Straub, Hauschild Score 13 Points Each, Tigers Get Off To Fast Start, Win SWC Opener Over Collinsville 56-31

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EDWARDSVILLE - Seniors Maksine Straub and Kaylee Hauschild led the way for Edwardsville with 13 points apiece as Edwardsville got off to a fast start, scoring nine of the game's first 10 points and outscoring Collinsville in the opening quarter, 21-2, to take a 56-31 win over the Kahoks in both teams' Southwestern Conference girls basketball opener on Tuesday night, Nov. 24, 2026, at Lucco-Jackson Gym.

It was first-year Edwardsville coach Lynne Collenback's first-ever SWC game, and it was a great way to be introduced to the conference.

"Yeah, it was awesome," Collenback said, "and it was a good night for a win."

The Tigers clicked on all cylinders on the night, and it was especially great to see Straub break out, considering this is her first time out for basketball since her freshman year in 2023-24.

"I think she really needed that." Collenback said. "She hasn't played since her freshman year, so coming back and actually putting a bunch of points up was really, really great for her and for the team."

Not only was the offensive effort there all night, but so was the defensive effort, as the Tigers totally shut down the Kahoks.

"Our defense was really good tonight, too," Collenback said. "We had to stay honest on defense, and that's what I told them from the beginning, and I think we did a really good job with it."

To get her first conference win almost a week after getting her initial victory against Pleasant Plains last Thursday is a good feeling, indeed for the coach.

"Yeah, it is," Collenback said. "I'm so proud of our girls."

"We've got a busy schedule, one and two, right off the bat," Collenback added. "But our girls are ready for it. We've already started prepping."

Collenback is expecting a good Mater Dei team to bring a good challenge to her team, and the Tigers will be ready to go.

"We expect quick," Collenback said, "we expect every ball on the floor, they go for, and we're expecting some shooters."

The game against Collinsville was a good game to prepare for the Knights, according to Collenback.

"It was kind of nice that they're back-to-back, because we can kind of compound them. We're excited to carry one from the next," Collenback.

It took nearly three minutes into the opening period for someone to score at the outset, with a basket by Livia Young and a three from Kennedy Gieseking starting the Tigers off at 5-0. Before the quarter was over, Edwardsville led 9-1, and later on, Kenley Wise buried a three, and Hauschild, while the only points from the Kahoks came on free throws by Aubrey Woods and Alli Fox as Edwardsville led after the first quarter 21-2.

In the second quarter, the Kahoks got their first basket from Dariana Morris, and a three from Fox to make it 23-7. The Tigers, led by Straub and Wise, kept building their lead, with Edwardsville leading at the half 30-10.

In the second half, Straub stayed hot, getting easy baskets underneath, with Gieseking adding a basket as well, while Morris did all she could to keep the Kahoks in the game, getting steals and scores, along with Moriah Wiley also helping out the Kahoks. In the end, it was all Edwardsville, as they went on to a 45-22 lead after three, and the final of 56-31.

Straub and Hauschild led the Tigers with 13 points each, while Laila Roundtree hit for eight points, both Young and Wise had six points each, Blair Brewer hit for five points, Morgan Whitehead scored three points, and Gieseking had two points.

Wiley led Collinsville with eight points, while Morris had seven points, Fox scored six points, Jayla Wysinger had four points, Natalie Schlipman had three points, Morgan Harris-Goliday scored two points, and Aubrey Woods hit for a single point.

Edwardsville is now 2-2 on the season, host Belleville East next Tuesday, and play at Granite City on Dec. 3, both games starting at 7:30 p.m.