

Tonganoxie snaps Louisburg's winning streak with big fourth quarter



Louisburg senior Shylar Whiting goes up for a shot Tuesday at Tonganoxie High School.

TONGANOXIE – For three quarters, the Louisburg girls basketball team was well on its way to a fourth straight victory.

Louisburg took an 8-point lead – its biggest of the game – going into the fourth quarter and had a chance to avenge a loss from earlier in the season.

Tonganoxie had other ideas as the Chieftains went on a big run

in the final period and handed the Wildcats a 42-39 loss. The Chieftains went on an 18-3 run to begin the fourth quarter and took a 7-point lead midway through the fourth.

The Wildcats did battle back and cut the deficit to one with under 30 seconds left, but couldn't get over the hump.

"Losing to Tongie was tough," Louisburg coach Adrienne Lane said. "We had a very hard time guarding their quick guards and rebounding versus their tall players. This loss was hard because we had a pretty good lead going into the fourth quarter and I felt like we should have gotten that win."

Louisburg had a tough time slowing down Tonganoxie guard Alyssa Schoeneck, who was a big reason for the Chieftains' comeback.

Schoeneck scored 16 of her game-high 26 points in the fourth quarter and the Wildcats didn't have much of an answer. She also pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds.

"She is a great player," Lane said of Schoeneck. "She is super quick, she does a great job finishing in the lane, and she is a great shooter. She was also very active on the boards in the fourth quarter. She is hard to guard. Her first step is super quick and she finished well in the lane even with pressure on her."

For the first half, the Wildcat defense held strong as it held the Chieftains to just 13 first half points and just 20 points through three quarters.

Offensively, the Wildcats couldn't take advantage and build a big lead as they were up just 17-13 at halftime, but did eventually take an 8-point lead late in the third. Louisburg shot 20 percent from the field.

The Wildcats had success getting the ball inside, especially

in the first half. Junior McKenna Lohse provided Louisburg with a nice scoring punch inside as she scored 11 points and had six rebounds.

Senior Ashlyn Kuhlman led the Wildcats in scoring with 12 points and had five rebounds, while senior Sami Lane was next with five points.

Senior Sabra Brueggen led Louisburg with nine rebounds on the night and senior Ally Brown had a team-high three steals. Seniors Jillian Asher and Shylar Whiting had six and five rebounds, respectively.

"I felt like we did a good job taking care of the basketball when we were pressured throughout the game," coach Lane said. "We also did a good job running the floor and scoring some transition points early in the game."

Louisburg will try and bounce back tonight when it travels to Spring Hill. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

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LOUISBURG (5-11): Ashlyn Kuhlman 3-12 4-6 12; McKenna Lohse 4-7 3-4 11; Sami Lane 2-4 0-0 5; Sabra Brueggen 0-9 4-8 4; Jillian Asher 1-5 0-0 3; Morgan Latham 0-4 2-2 2; Shylar Whiting 1-6 0-0 2. Totals: 11-54 13-20 39. 3-point field goals: 4, (Kuhlman 2, Asher, Lane)