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The only thing that wasn't working at Linn-Mar Tuesday night was the public address system and the foul board.

The Linn-Mar offense was hitting on all cylinders. The Lions routed Waterloo East, 80-15, in a Mississippi Valley Conference girls basketball game.

No. 2 Linn-Mar (16-1, 11-1 MVC) built a 51-9 lead by halftime.

On paper this looked like it would be a mismatch with the best team in the Mississippi Division taking on the weakest in the Valley Division.

Linn-Mar Coach Mike Brandt was happy afterward, even with this easy victory compared to a major win Saturday over Class 3A No. 1 Ballard.

"I was pleased we picked up our defense tonight," Brandt said. "We played our game, which I was hoping for, and executed well all night long."

All-American Kiah Stokes scored 30 points to lead the Lions.

Linn-Mar streaked to a 19-0 lead.

Ten Lions scored. Shanice Cheatham had 10 points and Mykaela Brandt nine.

Linn-Mar won the sophomore game, 85-11.

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LINN-MAR (80): Mykaela Brandt 2 4-4 9, Sara Strauel 1 0-0 2, Rachel Thrune 1 0-0 2, Madison Oleson 1 0-0 2, Kenz Seckman 0 0-0 0, Kailee Karr 3 0-0 6, Shanice Cheatham 5 0-0 10, Jenna Eells 2 1-2 6, Megan Sherwood 0 0-0 0, Courtney Major 4 0-0 8, Kiah Stokes 14 2-6 30, Leandra Martins 2 0-0 5, Marte Grosvik 0 0-0 0. Totals 32 7-12 80.

WATERLOO EAST (15): Shelby Hockey 0 0-0 0, Daeja O'Donnell 0 0-0 0, Symone Robinson 0 0-0 0, Katelyn Kinnetz 1 0-0 2, Dakia Frazier 1 0-0 2, Jessica Kinnetz 0 0-0 0, Heather O'Brien 0 0-0 0, Latrice McMullen 0 1-2 1, Lizzy Buls 1 0-0 2, Joellen Hatchett 0 0-0 0, Jaclyn Riggins 1 0-2 2, Ashley Babinat 1 0-0 2, Shakari Baker-Bruce 2 0-0 4. Totals 7 1-5 15.

Halftime -- Linn-Mar 51, Waterloo East 9. 3-point goals -- Linn-Mar 3 (Brandt, Eells, Martins), Waterloo East 0.