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Mount Airy's Allegra Long (10) fights for a loose ball against Australian touring team member Dechen Gendun (7) in the first half of the junior varsity Lady Bears' contest with the HSE Lorikeets at Mount Airy High School on Monday. Despite a valiant effort, the Lady Bears fell to the Australian squad 42-38.

Lorikeets outlast Mount Airy jayvees

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MOUNT AIRY - The Australian Lorikeets jayvee girls' basketball team hit critical shots down the stretch and got big performances from guards Kiah Sweetman and Millie Wharton to pull away from a tenacious Mount Airy jayvee girls' team and earned a hard-fought 42-38 victory at Finch Gymnasium on Monday.

The Aussies' Stephanie Cardy nailed a 3-pointer to give the Lorikeets a 41-33 advantage with 1:30 remaining in the contest, but the Lady Bears revealed their mettle and battled until the final whistle.

Tenisha Moore's three-point basket trimmed the Australian team's lead to 41-36, but Mount Airy simply ran out of time and the Lorikeets hung on for the victory.

The Lorikeets sprinted out to a 10-3 lead to start the first quarter primarily on the strength of their transition offense, catching the Lady Bears flat-footed on a number of occasions in the early going.

The Australians also attacked the rim at every possible opportunity, consis-