

OOLTEWAH, Tenn. – Anna Roberts led all scorers with 17 points as the Bradley Central girls' basketball team defeated Ooltewah on Tuesday evening in district five AAA action.

Bradley started the scoring on the opening possession as Alexis Barnes scored the first points off an assist from Roberts before Ooltewah grabbed their only lead of the night on an old fashioned three-point play by Madelyn Mills 51 seconds into the contest.

The Bearettes responded with a 16-point run before the Lady Owls reached the bonus with 6:06 to go before the half. Bradley went into the locker room up 24 points with a 36-12 lead.

After being outscored 10-11 in the third quarter the Bearettes reached the pinnacle of their lead up 32 points with 3:01 left in the contest as both teams began to empty out their benches. Ooltewah scored the only points with three minutes to go on a last second shot by Makaya Poland to make the final 59-29.

Roberts led all athletes with 17 points on 7-12 shooting while Hannah Lombard was right on her heels with 15 on 5-10 shooting. Kaleigh Hughes recorded 10 points while she pulled down seven rebounds.

The strong Bearette defense forced 30 turnovers, recording 16 steals paced by Cambree Mayo with six. Barnes recorded four blocks and Lombard three while Bradley enjoyed a block party with 11 on the night. Bradley scored 27 points off those 30 turnovers while able to run it into 22 fast break points. The Bearettes were able to record 17 assists on 22 made field goals.

Ooltewah was paced by Mills with 13 points as Bradley held the Lady Owls to a cold 24.3 percent and only made nine field goals on the evening. Ooltewah was able to outrebound Bradley 39-38 despite allowing 20 offensive rebounds.

Bradley Central will be back in action on Friday as they will take on East Hamilton on the road at 6:00 p.m. The Bearettes then travel to Phoenix, Arizona to take on the field of the 2018 Nike Tournament of Champions. The brackets were released today, and Bradley will take on Beaverton (Ore.) on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. eastern time.