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[Milestone sweet for GI coach](#)

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GRAND ISLAND — For Grand Island coach Jennipher Banker, 300-for-life.

For Kenmore East's Bulldogs, 0-for-15 minutes.

Thus did the ciphers encircle Thursday night's Niagara Frontier League girls basketball game between the defending Western Regional champion Vikings and East's embattled Bulldogs. Denying the visitors a field goal for more than 15 minutes and leading by 30 at one point, Grand Island broke away to win 53-34, the 300th career victory (including collegiate tenure) for Banker.

Isle officials honored her with a giant cookie after the game, but her team had already taken the cake. "We're progressing," she said. "We're getting there." The Lady Vikings are undefeated in six league games but a better measure might be provided by Lockport next Tuesday.

Gabe Boldinski's hot hand kept the 'dogs in the hunt at the start. With three side shots and a free throw, she was everything East had on the board while trailing 10-7 four minutes into the game.

From there, it was lights out. Over the next 15 minutes, East missed 16 consecutive two-point attempts as Grand Island scored 14 in a row, then went on another 9-1 tear to make it 33-10 before Megan Crawford's shot from the side found the net halfway into the third period.

KE Coach Kristy Bondgren praised Boldinski's effort. "She plays for the team, exclusively, and when she got open, she made the shots. Then Grand Island adjusted so she had to dish a little, and we just couldn't finish."

Kallie Banker scored 18 and dealt at least nine assists for Grand Island, at times seeming to defy physics by being at both ends of the court at once. Many of her passes found Cassie Oursler, who scored 16, although not quite the backboard factor of some of her previous games.

Boldinski scored 12 and Erin O'Brien eight for the visitors.

Despite liberal substitutions in the stretch run, shot more than 45 per cent from the floor, 22 for 46.

SHORT SHOTS: East prevailed in the JV game, 34-22. ... Coach Banker's collegiate resume includes a stint at Penn State-Behrend. ... Several Lady Vikings have unusually high-arching free throws, as if they were being paid by the foot. ... East was down one player, serving a suspension in the "chant" issue. ... East scored 12 of the last 13 points.