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A senior night performance for the ages highlighted Ladet’s season. The senior guard scored 22 points, including a game-winning putback, against Cookeville. Ladet averaged 10.6 points per game for the season, one of four Pioneers who averaged double figures.

Espinoza was the fourth, scoring 12.6 points per game this season. Espinoza led the team in scoring 10 times, the latest when he poured in 18 points to help the Pioneers beat Rhea County 65-64 on the road.

Seymour, who has sat out the last two games while dealing with a concussion, was counted on for his calming presence at point guard and length defensively. Despite primarily serving as the team’s primary ball handler offensively, Seymour was often tasked with mixing it up in the paint defensively. As a result, Seymour ranks among the team leaders in rebounds and blocks.

Wright was a pillar for the Lady Pioneers during their 1-7 run through district play. The junior post averaged 13.3 points per game in district games, her best performance coming on the final night in the regular season when she scored 24 points against White County. Wright also leads the team in rebounds and blocks, highlighted by swatting six shots against Cookeville at home.

Patch provided the outside threat to counter Wright’s post presence. Patch led the team in 3-point shooting and had several highlight shots, including a game winner against Cannon County.

The Pioneers and Lady Pioneers will be in action this weekend in the District 6-AAA tournament.



SLOAN SEYMOUR



IRVING ESPINOZA



TYREE LADET



MEGAN PATCH

District tournament

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Wright nearly had a triple double in the team’s last matchup with the Lady Cavaliers, finishing with 13 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks.

With their season on the line, the Lady Pioneers aren’t in much need for motivation. Still, sending the school’s biggest rival home would be a sweet victory for Warren County.

“I don’t have to say much to get the girls up for Cookeville. They want this win bad and will play hard,” said Panther. “We aren’t ready to hang it up just yet.”

The Pioneers won’t face the pressure of extending

their season, but it’s not stopping coach Chris Sullens from pushing his squad. A win Saturday at 3:30 p.m. would guarantee a home game for the region tournament, something that hasn’t happened in decades at Warren County.

A loss in the regular-season finale at White County cost Warren County a chance to enter the tournament as the top seed. Instead, the Pioneers have a tough test against Stone Memorial in the No. 2 vs. No. 3 matchup.

The Pioneers and Panthers split the season series, with each picking up road wins. Stone Memorial (14-12) got stronger as the year went

on, winning five of its last seven games - the last a 55-42 victory at Rhea County Tuesday.

“Stone Memorial presents a unique challenge. They have size in the middle with (Justin) Headrick and strong guard play,” said Sullens. “We have been preparing all week understanding how important this game is in many ways. I like the way we’ve practiced this

week.”

Warren County (21-6) could get a boost Saturday with the return of junior Sloan Seymour. After missing the last two games with a concussion suffered in a collision at Rhea County, Seymour is expected to return during tournament play.

The Pioneers have succeeded this year in tournament settings, winning three games in three nights

in December to take the Sonic Shootout championship. Having a senior-laden group focused on one goal will be the key.

“We have refocused after the loss. We told our group it’s time to turn the page and our attention to how tournament basketball is played,” said Sullens.

In other tournament action, the Rhea County boys and White County

boys will play Friday night in a play-in game. The Cookeville Cavaliers await the winner Saturday.

On the girls side, the Stone Memorial Lady Panthers hold the top seed and will play the winner of Warren County – Cookeville Saturday at 5 p.m. Rhea County and White County will meet Saturday with the winner advancing to the district finals set for Monday.

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