

OOLTEWAH, Tenn. – The Bradley Central Bearettes defeated East Hamilton 47-38 in district 5 AAA action on Friday night.

The Bearettes (11-1, 3-0 D5AAA) quickly jumped out to a nine-point lead to wrap up the first quarter before East Hamilton (7-4, 2-2 D5AAA) came storming back. The Lady Hurricanes ended the half on a 7-0 run to trim the lead to two.

Bradley Central maintained the lead before East Hamilton took their only lead of the night on an old fashioned three-point play by junior Madison Hayes with 1:37 to go in the third. Bradley quickly responded on their next possession as Anna Walker drained a three off a Kaleigh Hughes pass to take the lead just 34 seconds later.

The first part of the fourth quarter went back and forth before the Bearettes would take the lead for good on a Jamaryn Blair three that jump started an 11-point run and give them just enough wiggle room to start holding the ball before coming out victorious 47-38.

Bradley was paced by Blair with 21 points. Walker was the next leading scorer with 11 while Hughes rounded out the double-digit scorers at 10 points. Hughes led the team with seven rebounds while Hannah Lombard pulled down five boards, including two offensive rebounds that helped seal the game.

East Hamilton was led by Madison Hayes who led all scorers with 26 points to go along with 14 rebounds for a double-double. The next leading scorer was the younger sister McKenna Hayes with five.

Bradley Central is back in action next Wednesday as they take on Beaverton (Ore.) in the first round of the 2018 Nike Tournament of Champions in Phoenix, Arizona. The Bearettes will fly out on Sunday to enjoy some sight-seeing before getting ready for the rigorous play taking on some of the top teams in the country. The tournament begins on Wednesday and goes through Saturday with one game each day.