

Dec. 20 Girls Basketball

Spartans escape their offensive doldrums to get past Hightstown

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Dec. 20: Ashley Gonzalez was in a zone.

So much so, she thought a one-point lead was 10 times that amount.

But when Bryan Rogers called timeout and informed his team that it was a close game, suddenly reality set in and the Spartans went on to take a 42-32 victory at Hightstown tonight to improve to 2-0.

Steinert pulled away in the second half after it only led 8-7 at halftime.

“I had so much adrenaline I really thought we were up by way more than that,” said Gonzalez, who finished with 10 points and 15 rebounds. “Me and Lindsay (Usarzewicz) didn’t realize we were down that low until he called a timeout and we were like ‘Oh my God we’re only up by one point.’”

“I don’t know what happened. None of our shots were going in but we were playing hard on defense so that’s paying off.”

Steinert blew it open by outscoring the Rams 23-7 in the third quarter. Usarzewicz finished with 11 points while Adrienne Boucher added 10.

“This is giving everyone a lot of confidence,” Gonzalez said of the 2-0 start. “The younger girls are trying their best to work with us and we’re trying to work with them. We want this to be a good season.”

Next up for Steinert is a trip to Tornado Alley against Trenton.

“That will be tough,” Gonzalez said. “But as long as we play hard and give it our all, that’s all we can ask.”

Hamilton’s quick start turns into tough finish against Trenton

After going up 7-0, it was all downhill for Hamilton West as Trenton roared to a 55-39 victory at the Hornets’ Nest tonight.

Alexis Johnson had 21 points to lead West (1-1), while Erin Septer added 14.

WW-P North uses late surge to defeat Nottingham

West Windsor-Plainsboro North outscored Nottingham by seven points in the final quarter to escape with a 41-40 victory at Nottingham. The Northstars carried a 26-20 lead into the final quarter before the Northern Knights outscored the ‘Stars 21-14.

No other details were available. Nottingham fell to 1-1.