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Oursler leads Buffalo squad in BCANY opener

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NIAGARA FALLS — Grand Island senior Kallie Banker had a bit of foul trouble but her Buffalo area squad had no problems in its first BCANY Hoops Festival contest.

Grand Island junior Cassie Oursler had 14 points and Banker added 10 for the Buffalo team in a 65-46 win over Long Island in the opening game of the tournament in Johnson City.

“It was the first game and they seemed a little jittery but we got out quick on them,” Buffalo and Lockport High School girls coach Bill Shaw said.

The quick start gave Buffalo a 35-26 lead at the half, a margin that widened to 20 until Banker picked up her fourth foul and saw the bench with 12 minutes to play.

Samantha Wozniak (Lancaster) had 13 points for the Buffalo squad while Katie Healy (Sacred Heart) and Taylor Heinold (Immaculata) each had 10.

“The other kids played very, very well,” Shaw said. “(Banker’s) our glue and they hung together well.”

Buffalo gears up for a pair of games today, taking on Mid-Hudson at 9 a.m. and Hudson Valley at noon.