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BEAVER —

Another night, another 25-point win. It is a common theme for the Lady Dusters who have now won 23 games in a row. Beaver advanced to the Regional championship by defeating Laverne 66-41 Thursday night.

"We got off to a fast start," Lady Dusters coach Casey Jones said.

"and that was important for us tonight. We tend to struggle against teams that are bigger than us, but we were ready."

MaRiah Oyler was ready. She scored Beaver's first seven as the Lady Dusters sprinted out to a 15-4 lead. Beaver led at the end of the first period 18-8.

Laverne was able to stay with Beaver for a while using their size advantage to get buckets in the paint from Ashley Brown and Hartly Carlisle. It was still a ten point game halfway thru the second quarter with Beaver leading 25-15.

But Beaver's defense put an end to that. The Lady Dusters press grabbed steals and forced turnovers that led to easy baskets on a 13-0 run to give Beaver a 38-15 advantage.

"We spend so much time in practice on defense and positioning," Coach Jones stated. "We used more zone press & trap than normal. We wanted to limit (Sam) Little and limit them to one shot. They tried to press to get back in the game, but we are so guard heavy we are hard to press."

Beaver continued to dominate in the third especially on defense, and led after three quarters 54-27.

MaRiah Oyler led the Lady Dusters in scoring with 20, Erin Becker scored 13, Kamee Gabel had 12, and Saraya Oyler added 10.

The 6th ranked Lady Dusters are now 23-1 and will take on the No.2 Seiling Wildcats (23-0) in the Regional Championship Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in Mooreland.