Our Score: 74, Their Score: 69

The Linden Girls Varsity Basketball team had their season opener last night after a long and stressful off-season and it did not disappoint.  The Eagles gutted out an extremely tough performance by both teams and won a thriller in Triple Overtime.  The final score was Linden winning 75 to 69.

The lady eagles scored first and lead the whole game until Holly tied it up late in the fourth quarter to force overtime number one.  Linden won the coin toss and got the ball first taking the lead once again. Linden ended up getting up by four points but Holly never gave up and tied the game once again to go into overtime number two. In overtime number two Holly was able to take their first lead of the game but the eagles never got discourage and were able to tie the game.  We had a shot at the buzzer to win it in double overtime but it wasn't in the cards.  Both teams were exhausted and had multiple girls foul out but everyone continued on into a third overtime.  The Eagles turned it on in triple overtime and ended up going up by nine points. Holly hit a very deep three to cut the lead to six but they didn't have enough and Linden finished the game with a final score of 75-69.  Both teams played extremely hard and all coaches from both schools are very proud of their team.

Leading all scorers for both teams was Linden junior Paige Leedle with 26 points.  She made 4 three pointers and was 100% from the free throw line, she also added 4 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 blocks, and 3 assists. Sophomore Kelsey McLennan had a double double with 13 points and an amazing 18 rebounds. Sophomore Megan Widner added 10 points, Senior Jordan Peterson had 9 points, Freshman Olivia Mawhinney had 6 points, Senior Mallory Ross and Freshman Alison Maeinbrook each had 4 points, and Junior Megan Bradley rounded out the scoring with 3 points.

The Lady Eagles have a busy week playing New Lothrop on Monday, Flushing on Tuesday, and Swartz Creek on Friday (Senior Night).  If you are unable to come watch the game in person you can tune in to NFHS Network or watch the live stream on the Linden Girls Basketball Facebook page.