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Lady Bucs Nip Lady 'Riders Late

Memphis, Tenn. --- Christian Brothers University outscored Southern Arkansas University 11-2 in the final 2:54 to nip the Lady Muleriders 72-65 in a hard-fought Gulf South Conference West Division game here Saturday. The Late Lady Buccaneer surge lifted CBU to an impressive 15-3 overall record and to 7-1 in conference play while SAU dropped to 12-6 for the season and to 4-4 in league action.

The game was close all the way with numerous lead changes. Freshman guard Kristian Tester's lay-up got SAU off to a 2-0 lead only for Chereny Woodard to even it. Freshman center Kim Davis put SAU up 4-2 but Woodard again knotted it. Jackie Moore's lay-up gave CBU their first lead at 6-4 but two free throws by SAU freshman Beth Grigsby made it even again. Ashley Smith scored for the Lady Bucs and they would keep a narrow lead until freshman Beth Grigsby hit a jumper to put SAU back up 10-9, 12:21 left in the half.

Sophomore Sharonda Davis added two lay-ups, 14-9, SAU, and the Lady 'Riders would get three more baskets by S. Davis, a 3-pointer by Beth Grigsby, and a lay-up by junior Shayla Canady for a 25-13 Lady 'Rider lead with 6:16 left in the half. In the run, SAU outscored their opponent 17-4. Back came the Lady Bucs, outscoring SAU the final six minutes of the half 16-4 to leave the Lady 'Riders with a 30-29 lead at the half.

SAU kept the lead until Moore's lay-up knotted it 34-34, 17:40 to play. Freshman Brooke Grigsby put SAU back in front at the free throw line only for a 3-point play by CBU's Tamika Rogers to give the lead back to the Lady Bucs 39-37. Freshman Kim Davis tied it at 39 for SAU but Charle Moore drove for a lay-up, 41-39, CBU, 15:13 remaining.

SAU would not get the lead back until a 3-point play by Beth Grigsby made it 47-46 at the 11:51 mark. Sarah Condra swished a 3-pointer to put CBU back in front but K. Davis downed a lay-up, 49-49. Woodard hit a lay-up for CBU, 51-49, 10:49 to go, and the Lady Bucs would hold a narrow lead until K. Davis drained two freebies, 59-59, 6:01 remaining. K. Davis drove for a lay-up, 61-59, SAU, but Woodard countered on the other end, 61-61, 3:46 on the clock.

Canady's lay-up put SAU in front for the last time, 63-61, 3:32 to play. Woodard tied it at 63 with 2:54 left and Condra's 3-pointer gave the lead to CBU for good, 66-63, 2:42 remaining.

For CBU, four players were in double-figures, C. Moore with 17, Woodard with 14, Condra with 12, and Rogers with 11. Moore was six of 14 from the field, including her only trey attempt, and was four of eight at the free throw line. Woodard was seven of eight from the field and Condra four of eight, including three of six treys, and one of one at the charity stripe. Rogers was three of seven from the field and five of six at the freebie line. Moore's seven rebounds were high for CBU.

K. Davis had 19 points for SAU, Beth Grigsby had a career-high 16, and S. Davis added 14. Brooke Grigsby finished with nine. K. Davis was seven of eight from the field and five of five at the free throw line. S. Davis was seven of 10 from the field, Beth Grigsby six of eight, including one of two 3-pointers, from the field and three of three at the charity stripe, and Brooke Grigsby one of five from the field and five of seven on free throws. K. Davis had a game-high nine rebounds.

The Lady Bucs shot 47 percent from the field (24-51), 50 percent from behind the arc (5-10), and 71 percent on free throws (19-27). The Lady 'Riders shot a sizzling 58 percent from the field (25-43), only 14 percent on threes (1-7), and an impressive 82 percent on free throws (14-17). While CBU had five more free throws than SAU, they shot 10 more times at the line. Rebounds were even with 26 each but CBU forced the Lady 'Riders into 24 turnovers while they had only 16. CBU had a 13-8 advantage in assists, and a 10-3 advantage in steals.

The Lady 'Riders meet Ouachita Baptist University in Magnolia Monday night.