

# High school basketball highlights: Cole Brooks' shooting leads Seneca Valley No. 2-ranked Butler

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The Seneca Valley boys basketball team is trying to play a different style this season. The Raiders are playing at a fast pace and using a full-court, trapping defense, even on missed shots.



The new way helped Seneca Valley get a rather stylish win Friday night.



Seneca Valley scored 56 points in the first half and went on to upset host Butler, 87-81, in a WPIAL Class 6A Section 1 game.



Butler (2-1, 0-1) is the defending WPIAL champion and came into the game ranked No. 2 in Class 6A. Seneca Valley was 4-17 a year ago.

“In terms of confidence, this is huge,” said Kevin Trost, in his third season as Seneca Valley’s coach. “Coming off four wins last year, we’re still trying to build the program. Beating Butler, the defending WPIAL champs, on their floor ... I don’t know how many games Butler has lost the past few years. This is a big win for our program, for sure.”

Butler couldn’t slow down Seneca Valley (3-2, 2-1) in the first half as the Raiders took a 56-34 lead into the break. Butler made some 3-pointers late in the game to bring the deficit below 10.

Cole Brooks, a senior guard, had another big game for Seneca Valley – and 7 and 3 appear to be his lucky numbers. He made seven 3-pointers for the third time this season and finished with 29 points. Connor Lyczek added 26.

“Cole has worked harder to develop his game maybe more than any kid I’ve ever coached,” Trost said.

Junior guard Devin Carney led Butler with 33 points.