



## LYLE/PACELLI DEFEATS HERITAGE CHRISTIAN 59-43 IN 1A OPENER

**Kristi Fett led the top-seeded Athletics with 25 points.**

JOEL RIPPEL, Star Tribune03/15/18, 12:30PM CDT



Lyle-Pacelli forward Olivia Christianson (4), left, and Heritage Christian Academy forward Kaitlyn Guggenberger (23) fight for a rebound with other players during the second half. Photo: LEILA NAVIDI • leila.navidi@startribune.com

Lyle/Pacelli coach Justin Morris says his team has found a way to win games whether it was playing its best or not.

That characteristic was on display for the Athletics in the Class 1A quarterfinals Thursday at Williams Arena. The top-seeded Athletics overcame a slow start to pull away for a 59-43 victory over Heritage Christian.

The victory was the 23rd consecutive for the top-seeded Athletics (30-1). The Athletics led by five with 2:12 left in the first half before using a 7-1 run to open an 11-point lead at halftime. The Athletics opened the second half with a 14-6 run to open a 19-point lead – their biggest lead of the game – with nine minutes left. Maple

Grove-based Heritage Christian didn't get closer than 14 the rest of the way.



Photo gallery: Class 1A quarterfinals

"We were kind of nervous early, and a little discombobulated," Morris said. "We did some things that were uncharacteristic for us. We turned the ball over more than usual. Give Heritage Christian credit. You don't get to the state tournament without being a good team. We just settled in and were more patient on offense."

After shooting 40 percent from the field in the first half, the Athletics shot 55 percent from the field after the intermission. Kristi Fett, a 6-5 senior, led the Athletics with 25 points and 18 rebounds. Olivia Christianson added 14 points and five steals.

Taylie Scott scored 24 points to lead Heritage Christian (19-11).

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Heritage Christian 23 20 43

Lyle-Pacelli 34 25 59

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Thu Mar 15, 2018 @ 11:00a Williams Arena

## First report

Kristi Fett and top-seeded Lyle/Pacelli opened the Class 1A state tournament with a methodical 59-43 victory over Heritage Christian on Thursday at Williams Arena.

Fett, a 6-5 senior who has committed to play for Minnesota State Mankato, scored 13 points in the first half to help the Athletics build a 34-23 lead.

Lyle/Pacelli (30-1) opened the second half with an 18-11 run to open a 52-34 lead with six minutes left. Heritage Christian didn't get closer than 14 the rest of the game. Fett finished with 25 points.

Taylie Scott scored 24 points to lead Heritage Christian (19-11), which is making its first state tournament appearance.

Olivia Christianson added 14 points for Lyle/Pacelli and Annika Simonson contributed 11 points for Heritage Christian.

Check back later for more on the game.



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Top-seeded Lyle/Pacelli defeats Heritage Christian 59-43 in the first Class 1A quarterfinal. Kristi Fett led Lyle/Pacelli (30-1) with 25 points. Taylie Scott scored 24 to lead Heritage Christian (19-11).

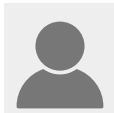
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53 seconds remaining. 58-41 lead for Lyle Pacelli.

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58-41 Lyle/Pacelli with 2:20 remaining.

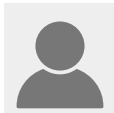
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Timeout with 4:45 remaining. Lyle/Pacelli in control 54-38.

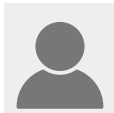
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A timeout taken with 7:40 remaining. Lyle/Pacelli leads 50-34. Fett has 23 for the Athletics. Taylie Scott has 19 for Heritage Christian.

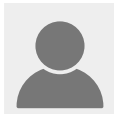
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Lyle/Pacelli leads 48-32 with 8:40 remaining. Fett has 21 for the Athletics.

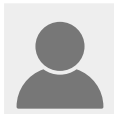
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A 6-0 run by Lyle/Pacelli gives the Athletics a 44-27 lead with 11:07 remaining.

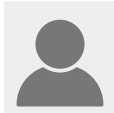
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A basket by Kristi Fett gives Lyle/Pacelli a 40-27 lead. Lyle/Pacelli takes a timeout with 12:20 remaining. Fett has 17 points.

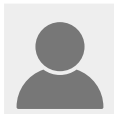
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Both teams have gone cold. Lyle/Pacelli leads 38-25 with 13 minutes left.

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Second half is underway. Heritage Christian scores the first basket of the second half. 34-25 Lyle Pacelli lead.

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Kristi Fett leads Lyle/Pacelli with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Taylie Scott leads Heritage Christian with 12 points.

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Lyle/Pacelli scores the final five points of the first half to take a 34-23 lead at halftime.

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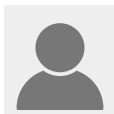
Lyle/Pacelli leads 31-23 with a timeout with 36.8 seconds remaining in the first half.

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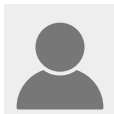
Five straight points by Taylie Scott have cut Lyle/Pacelli's lead in half. It's 27-22 Lyle/Pacelli with 1:45 left in the half. Scott has 12 points.

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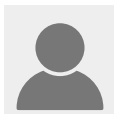
A three-pointer by Abigail Bottinberg gives Lyle/Pacelli a 27-17 lead -- its biggest lead of the half -- with 3:03 remaining in the first half.

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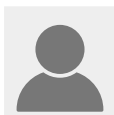
Two free throws by Kristi Fett give Lyle/Pacelli a 24-17 lead with 4:08 remaining left in the half. Heritage Christian takes time out. The 6-foot-5 Fett has 11 points and nine rebounds.

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Heritage Christian has been staying close to Lyle/Pacelli. Lyle/Pacelli leads 20-17 with 5:59 left in the half.

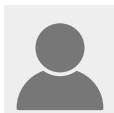
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Lyle/Pacelli leads 15-11 with 11 minutes left in the half. Kristi Fett has 7 points for Lyle/Pacelli.

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Lyle/Pacelli leads 7-4 with 14:12 remaining in the first half.

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Good morning from Williams Arena. The teams are being introduced. We're about 5 minutes from tip-off between Heritage Christian and Lyle/Pacelli.

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