

MOONEY: Title

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"To play good defense, like switching on their pick and roll, you have to have communication."

Before fans could settle into their seats, Lakers built an 8-0 lead thanks to a pair of 3-pointers and a bucket by Allison Robb.

The Cardinals answered the Lakers' early surge with a 15-0 run, including the final 11 points of the first quarter.

Five different players scored for Mooney in the run, including a 3-pointer by Allie Theut. Sammy Theut and Beaton each had four points.

The Cardinals led 22-15 at halftime on Meghan Vernier's putback at the buzzer.

Mooney went up by nine points, 31-22, late in the third quarter.

The Cardinals secured the victory with 11 free throws in the final eight minutes of play.

"We talked at halftime about driving to the basket more and getting some fouls called," Everhart said. "We wanted to get to the line and Sammy did a good job of that."

"She did a good job of going to the basket and drawing fouls."

When the Cardinals got out on the fastbreak, they executed with layups from Allison and Beaton.

MOONEY SUMMARY

Cardinal Mooney 51	
Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes 38	
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Lady of the Lakes	8 7 8 15 38
CARDINAL MOONEY —	Guastella 0 1-2 1; S.Theut (1) 3-9 12 18; A.Theut (1) 1-3 4 8; Beaton 3 3-4 9; Allison 5 0-2 10; Vernier 2 1-2 5; Totals — (2) 14 17-26 51
LADY OF THE LAKES —	Losowski 1 0-0 2; Robb (3) 3 0-0 15; Robak 2 3-5 7; Stevens (1) 0 1-2 4; Topolewski 1 2-3 4; Walbrook 0 2-2 2; Doetsch 2 0-3 4; Totals — (4) 9 8-15 38

"We work a lot of 3-on-2 and 2-on-1 fastbreaks," Sammy Theut said. "We get good spacing on the floor and people end up with layups."

For the Lakers, who could see Mooney for a fourth time in the regionals, Robb was the only player in double figures with 15 points.

In their final preparations for the Michigan High School Athletic Association state tournament, the Cardinals have non-conference games scheduled this week against Class C Madison Heights Bishop Foley and Class B Lutheran North.

Mooney, which is ranked No. 9 in Class D in the Detroit Free Press rankings, will travel to Deckerville for the Class D district and open 6 p.m. Feb. 18 against Kingston.

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DRAWING A CROWD: Cardinal Mooney's Breagh Beaton, middle, goes up strong with the shot Sunday against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes' Taryn Stevens, left, and Alexis Doetsch during the Detroit Catholic League C-D Division championship in Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit.