***Lady Tigers earn first win of season with win over Grant, Slip to Elizabeth***

**NATCHITOCHES, La.** - The St. Mary's Lady Tigers' basketball team earned their first win of the season with a 52-41 win over the Grant Lady Cougars Saturday night after a tough loss to Elizabeth, 61-59, earlier in the day.

The Lady Tigers (1-9) were led in the win by a balanced scoring attack. Ava Holland led with 14 points while Ava Hebert added 13 points and Jakeria Guy had 12. Jenna Sklar chipped in with 7 while Amelia Hanes had six as SMS was on the right side of the scoreboard after nine straight set backs to start the season.

In the first game, SMS led by five early in the fourth quarter, 49-44, over Elizabeth (8-5) before the Bulldogs put just enough distance between themselves and SMS in the final minute.

The Lady Tigers had two critical turnovers in the final 30 seconds allowing the Bulldogs to convert three of four free throws and taking a 61-57 lead with nine seconds left as time ran out on SMS.

St. Mary's was led by Ava Hebert with 22 points while Amelia Hanes added 10.

During the first quarter of the game, SMS senior Anna Grace Mabile hit her head on the baseline going up for a lay-up and had to be carted off the floor by paramedics on hand. After several hours at the Natchitoches Parish Hospital, Mabile was released but was diagnosed with a concussion.

Despite the loss to Elizabeth and Mabile's concussion, the day ended on a beautiful high note as SMS picked up the win over Grant.

Next up, SMS will take on Converse Monday night on the road at 6 p.m.