State-ranked Bonner Springs downs Louisburg



Louisburg junior Michael Waldron drives to the basket Tuesday during the Wildcats' road contest against Bonner Springs.

BONNER SPRINGS — The Louisburg boys basketball team knew it was going to be a difficult challenge Tuesday when it faced off with one of the better teams in the state. The Wildcats traveled to Bonner Springs for a Frontier League matchup and the Braves, who are ranked No. 10 in Class 5A, handed Louisburg a 72-46 loss. "It was a tough matchup," Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. "They are really quick and we knew we were going to have to play zone and keep them in front of us. We struggled to do the little things early on and they exposed us on that and that is what good teams do. There is a lot to be learned from the game. We will move on and keep grinding." Bonner Springs used its quickness

and athleticism to pressure the Wildcats on defense and the Braves scored 19 points off Louisburg turnovers.

Louisburg (4-4) was unable to get much traction as Bonner Springs jumped out to a 22-12 lead in the first quarter and the Braves scored 26 more points in the second quarter to get out to a big lead. Wildcat senior Dylan DeShazer led Louisburg in scoring with 11 points and added six rebounds. Fellow senior Kohl Vogel also finished in double figures with 10 points and six rebounds, while junior Madden Rutherford led the Wildcats with eight rebounds. Louisburg will try and get back on track today when it travels to Baldwin. The Wildcats will travel to Baldwin against next week for the Baldwin Invitational where Louisburg is the No. 6 seed and will meet Harmon. "We will see what kind of team we are, whether we will feel sorry for ourselves or get in there and work to get better," Pfannenstiel said. "Hopefully we can play well on Friday and get a little momentum going for a well-balanced tournament. There is eight really good teams in that tournament, but we have to take care of business against Baldwin and continue to get better." LOU 12 11 13 10 -46 7 – 72 BON 22 26 17 LOUISBURG (4-4): Dylan DeShazer 4-6 1-2 11; Kohl Vogel 3-10 3-4 10; Brayden Gage 3-9 1-2 8; Weston Guetterman 2-5 2-5 6; Madden Rutherford 1-6 2-2 5; Noah Hill 0-1 3-4 3; Ben

Guetterman 1-4 0-0
2; Michael Waldron 0-1 1-2 1. Totals: 14-42 13-21 46. 3-point
field goals: 5, (DeShazer
2, Vogel, Gage, Rutherford)