

Monday March 11, 2019

### **Purple Eagles cruise to big victory**

From the start the Purple Eagles took control of the game, jumping out to a 6-0 lead, and never looked back as they pounced the Golden Griffs by a score of 32-6.

The Eagles played suffocating defense, totaling 28 steals in the game as their ball pressure was too much for the Griffs to handle. Gabriella Cashion (4 points, 6 rebounds, 7 steals), Annabelle Day (12 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 9 steals) led the charge as the Eagles turned defense into quick offense, using transition baskets to take a 14-0 halftime lead.

Amanda Young drained a pair of nice jump shots to help continue the Purple Eagles push passed the Griffs. Young also added 5 steals on the defensive end, while sisters Ava and Lia Seelbach each added four points apiece for the Eagles.

In the third quarter, the Griffs finally got on the board with a pair of baskets, first from the hands of Katey Quinn (2 points, 11 rebounds, 1 assist), and then from Anila Sopi (4 points, 16 rebounds, 3 steals). Sopi then added another basket to open up the fourth quarter to make it a 22-6 ball game; however from there the Eagles regained control as Day cashed in on three baskets, while Addison D'Andrea and Paige Cress each added baskets to the Eagles total to round out the 32-6 victory.

Despite the loss, the Golden Griffs didn't let the score kill their spirit. Throughout the game, they demonstrated heart, scrapping and clawing for every loose ball, and giving it their all with every possession. Emma Stahl added 6 rebounds and 3 steals, while Sage Pohl ripped down 7 rebounds. Nora Davidson and Isabella Langworthy teamed up for a combined 5 rebounds and a steal.