

Women's basketball – Pride dented but Sengers defends team



Action as Caledonia Pride fight for the ball against Manchester Mystics at The Oriam

Caledonia Pride lost at high-flying Westfield Health Sheffield Hatters but coach Bart Sengers saw positives in the performance.

Indeed, the Scots cut the deficit to 48-39 at one stage and then missed lay-up chances which would have closed the gap further.

The English side, who are in the top three in the Women's British Basketball League, survived to move to a 69-50 victory.

Sengers felt his squad started well but then hit early foul trouble which hampered progress.

Still, Pride were within five points at the end of the first quarter but let it slip.

Sengers added: "We were better in the second-half when we scored 31 points and our defence worked well against a physical team."

"I am disappointed at the scoreline as we failed to take a number of chances but we continue to learn."

The girls move on and prepare for another tough test next against league pace-setters Nottingham Wildcats at their arena in the Midlands next Saturday.