

# **Alton girls basketball team rolls to another triumph in Hillsboro Tourney, moves to title game**

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**ALTON 52, FREEBURG 36:** Alton held Freeburg to eight points in the second and third quarters and got 10 points from **Crishonna Hickman** as the Redbirds downed the Midgets 52-36 in the semifinals of the Hillsboro, Mo., Tournament Friday night.

AHS improved to 3-18 on the year and moved into Saturday evening's final against Seckman, who defeated Ritenour 53-43 in Friday's other semifinal. The Midgets fell to 8-12 on the year.

“We had a great defensive effort tonight,” said **Redbird coach Bob Rickman**. “We communicated well and really played as a team; that was a huge key to the victory.

“Down the stretch, we hit our free throws; we were 13-of-17 from the line and we had patience on offense; I thought that was one of our better overall efforts of the year.”

**Diarra Smith** had nine points for the Redbirds, with **Rayn Tally and Allurah Bowens** each scoring seven and **Kenya Burnett** six. Abby Murly led Freeburg with 14 points, with Colleen Cockrell, Lily Oliver and Kayla Whitworth each adding six points.