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**Alli all alone: Williams sets BG scoring record**

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It was only a matter of time, and Alli Williams took care of it quickly.

Entering Friday's game with Cambria Heights, Williams needed only 6 points to become the all-time scoring leader in Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School's rich girls' basketball history.

With eight seconds left in the first quarter, Williams rebounded Elyssa Ehredt's missed free throw and scored on a putback to give BG a 24-15 lead.

The field goal pushed Williams ahead of Chris [O'Connor] Lum on the Lady Marauders' career scoring list with 1,396 points. Williams tacked on 11 more before the night was over as BG cruised to a 71-37 Laurel Highlands Conference victory over the Lady Highlanders.

It was another on a long list of milestones for the 5-foot-11 Williams, whose outstanding career includes two PIAA Class A state championships and the PIAA Class A Player-of-the-Year honor. Williams, who will play college ball at St. Francis University, also is the school's all-time leader in steals and is among the top five in rebounds.

"It's a true honor," Williams said of her latest record. "When you think of all the people who came through here - Mary Forr and Angela Greaser were amazing, and to hold the record is an honor."

The game was tied at 15-all before BG closed the first quarter with a 9-0 run capped by Williams' record-breaking layup.

"I was really nervous because I didn't know when [record] would come," Williams said. "I was a little jittery in the first quarter, but once I got it, I was really relieved, and I could play my game."

The game was stopped when Williams broke the record, and the big crowd gave her a standing ovation. She received a bouquet of flowers and was congratulated by teammates and coaches before play resumed.

"I don't think you'll find this environment anywhere else in the country," Williams said. "The fans and the whole environment of the Bishop Guilfoyle basketball program is amazing.

"And, my teammates, I love every single one of them. There's such a good chemistry every year."

Williams is a big reason for the chemistry, according to junior teammate Kelsey Livoti.

"She's a great teammate, a great leader," Livoti said. "She gives us all great advice, and we really take it to heart.

"She's just great."

Coach Mark Moschella has coached Williams four years and knows the impact she's made on the program.

"She's a remarkable person, and she's a fantastic basketball player," Moschella said. "Two things have to

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Mirror photo by Patrick Waksmunski  
Alli Williams gets a hug from BG coach Mark Moschella as teammate Kayla Bates looks on Friday night.

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Only six players in Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic girls basketball history have scored at least 1,000 points in their careers:

Player Years Points

1. Alli Williams (2006-10) 1,407
2. Chris O'Connor (1980-84) 1,395
3. Mary Forr (2004-07) 1,262
4. Angela Greaser (2000-04) 1,239
5. Kori Sisto (1998-01) 1,238
6. Aimee Auerbeck (1986-89) 1,081

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happen to score that many points in a career. One, she has to work awfully hard to get open and two, her teammates have to get her the basketball.

"It's an honor and I'm real proud of her."

Williams scored 17 points and freshman Halee Adams 16 as the unbeaten Lady Marauders won their ninth game.

"We had a real good second quarter, and we stiffened our defense a little," Moschella said after the Marauders held the Highlanders to only three free throws in the second and built a 36-18 halftime lead.

"We didn't score a field goal in the second quarter," Heights coach Lee Stanek said. "That's our worst shooting night all year.

"But, give credit to their defense, too. That's the best man defense we've seen all year."

Heights is now 7-3, and Stanek said the lack of size hurt his team last night.

"[Size] was a problem against Northern Cambria and a problem against these guys," he said. "We knew we didn't have anyone to match up with Alli Williams."

CAMBRIA HEIGHTS (37): Gwizdak 2 0-0 4, Pompa 3 0-0 6, Zeanchock 1 4-6 7, Anna 3 0-0 8, Cavallo 0 2-2 2, Bodek 2 0-0 4, Wendekier 1 0-0 2, Henry 1 0-0 2, Crowell 0 0-0 0, Short 1 0-0 2, Stanek 0 0-0 0. Totals - 14 6-8 37.

BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC (71): Williams 5 7-7 17, Floyd 1 2-2 4, Adams 6 4-4 16, Livoti 3 1-2 7, Ehredt 4 0-1 8, Bates 2 1-3 6, Stessney 1 0-0 3, Milliron 0 0-0 0, Wigman 3 0-0 6, Wolfe 2 0-0 4. Totals - 27 15-19 71.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Cambria Heights 15 3 8 11 - 37

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic 24 12 14 21 - 71

3-point goals: Cambria Heights 3 (Anna 2, Zeanchock); Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic 2 (Bates, Stessney).

Officials: Jack McDougal, Clark Adelman, Don Ciambotti.

Records: Cambria Heights (7-3); Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic (9-0).

JV: Bishop Guilfoyle 48-26. High scorers-Chelsea Kerr 16, Elyssa Ehredt 15, BG; Amanda Short, 11, CH.

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