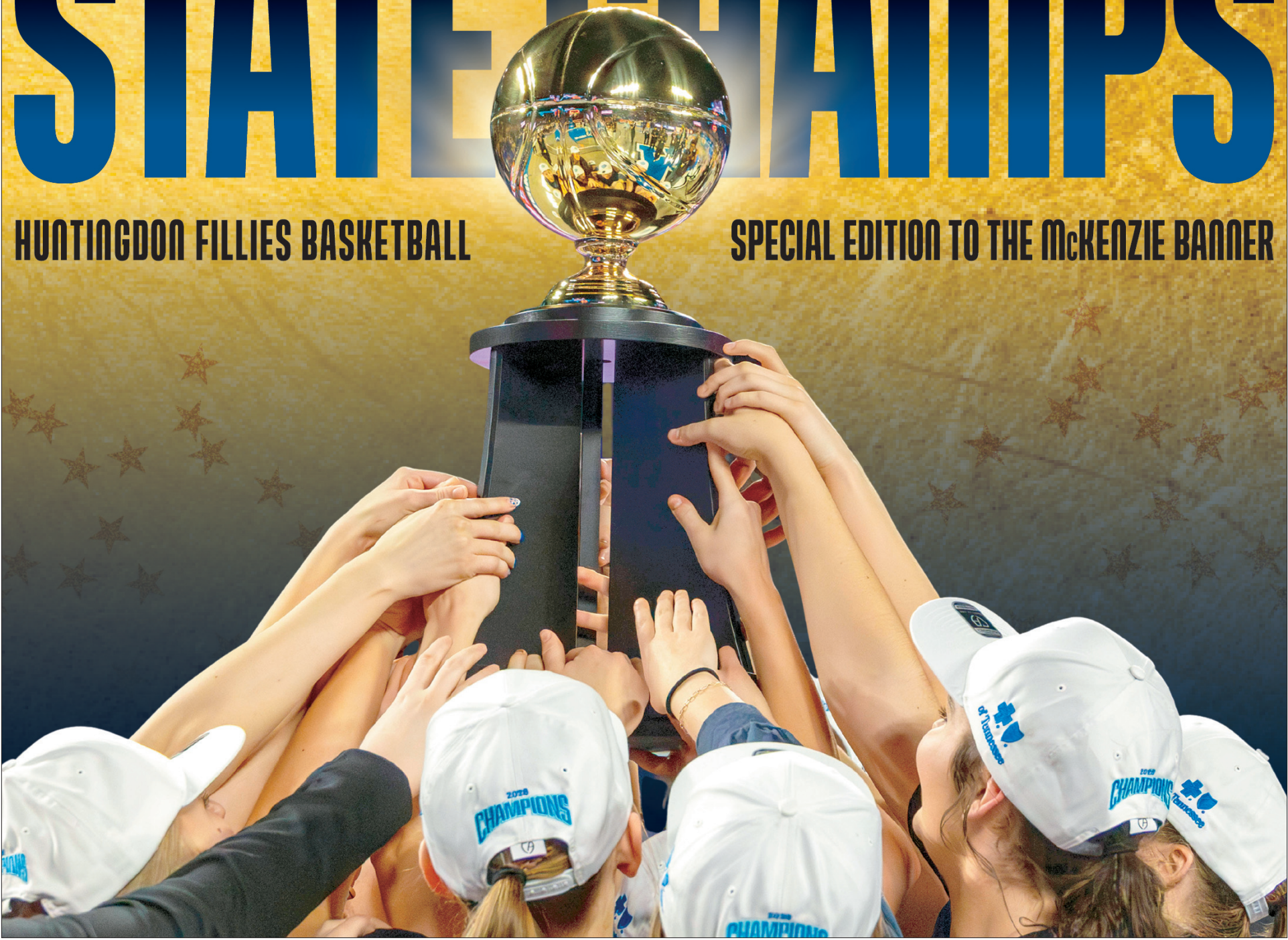


STATE CHAMPS

HUNTINGDON FILLIES BASKETBALL

SPECIAL EDITION TO THE MCKENZIE BANNER



Wow!

BY BRITTANY MARTIN

Congratulations, Huntingdon Fillies! You gave it your all and left it all on the court and your hard work paid off. You earned the first-ever state championship title in girls basketball for Huntingdon High School. You have made history and ensured that when people talk about Fillies basketball in the future, they will remember what you did here.

Soak up every drop of this moment. Capture it all. Write it down, take photos, preserve the memories because one day your grandparents will be glad you did. I hope this moment lives rent free in your mind and you never forget the feeling of holding up the gold ball with the deafening screams of excitement from your hometown echoing off the walls of the Murphy Center. Thing is, this is not the end of your accomplishments, only the beginning! You are young and

still have lots of memories ahead of you. We are so proud of you! To commemorate this moment, we have prepared this special edition dedicated to your historic win. Congratulations, Ladies! We can't wait to see what the future holds for you.

Sincerely,
The Banner Staff
Jason and Brittany Martin, Joel and Teresa Washburn, Janna Pratt, Brad Sam, Lyndsey Summers, Billy and Debbie Fuzzell, Davarion Gilbert and Russell Bush.



Cover Photo, The Fillies lift the gold ball for the first time in school history at the state tournament. Top Left, The Huntingdon Fillies are excited to accept the gold trophy as the TSSAA Girls Basketball Division I-2A State Champions. Top Right, The Fillies pose with the gold ball after winning their first-ever state championship. Left, Back at Huntingdon High School, the Fillies admire the basketball bearing their signatures with the trophy and net from their win preserved inside the glass display case. Below Left, The Fillies pose for a photo in front of the trophy case at Huntingdon High School. Photos by Russell Bush/The Banner

Fillies Claim First-Ever State Championship

BY RUSSELL BUSH
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The Huntingdon Fillies made their seventh trip to the state tournament as a basketball team this past week. The first six attempts resulted in three final fours, but no title game appearances.

The youthful Fillies, with six sophomores, four freshman and one senior broke the spell and made school history with a 43-41 comeback win over the Lady Dragonettes of York Institute, who finished as runner-up for the second year in a row.

The Fillies overcame a seven-point deficit with 2:48 remaining in the game as they went on an 11-2 run to end the game and earn the first-ever state title in school history after just playing in the first title game in school history.

After a torrid first half in which the Fillies led 22-20, they fell behind 30-28 to start the fourth quarter, and York held an eight-point lead with 3:10 left in the game. The Fillies cut it to seven at 39-32 when they started the surge that carried them to a state championship. Grier Bartholomew knocked down a three to cut it to 39-35 before

Millie Luther made a three to draw within one at 39-38. York scored a basket to give the Lady Dragonettes a three-point lead at 41-38 until Bartholomew made her second three-pointer in the last two minutes of the game to tie the score at 41-41. Luther would add a foul shot for a 42-41 lead and Wylie Kee added another to give the Fillies a lead at 43-41.

York had three good looks underneath to tie but the Fillies defense kept the ball out of the basket for the win.

Three-point shooting proved to be the difference in the game as the Fillies were eight of 18 from behind the arc and held York to zero of seven from the three-point line. Bartholomew was four of seven from behind the arc and led the Fillies with 12 points in the game. Knox Bennett was two of three from behind the three-point line and scored eight points for the game.

Luther was two of four behind the three-point line and finished the game with seven points. Freshman Wylie Kee, who earned MVP honors for the tournament finished with 11 points but led the Fillies with five rebounds, blocked four shots and recorded

three steals for the game. Tatum Rich added four and Ellie Wilson one.

York was led by Cali Franklin with 12, Emma Pile 11, and Emma Cooper with nine points and 11 rebounds for the game.

The Fillies were 14 of 35 from the field, 7 of 12 from the foul line and committed 16 turnovers for the game.

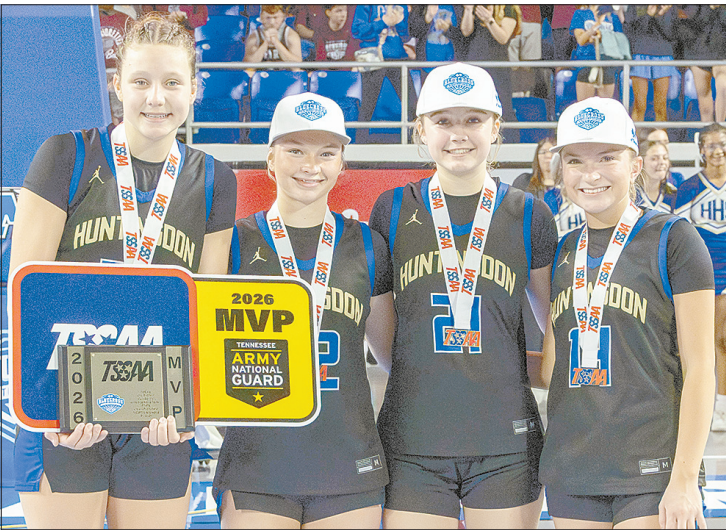
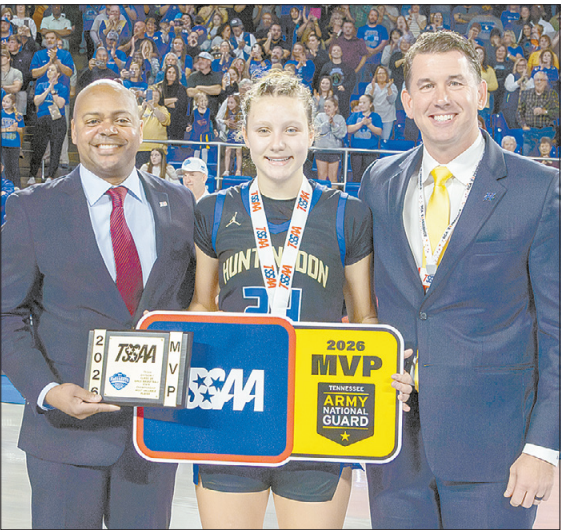
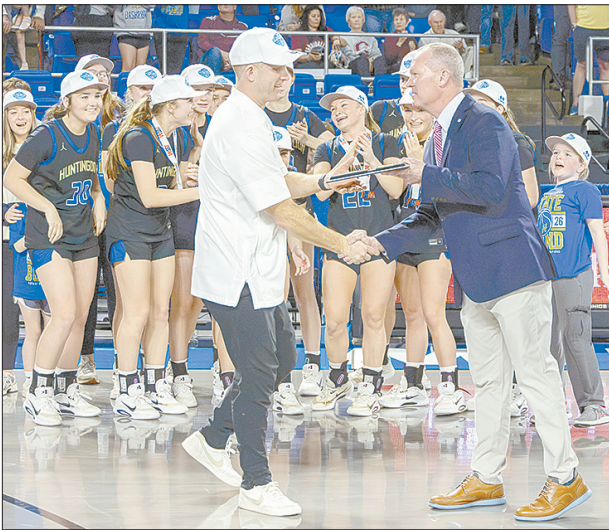
The Dragonettes were 15 of 37 from the field and 11 of 19 from the foul line. York outrebounded Huntingdon 26-21 for the game.

York held the largest lead of the game at eight with 5:23 left in the game, and the Fillies biggest lead of the night was six in the second quarter.

The Fillies finished with a school record of 31-3 for the season and finished the season on a 21-game winning streak.

The Fillies started the week with a rematch of one of their only three losses for the season with Smith County in the opening game of the tournament. The Lady Owls defeated the Fillies 61-56 at Smith County in the second game of the season as the Fillies started the season 0-2.

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Left, COACH’S AWARD — Fillies Coach David Wilkins receives the Coach’s Award for the Fillies’ state championship win. Center, MVP — Huntingdon’s Wylie Kee was named MVP of the 2025-26 Class 2-A state tournament as the Fillies won their first-ever title. Right, ALL-TOURNAMENT — Making the Class 2-A state all-tournament team were (L to R) Wylie Kee, Knox Bennett, Ellie Wilson and Grier Bartholomew. Photos by Russell Bush/The Banner

State

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The Fillies avenged that loss by winning over Smith County on Wednesday 60-57 in a closely-fought game. The Fillies, who trailed 28-

24 at the half, exploded for 25 points in the third to Smith County’s 16 to take the lead that held for the remainder of the game. Smith County had a look at a three to tie the game, but Emery Jones’ attempt was off the mark, and the Fillies had their win to open the tournament and advance. The Fillies’ freshman sen-

sation Wylie Kee had the game of her career against Smith County as she scored 19 points and had 19 rebounds, eight assists and blocked seven shots. Sophomore Ellie Wilson also had a big game as she scored 19 and recorded five rebounds. Knox Bennett added seven, Grier Bartholomew six, Krystin Moore six, and Mil-

lie Luther three.

Smith County was led by Kaylee Dixon with 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Jones added 16.

The Fillies’ second game of the tournament came on Friday and matched the Fillies against Gatlinburg-Pitman, who stayed atop the polls most of the year at number one and entered

the game with a 31-3 record. The Fillies got off to a fast start and led the game by 14 at the half and had a lead of as many as 30 in the second half of the game to win 65-42 and coast the title game on Saturday.

Kee had another big game for the Fillies as she led the way with 22 points, 15 rebounds and five assists.

Bennett added 20 points for the Fillies on seven of ten shooting from the floor and added five rebounds. Wilson scored 13 and recorded seven rebounds, Bartholomew three, Luther three, Tatum Rich two, and Emalynn Maness two.

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23	Ali Harris	9
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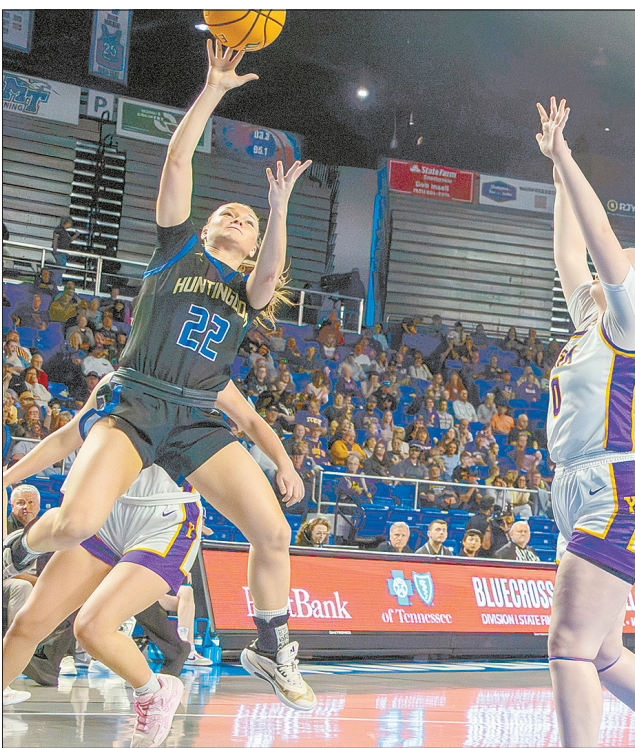
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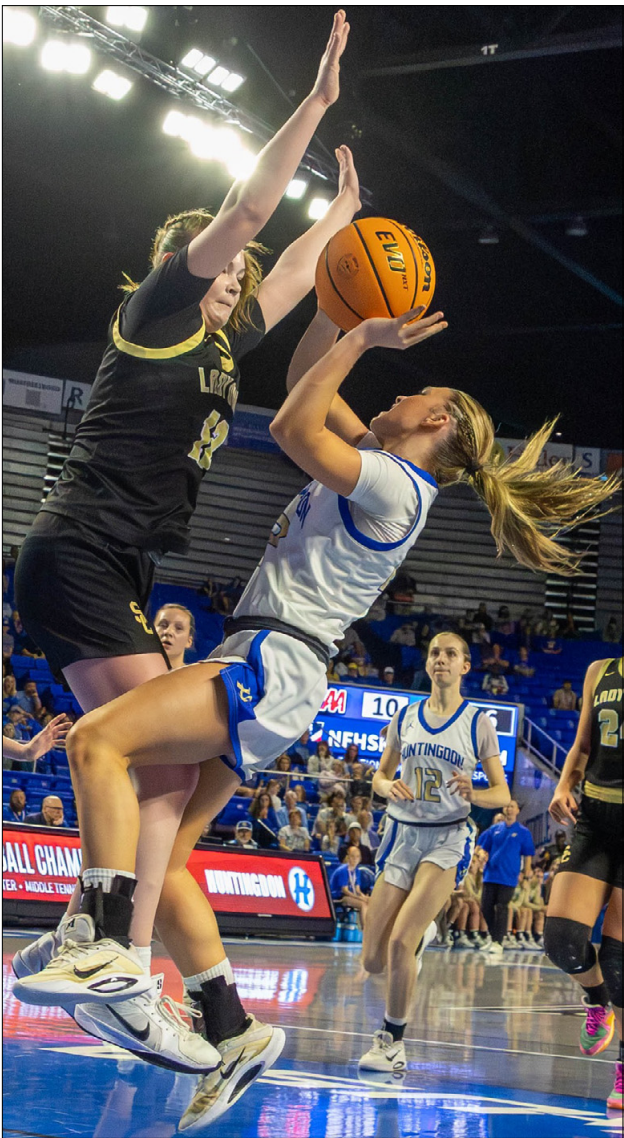
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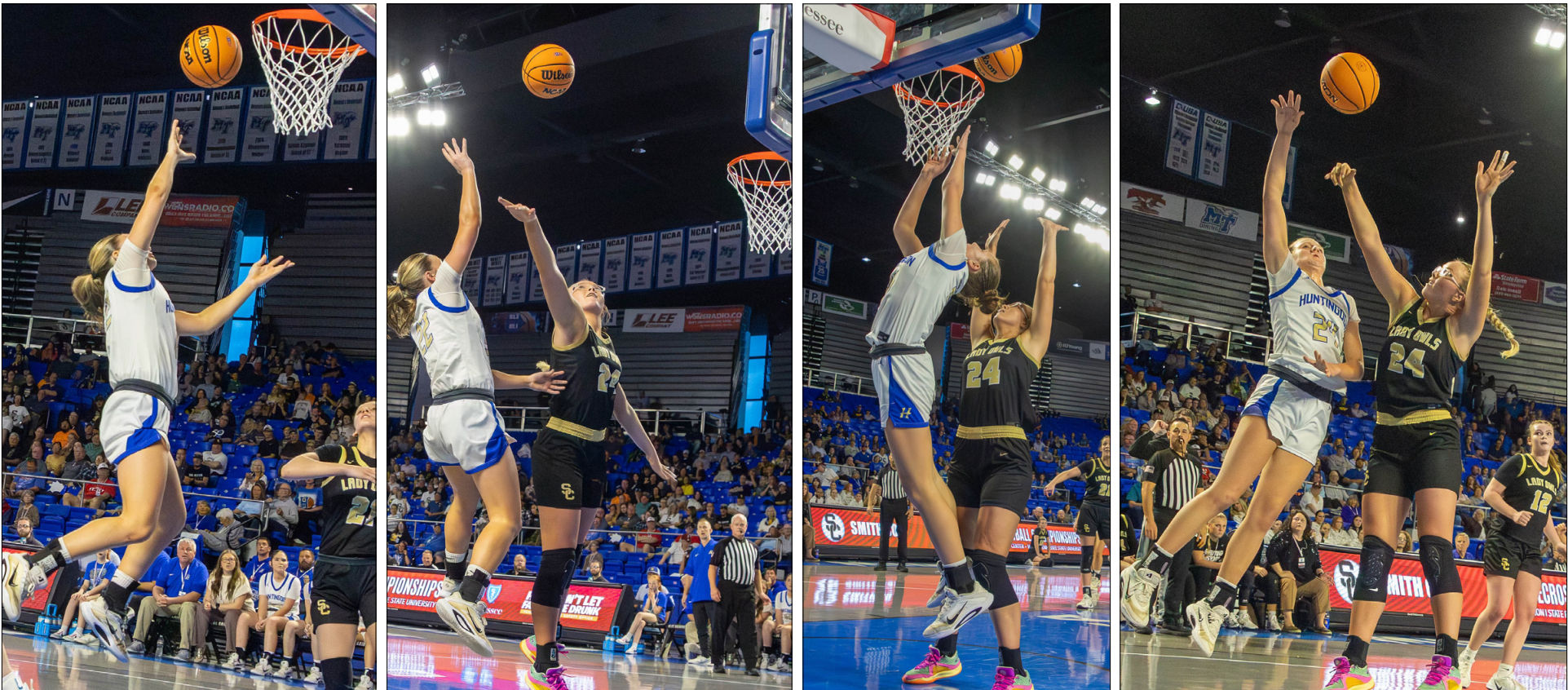
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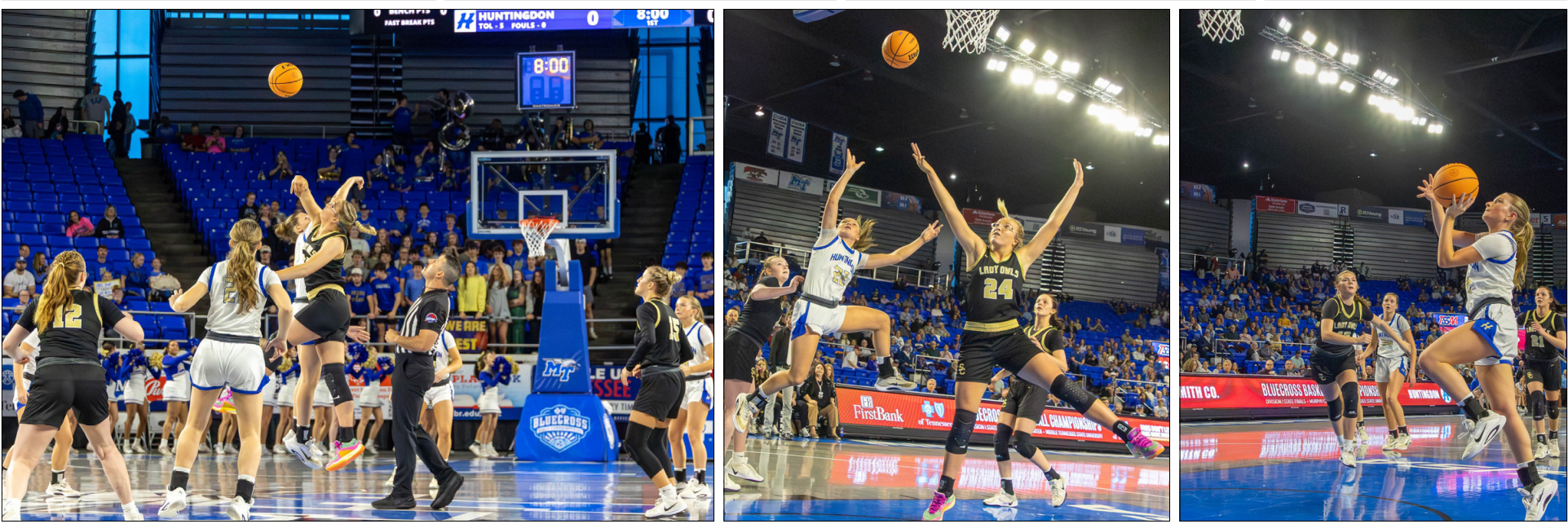
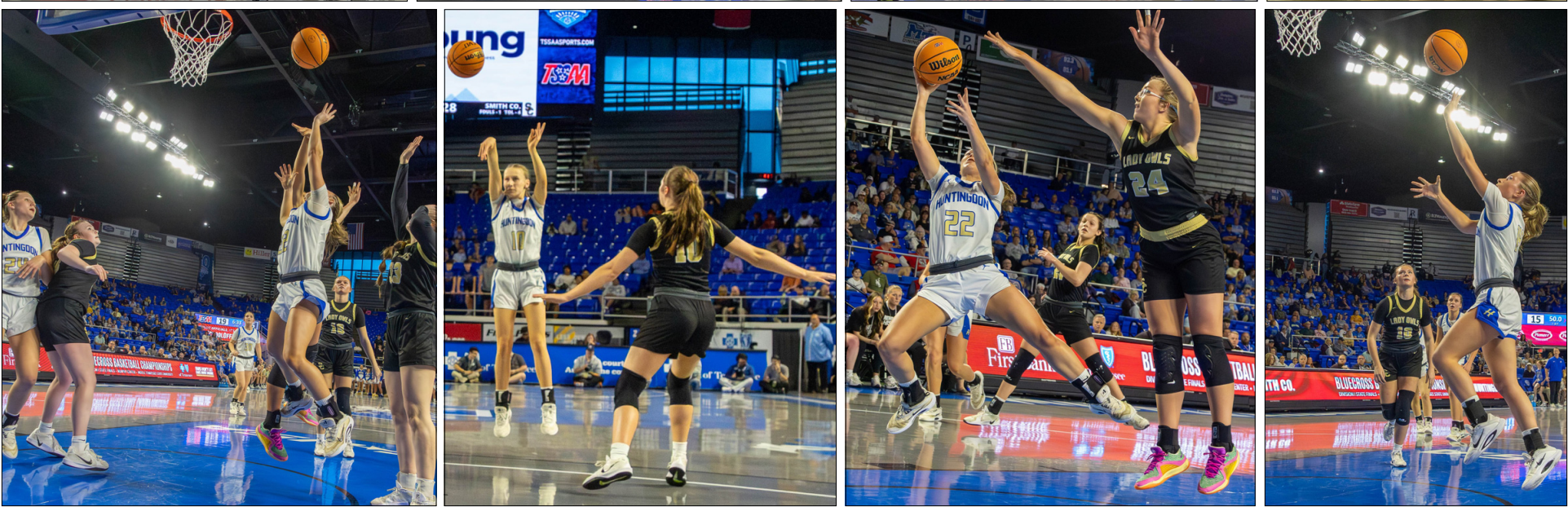


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Loretto (22-10)	72	Loretto	41
Game 1 Wed. Mar. 11 9:30 AM MTSU		Game 5 Fri. Mar. 13 9:30 AM MTSU	
McMinn Central (20-12)	46	York Institute	41
Westview (24-5)	36	York Institute	43
Game 2 Wed. Mar. 11 11:00 AM MTSU		Game 7 Sat. Mar. 14 11:00 AM MTSU	
York Institute (28-6)	44	Huntingdon	65
Huntingdon (28-3)	60	Huntingdon	43
Game 3 Wed. Mar. 11 12:45 PM MTSU		Game 6 Fri. Mar. 13 11:00 AM MTSU	
Smith Co. (22-12)	57	Gatlinburg-Pittman	42
Gibson Co. (25-9)	55		
Game 4 Wed. Mar. 11 2:15 PM MTSU			
Gatlinburg-Pittman (30-3)	60		

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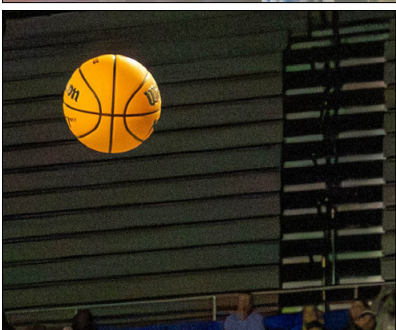
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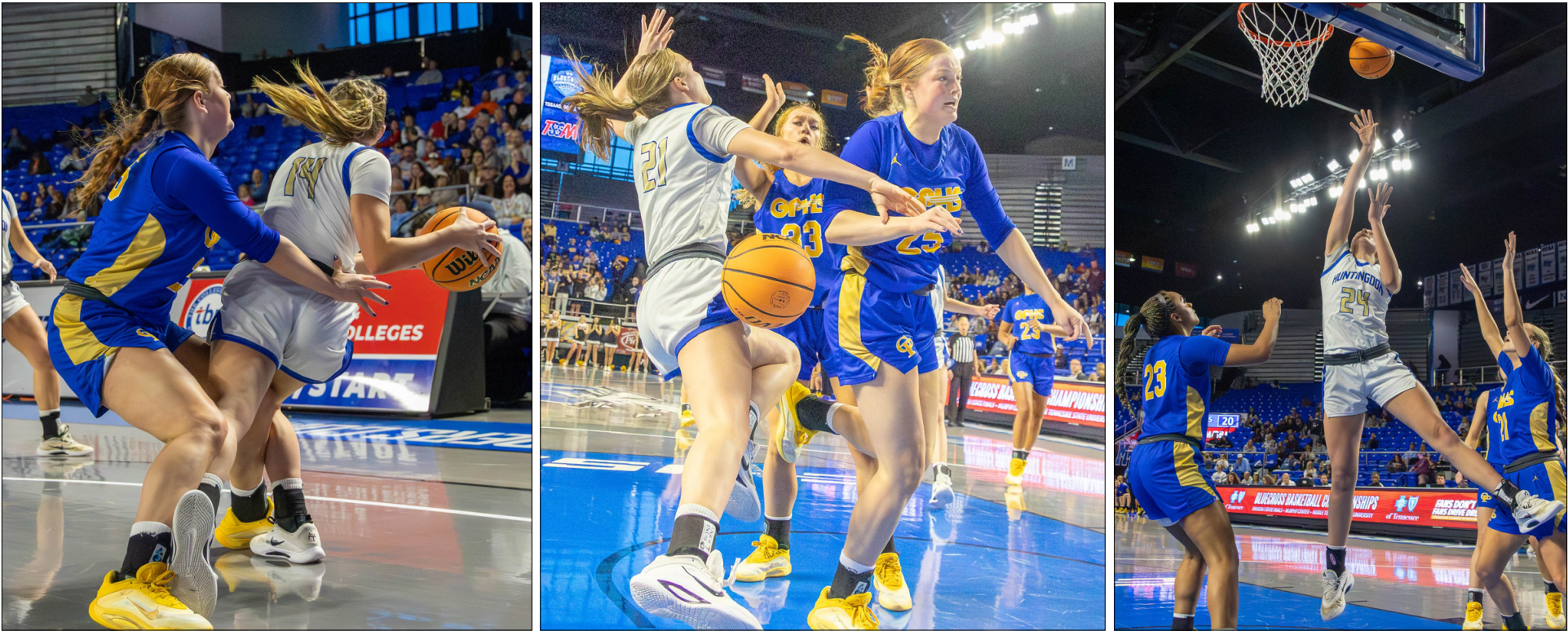


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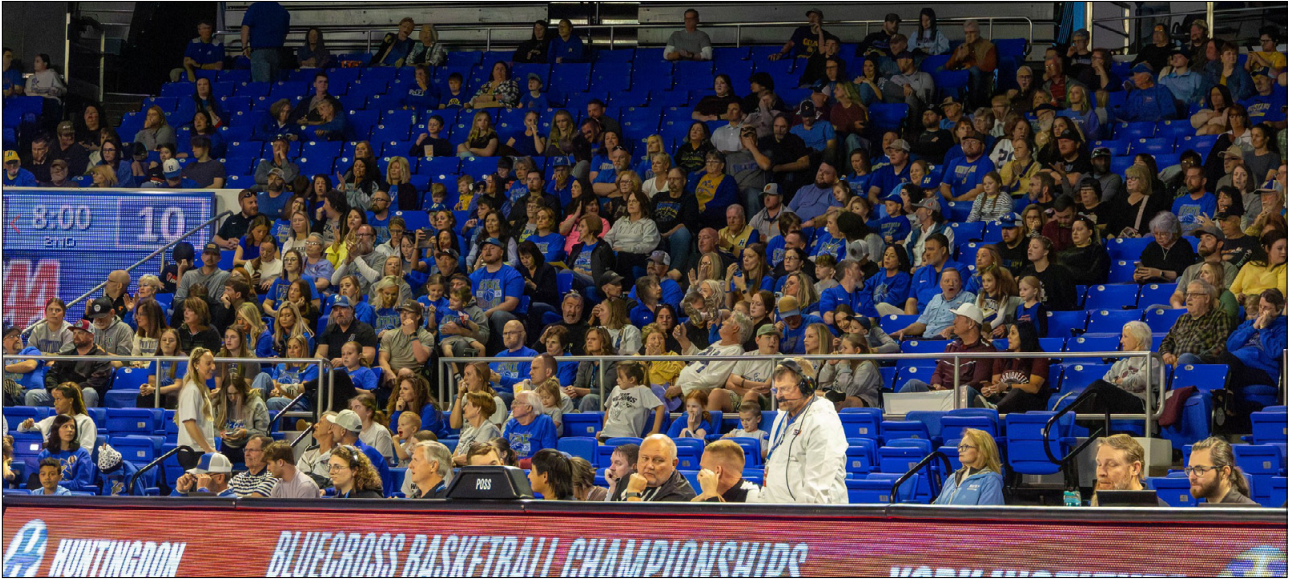


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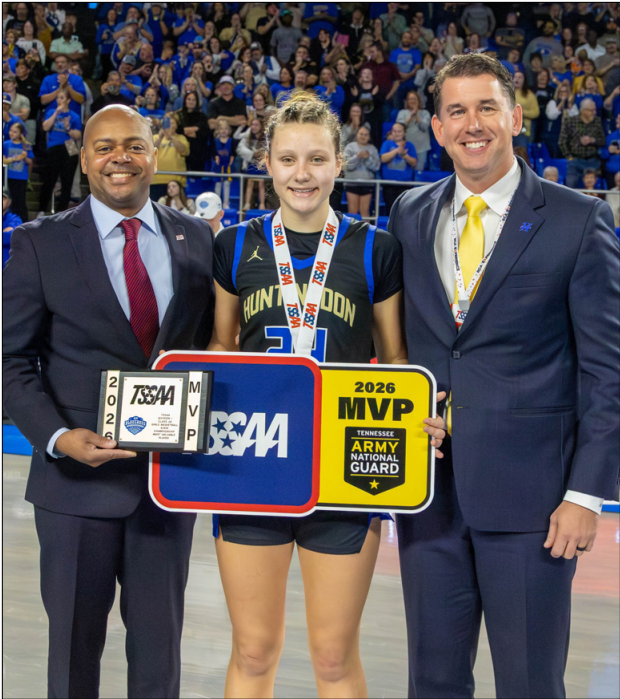


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