

CLEVELAND, Tenn. – Anna Walker recorded her fourth double-double of the year with 17 points and 10 rebounds as the Bradley Central Bearettes went on the road and defeated rival Cleveland 59-39 on Friday evening.

Both teams got off to a slow start before Walker finally threw in the first bucket of the game just under two minutes and forty seconds into the game to spark a quick 6-0 run. Bradley would end the quarter on an 8-3 run to take a 14-5 lead to end the first.

The Bearettes were able to slowly stretch the lead from nine to 15 at the break going into the locker room 32-17.

Cleveland came out wanting to cut the lead quickly as Joy Douglass picked up four quick points to cut the lead to 11. Bradley responded with the largest run of the quarter going on a seven-point spurt capped off by a Jamaryn Blair fast break layup to make the score 39-21. Bradley was able extend the lead to 23 late in the third on an Alexis Barnes layup to all but put the game out of reach for the hosts ending the third with a 48-27 lead.

The fourth was a quarter of runs as Bradley opened up the quarter with an 11-0 run with threes made by Walker, Blair, and Kaleigh Hughes. The run was able to give the Bearettes their largest lead of the night on the Blair three to stretch the lead to 32 with 4:19 left to go. Cleveland responded with a 12-0 run of their own with threes from Bailey Anderson, Madison Dasher, and Kaitlyn Goodman. The run was too little too late though as Bradley had already put the game out of reach.

Walker recorded a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds on 7-11 shooting and seven defensive boards. Hughes pitched in the scoring effort with 13 points on 4-8 shooting including 3-6 from behind the three-point line and a perfect 2-2 from the free throw line. Blair rounded out the double-digit scorers for the game with 12. The win improves Bradley to 15-2 on the year and take sole possession of first place in the district with a 4-0 mark.

Cleveland was paced by Douglass and Person who scored eight points apiece followed closely by Anderson with seven. The loss drops the Lady Raiders to 9-11 overall and 3-1 in district play.

Bradley Central will be back in action on Tuesday as they take on Soddy Daisy inside Jim Smiddy Arena at 6 p.m. before traveling to in county rival Walker Valley on Friday.