

The St. Mary's Tigers' and Lady Tigers' basketball teams swept a doubleheader at home from Loyola College Prep Friday with the Lady Tigers winning, 54-11, and the Tigers holding for a 58-55 victory.

The Lady Tigers (9-11) jumped out to a 34-5 halftime lead highlighted by a 22-0 run on their way to the route. SMH was led by Ava Holland with 18 points while Lybi Cross had 13. Ava Hebert chipped in with 11 to help aid a dominate Lady Tigers' performance.

"We had this game on our mind for a little while," said second year SMH girls' head basketball coach Brooke Jones. "We really got to do a lot of offensive sets in this game, and this was a good stepping stone going into next week."

The Tigers (13-5) won their fifth straight game, but it did not come easy. Despite the Tigers holding a double-digit lead, 31-19, at halftime, and a 15-point third quarter lead, Loyola fought every step of the way. LCP chipped away at the sizeable SMH lead and had a chance to tie the game at the buzzer. However, the shot hit the side of the rim as SMH held on for the win.

The Tigers were led by senior Aiden Warren with 23 points while Payne Williams added 16 points and Ben Bienvenu contributed 14 points.

Next up, the Tigers and Lady Tigers will begin district 3-1A play Tuesday night at home against LaSalle.