

St. Mary's Women's Basketball Wins 3rd Straight: 53-50 over Shenandoah

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After trailing 45-32 with 13:04 remaining in the contest, the St. Mary's College women's basketball finished with a 21-5 run against Shenandoah University to claim a 53-50 non-conference victory on Sunday afternoon. With the win, the Seahawks have now won three straight contests and improve to 4-6 overall while the Hornets fall to 2-5 overall with the loss.

Freshman guard Kiely Murphy (Olney, MD/Good Counsel) led all scorers with 12 points for the Seahawks, including two three-point field goals to cue the game-turning run for the Seahawks. Murphy actually scored the first seven points of the run to pull the Seahawks within striking distance with just over eight minutes remaining.

Trailing by two points with 45 seconds remaining, sophomore guard Taylor Yearwood (Washington DC/Holy Cross Academy) calmly sank two free throw attempts to pull the Seahawks even at 50-50. After a missed jumper from Shenandoah, Murphy converted a fast break lay-up with 17 seconds left to give St. Mary's a 52-50 lead, their first in the second half.

Shenandoah missed a three-point attempt with five seconds remaining and fouled on the rebound. Junior guard Amanda Ballute (Dunkirk, MD/Archbishop Spalding) hit the first of two free throws giving St. Mary's the 53-50 advantage. Ballute missed the second free throw and Alicia Sanders tracked down the rebound for Shenandoah, but time would expire before any desperation attempt to win the contest could be made.

Yearwood finished with eight points and seven rebounds for the Seahawks while freshman forward Allie Scott (Laurel, MD/Atholton) scored five points and grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds, six of them on the offensive end.

Dee Fisher was the only player to score in double figures for Shenandoah with ten points. Netagia Foreman scored nine points for the Hornets before fouling out late in the contest.

The Seahawks will now be idle until January 3 when they face Elizabethtown in a non-conference contest in the Virgin Islands. The game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

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