLeod-Dylan Bourne 7, Henderson 4, McLaurin 2, Otwell 2, Cole 2, Carter 2, Walton 2. Three Pointers: Bourne 2. Free Throws: 1-4 Fouls: 10 Record: 12-10

Scoring:Clarksville-Gary Moore 21, Radonte Edwards 14, Lonnie Hobbs 12, Savage 9, Alexander 9, Beaty 7, Rosser 6, Mitchell 4, Woodberry 4, Roberts 2. Three Pointers: (8) Hobbs 4, Edwards 2, Alexander 1, Hobbs 1. Free Throws: 4-11 Fouls: 9 Record: 3-0 17-5