

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL: MLK CLASSIC

Stoglin helps Eagles soar over Nighthawks

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Girls basketball

Tucson High's girls basketball team struggled to find its traditional up-tempo game in the nightcap of the MLK Classic at McKale Center.

Mesa Mountain View took the lead late in the first quarter and never looked back, winning 42-28.

"We need to go back to basics and do what we do best," said Christine Clark, who led Tucson High with 10 points. "We definitely wanted it up-tempo because that is the way we play. We wanted to put pressure on them."

The pressure paid off for a short time. Clark picked up six of the team's eight points during an 8-2 run to pull Tucson High within three at halftime at 19-16.

"We didn't stick to our game plan and the better team won tonight," Tucson High coach Paul Reed said. "They exposed some things that we've been able to get away with throughout the season. We could never get over that hump."

Mountain View forced 24 turnovers and started to pull away in the second half.

"It was a very sluggish start," Mountain View coach Henry Bribiescas said. "I thought in the second half we came out and settled down. We executed and showed our discipline. Once we did that we were able to get to the line and get some good transition baskets."

Lia Kioa led all scorers with 14 points. "In the first half we came out impatient and flat," Kioa said. "We knew we had to step up and play our game and be strong."

Tucson High shot 23.8 percent (10 of 42) from the field.

"We can definitely learn from this," Clark said. "We know what we need to work on. We need to come together as a team and that will help us get over whatever we are facing."

In the other girls basketball game played Monday in the MLK Classic, Cienega beat Ironwood Ridge 58-32.

