

# Falcons await Monroe

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Despite recent shortcomings, Central girls' basketball team remains one of the most surprising and talented in the area.

Boasting high-spirited freshmen on its starting roster, and with arguably the most vibrant floor-runner around in junior Katelyn Poston, the team is off to a galloping start.

After winning its first four games, though, the team sports only a 1-3 record in the Bull Run District. Top teams Clarke County, George Mason and Madison County are 3-1 or better by comparison.

The Falcons have no trouble putting up points with Poston and freshman sharpshooter Meredith Phillips leading the way, but against the teams that really matter, Central has fallen short.

The Falcons will have an opportunity Friday night in Woodstock to remedy that situation when district foe William Monroe arrives for a 7:45 p.m. contest.

On Dec. 21 Central got just its first district win of the season when it took out Manassas Park 55-41 at home. It was what the doctor ordered after the Falcons had suffered a nearly 30-point defeat at the hands of heavyweight Clarke two days earlier.

"We just can't put our heads down," said Coach Mallory Skarupa on the transition from bad loss to solid win. "If one thing doesn't go our way we need to stick with the game plan and remain confident in our abilities."