

Wildcats come up short on road against Eudora



Louisburg sophomore Maverick Rockers goes up for a shot Monday during the Wildcats' game at Eudora. The Wildcats fell 65-58.

EUDORA – The Louisburg boys basketball team was hoping to build off its momentum from the Baldwin Invitational when the Wildcats traveled to Eudora on Monday for a make-up contest.

The Wildcats just didn't have enough to keep up with the Cardinals.

Despite having a halftime lead, Louisburg scored just seven points in the third quarter, which led to a 65-58 loss to Eudora.

"Hats off to Eudora, I thought they played a solid game," Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. "They were good defensively and we knew that coming in. They are a very disciplined team and I think offensively that was one of their better nights from what I can tell.

"We were kind of rolling there for

a while, but a lot of that was scoring inside, but we weren't hitting anything from the outside. We have to understand that we can't continue to fire up shots that aren't in rhythm because a game can get away from us pretty quick and we just have to do a better job with that."

Eudora made things difficult on the Wildcat defense as the Cardinals drove toward the basket and scored 32 points in the paint. That also allowed Eudora to knock down seven 3-pointers to create a balanced attack.

"I think our guys were doing a pretty good job of keeping them out of the paint, but our rotations were not where they need to be," Pfannenstiel said. "They were driving baseline and our help defense was ok, but we were a little slow either to prevent the offensive rebound or that little dump pass to the middle. We will be able to see that on film and get that corrected. We just weren't clicking on all cylinders."

Louisburg (5-6) found itself down 17-15 at the end of the first quarter and Eudora extended that lead to 28-22 midway through the second. The Wildcats were able to make a run before halftime and took the lead.

The Wildcats went on a 10-0 spurt to end the first half thanks to five straight points from Weston Guetterman, a basket from Garrett Rolofson and a 3-pointer from Maverick Rockers. Guetterman led the charge most of the night for Louisburg as

he finished with 16 points, seven assists and played the entire game.

“Weston definitely played with the most confidence that I have seen him play with all year,” Pfannenstiel said. “He kind of took charge and I thought he was really good. That is what he has to be for us. He has the ball in his hands a lot, and he creates a lot for us, so hopefully he can build on this game.”

Eudora went on a run of its own to start the third quarter as it went on a 12-2 spurt to grab a five-point lead going into the fourth. The Cardinals would go on to extend the lead to 11 late in the game and the Wildcats couldn't recover.

Sophomore Julian Margrave had another big game for the Wildcats as he finished with a team-high 21 points and had six rebounds and two blocks. Sophomore Maverick Rockers came off the bench to score nine points, while junior Ben Guetterman pulled down a team-high nine rebounds.

Louisburg will try and bounce back tonight when it travels to Spring Hill in a Frontier League matchup. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

LOU	15	17	7	19 –
58				
EUD	17	11	16	21 –
65				

LOUISBURG (5-6): Julian Margrave

9-12 2-3 21; Weston Guetterman 5-16 6-8 16; Maverick Rockers
3-5 0-0 9; Garrett

Rolofson 3-5 0-0 6; Ben Guetterman 2-13 1-1 6. Totals: 22-57
9-12 58. 3-point

field goals: 5, (Rockers 3, B. Guetterman, Margrave)