

## **NORTHAMPTON GIRLS DOMINATES AMHERST IN FIRST GAME OF PVTO**

**AMHERST, MASS.** -- The Northampton Blue Devils dominated the Amherst Hurricanes, 75-10 in the first game of the 2024 Pioneer Valley Tip Off. Northampton held Amherst controlled the game from the start holding the Hurricanes to single digits throughout the game.

The Blue Devils were led by Senior Brianna Heafey who poured in a game high 22 points, going 6-12 from the field goal and 6-9 from the charity stripe. Annaliese Oravec contributed 17 points of her own while tacking on six rebounds.

The Hurricanes were led by Yairelis Blanchard and Aaliyah Hall each contributing four points.

### **Breaking Down The Action**

- Northampton started the scoring with a shot from behind the arc by Heafey with 7:42 on the clock which keyed an early 8-0 run.
- Hurricanes got on the board 7:06 field goal by Aaliyah Hall.
- Heafey's shot from the three-point line extended the blue devils lead to double digits.
- Off a rebound, Liv Joenson found the basket under the net.
- A high arc three for Makayla Fydenkevez made the score 20-2.
- After nearly seven minutes without a basket, Maeve Fitzgerald's basket before the buzzer made it 24-4 after the first quarter.
- Heafey's layup started the second quarter with 7:11 left on the clock.
- Yairelis Blanchard answered quickly with a field goal to make the score 26-6.
- Amherst's early foul trouble got the best of them with Heafey making 2-of-3 free throws.
- Emme Calkins' layup extended the blue devils lead 32-6 with 5:02 left in the half.
- A 14-0 run highlighted with a three-point play by Fydenkevez extended the Blue Devils lead to 45-6 into halftime.
- Calkins' layup 28 seconds into the third period made the score 47-6.
- Northampton's shots continued to drop with a fastbreak layup by Anna Oravec extending their lead.
- The blue devils momentum continued ending the third period with a score of 61-6.
- The Hurricanes broke an over 10 minute scoring drought with a pair of free throws by Blanchard to make the score 61-8 with 7:14 left in the game.
- Northampton answered quickly with back to back shots of their own by Joenson and Fydenkevez.
- Hatteras Lewis connected on a jumper beneath the net to extend the lead, 67-8.
- Amherst's Hall sank a field goal with less than a minute in the game to make the score 72-8.
- The Blue Devils cemented their lead with a shot from behind the arc to finish the game 75-10.