

## Wildcats basketball hangs on against Lions to remain undefeated



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Any coach will tell you that you have to play to the final buzzer, and the Dr. G.W. Williams Wildcats basketball squad almost learned that the hard way.

On the road to face the King City Lions on Monday afternoon, the Wildcats quickly jumped out to an early 9 ? 0 lead less than two minutes in, prompting King City to call an emergency time out. It was 12 ? 0 before King finally made their first layup of the game.

From there, however, the Lions clawed back to a one-point score at 18 ? 17 for the Wildcats. By the end of the first quarter, only a last-minute three-pointer had Williams in the lead 22 ? 19.

A five minute rest did the visiting team well before the second, putting up eleven straight points to once again open up a wide margin. With the score at 43 ? 28 come halftime, the Wildcats seemed able to cruise through the final sixteen minutes.

That was not the case. A slight change in the game plan seemed to give King City an advantage, using fast breaks from their own side to catch the Wildcats off guard. It was only through some solid box-out defence in the dying minutes of the game that they hung on, a slight 81 ? 79 victory.

Williams improves to 3 ? 0 on the season, and can boast the most points-for of any team in their 13-team YRAA division.

The Wildcats put their record on the line this Thursday, hosting the Sutton District Sabres of Georgina. The Sabres are off to the worst start in the YRAA Tier 3 league, putting up only 34 points against King City last week.

In junior action, the Wildcats hosted St. Theresa of Lisieux at home on Monday. They also came out on top, a 42 ? 37 win to bring their record to 1-2-0 on the season.

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