

1951 Girls High School Basketball Tournament
Conference B - Semifinals

A U S T I N, Tex., March 9 - (Apl) -- Claude's battling Mustangs overcame a six-point deficit in the last three minutes of play here Friday night to edge the Duncanville Panthers, 35-32, and gain the Class B finals in the first annual Girls Interscholastic League Basketball tourney.

The Mustangs meet Denton Valley, 33-25 conquerers of Troy, for the championship Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

In one of the most evenly-matched contests of the tourney, Claude held 7-6 and 18-17 leads at the end of the first quarter and the half. But Duncanville clawed back for a 27-24 third-quarter margin and led 31-25 with just three minutes to go. Claude had just lost defensive stars Juanita Smotherman and Barbara Corbin via the foul route and things looked dark indeed for the Panhandle six.

But then Duncanville lost its Gold Dust pair, Faye and Raye Wilson, who had scored 14 and 7 points respectively, and it was anybody's ball game for the final hectic seconds.

Lorene Whelchel, who topped the night's scorers with 15 points, substituted in at that three-minute mark and promptly hit for two field goals and a free throw to leave Claude trailing only 31-30. Yvonne (Butch) Averyt, a crowd favorite with her bouncing blonde pigtailed, drove in for the decisive crisp shot. Butch sank another ~~shot~~ two-pointer with just 40 seconds left and her sister ~~Jane~~ Jane added a free throw in the final 10 seconds to ice the game.

Yvonne Averyt scored 13 points for the winners, and Janice Hall with 8 points was second high for the losers.

CLAUDE (35)

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Yvonne Averyt, f	5	3-8	4	13
Jane Averyt, f	1	1-9	3	3
Whelchel, f	6	3-11	3	15
Merrison, f	2	0-1	1	4
Gillham, g	0	0	4	0
Smotherman, g	0	0	5	0
Dawkins, g	0	0	1	0
Christian, g	0	0	2	0
Brown, g	0	0	2	0
Corbin, g	0	0	5	0
Totals	14	7-29	30	35

Officials: George Lee and Weldon Chambers

Free throws missed: Yvonne Averyt 5, Jane Averyt 8, Whelchel 8, Merrison 1, Faye Wilson 4, Roper 3, Hall 4, Raye Wilson 2.

Score by quarters:

Claude	7	11	6	11	--	35
Duncanville	6	11	12	4	--	33
	6	11	12	3		32

DUNCANVILLE (32)

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Faye Wilson, f	3	8-12	5	14
Raye Wilson, f	1	1-4	4	3
Whelchel, f	0	0	5	0
Hall, f	2	4-8	4	8
Harrill, f	0	0	4	0
Raye Wilson, f and g	1	5-7	5	7
Serafine, g	0	0	0	0
Seeley, g	0	0	0	0

Mahoney, g	0	0	0	0
Tanner, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	18-31	27	32