

# Edwardsville girls thump Collinsville, Silvey, Martin lead scoring efforts

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**EDWARDSVILLE** – One thing about **Edwardsville's girls basketball team** is simple. The Tigers don't have to rely on any certain player to be successful.

They have many weapons they can use to overcome whatever game plan a team may have for them.

One example: senior **Makenzie Silvey** and junior **Kate Martin**. The duo combined for 32 points – Silvey 18 and Martin 14 – as the Tigers opened their home and Southwestern Conference schedules with a 64-27 win over **Collinsville** at Lucco-Jackson Gym Thursday night, running the Tiger record to 5-0 overall and 1-0 in the SWC; Collinsville fell to 3-2 overall, 0-1 in the league.

“Kate got some (points) there, which is good to see because she had her hands full defensively,” said **Tiger coach Lori Blade**. “It's always good to see Kate get her points because that concerns me about taking it away from her. With this group, you never know on any night; tonight, it was Makenzie and Kate, but any other night, you never know. That's the good part.

“(Martin) did a great job (defending against the Kahoks' Kaitlyn Fischer; she was held to a team-high five points). She had a lot of help; I thought Jasmine's (Bishop) help on double-screens was really good, but we read them well most of the time.

“She's a tough kid to guard and it took a team effort, but Kate did a great job by herself too. I was really proud of their effort (defensively) because that's going to be a difference-maker for us at some time.”

Edwardsville wasted no time getting out of the blocks quickly, getting to a 17-6 lead at quarter time and pulling to a 31-11 lead at the long break, never allowing the Kahoks to make a serious run at them.

**Rachel Pranger and Jaylen Townsend** each had eight points for the Tigers on the night, with Myriah Noodel-Haywood pulling down eight rebounds, Martin five and Pranger and Townsend four each. The Kahoks got four points each from Antoinette Buehne, McKenzie Manley and Andrea Frerker; Fischer led in rebounding with five, with Buehne, Danielle Knutson and Claire Schuessler each getting two.

The Tigers are at Belleville East Tuesday night, then host Belleville West Dec. 8 and Normal Community in an afternoon game Dec. 10.