

Wildcats end losing skid with Senior Night win over Paola



Louisburg senior Colyer Wingfield scored a team-high 16 points and helped the Wildcats to a 52-41 win over Paola on Tuesday.

Nothing like ending a losing streak and doing it against your rival – and on Senior Night nonetheless.

That's exactly what Louisburg did Tuesday as the Wildcats used a big fourth quarter to get a 52-41 win over Paola and snap a 6-game losing streak in the process.

It was the perfect way for the Wildcats to send their five seniors – Cade Gassman, Trey Myers, Isaiah Whitley, Mason Dobbins and Colyer Wingfield – out with a win in their final home game.

“It was a great team win,” Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. “We had a lot of guys step up and make plays. It was definitely the best we’ve played as a whole.”

All five of the seniors contributed in the victory, but it was a pair of underclassmen who sparked the Wildcats in that pivotal fourth quarter. Junior Brady Hickey and sophomore Myles Vohs came off the bench to score eight of the team's 20 points in the final frame.

Wingfield also scored six of his team-high 16 points in the fourth quarter to help the Wildcats outscore Paola 20-8 and pull away.



Louisburg senior Cade Gassman pulls up for a jumper Tuesday against Paola.

The Wildcats shot the ball well throughout the game, despite it being an and back-and-forth contest through the first three quarters. Louisburg shot 58 percent from the field and knocked down six 3-pointers.

"We were really effective on offense," Pfannenstiel said. "I feel like after most of these games we have talked about our offensive woes, but in this one our offense is what bailed us out. Putting the ball in the hole solves a lot of problems.

"We were great in the fourth. Brady and Myles came in and gave us a big spark. They brought energy, played great defense, and made some big shots. We also made our free throws down the stretch so that's what sealed it."



Louisburg senior Trey Myers lays the ball up for two points Tuesday against Paola.

Vohs was the team's second leading scorer with nine points and Hickey finished with seven. Both players had key 3-pointers early in the fourth quarter.

Dobbins finished the game with a team-high six rebounds and five points. Gassman and Whitley added five points, while Myers added a basket in his final home game.

It is a group of seniors that Pfannenstiel has come to enjoy and that has brought a lot to the program.

"This is a fun group," Pfannenstiel said. "They've worked hard and bought into the work and preparation it takes to play at this level. They are truly program guys. They've hit the weight room, put in the time over the summers, and have made a lasting impact on our program. And best of all, they are good kids. Just a fun group to be around."



Louisburg seniors (from left) Isaiah Whitley, Mason Dobbins, Trey Myers, Colyer Wingfield and Cade Gassman all played their final home game Tuesday in a win over Paola.

Louisburg will try for back-to-back wins as it heads into postseason play. The Wildcats will try and improve their seeding tonight as they travel to Harrisonville for their regular season finale. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

“Paola was a huge win for us,” Pfannenstiel said. “Hopefully it’s a good confidence booster. Not only was it good for us to just get a win, but it was really important for us seeding wise. The Harrisonville game is going to have a lot of implications as well. We really need to get another one.”

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LOUISBURG (8-11): Colyer Wingfield 7-9 0-0 16; Myles Vohs 3-3 2-4 9; Brady Hickey 2-3 2-2 7; Cade Gassman 2-5 0-0 5; Isaiah Whitley 2-3 0-0 5; Mason Dobbins 2-2 1-2 5; Conlee Hovey 0-0 2-2 2; Trey Myers 1-3 0-2 2; Gavin Lohse 0-1 1-2 1. Totals: 19-33 8-14 52. 3-point field goals: 6, (Wingfield 2, Hickey, Gassman, Vohs, Whitley)