

Rough second half sinks Wildcats against No. 6 Ottawa



Louisburg senior Garrett Rolofson battles for a rebound last Friday during the Wildcats' game against Ottawa at Ottawa High School.

OTTAWA – The Louisburg boys basketball team knew it had a difficult challenge on its hands Friday when it had to travel to face off with No. 6 Ottawa.

The Cyclones are considered one of the top teams in Class 4A, but after the first half was over, the Wildcats were within just one point of the Cyclones when the third quarter began.

It was then the Cyclones took off.

Ottawa scored 39 second half points and the Wildcats couldn't keep pace as they fell 60-38 at Ottawa High School. It was the second straight loss for Louisburg.

"Ottawa got off to a good start in the second half," Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. "They were able to get to the lane a lot easier and we weren't as good on help-side defense and they have some kids who can really play. They were able to drive

and kick it out and
they hit more shots in the second half, obviously.

“We have to start better than we
did. We got down seven and then I think that led to some
unforced turnovers
where we tried to do too much. Defensively we struggled in the
second half and
we aren't going to be able to win many games giving up 40
points in a half.”

It was a back-and-forth first half
as the two teams traded leads on a couple different occasions.
Late in the
first quarter, Louisburg took an 11-10 lead on a 3-pointer
from Julian Margrave
and a putback from Garrett Rolofson.



Sophomore Michael Seuferling puts up a shot Friday against Ottawa.

The Wildcats also took a 20-19 advantage late in the first half on a drive from Weston Guetterman, but trailed 21-20 at halftime. Louisburg was also able to slow down Ottawa big man Kobe Johnson to help keep the game close.

“Defensively we were really good in the first half,” Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. “Our help-side defense was good and we knew we were going to need that against Johnson as he is a tough player to guard. He has a lot of varsity experience and he is as physical of kid as we are going to play against this year. We did a good job on him, but overall our intensity was good.

“We weren’t great by any means offensively in the first half, but we were able to hang in there. We were efficient, but we have to be able to put two halves together.”

Ottawa opened the second half on an 11-0 run and scored 24 points in the third quarter to distance itself from Louisburg.

Margrave led the Wildcats in scoring with 16 points, including a dunk, and had six rebounds, while Weston Guetterman finished with nine points on the night. Rolofson recorded a team-high 10 rebounds.

Louisburg will try and bounce back this Friday when it hosts Spring Hill for homecoming. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

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LOUISBURG (6-9): Julian Margrave

6-17 16; Weston Guetterman 2-4 5-6 9; Garrett Rolofson 3-10
0-0 6; Ben

Guetterman 1-8 0-0 3; Michael Waldron 1-3 0-0 2; Charlie
Peters 1-1 0-0 2.

Totals: 14-49 5-6 38. 3-point field goals: 5, (Margrave 4, B.
Guetterman)

Lady Cats snap losing skid with road win over Ottawa



Sophomore Delaney Wright drives past an Ottawa defender Friday during the Lady Cats' win over the Cyclones.

OTTAWA – It had been awhile since the Louisburg girls basketball team had tasted victory and the Lady Cats were becoming more and more frustrated.

They decided to take all that frustration out on Friday.

Louisburg held Ottawa to just seven first half points and the Lady Cats ran away with it from the opening tip as they snapped their six-game losing streak with a 41-24 win over the Cyclones

at Ottawa High School.

“It was so much fun to see the girls smiling and having fun out on the court together, and it was even better to come out on top,” interim coach Leanna Willer said. “We all just had a great time as a team. Even when mistakes were made, no one got down on themselves and we were able to maintain a high energy throughout the entire game.”

The Lady Cats (7-8) were able to pull away thanks to their defense as they held Ottawa to just 18 percent from the field and forced 23 turnovers in the process.

Freshman Adyson Ross, who started in place of Megan Foote and was out with an illness, led the team with three steals. Junior Alyse Moore and senior Haley Cain both added two steals each. Those Cyclone mistakes led to 18 points off turnovers.

“Our defense definitely set the tone for us coming out,” Willer said. “It’s always nice to have some defensive plays that turn into offensive or transition points, and we were able to get our hands on a lot of balls and keep them out of a rhythm on offense.”

“We did a much better job of moving on the flight of the ball instead of reacting, and I think we realized how much that helps us stay active and engaged. Our rebounding also improved from earlier in the week, which was nice to see as we emphasized it during practice.”



Louisburg freshman Adyson Ross pulls down a rebound Friday against Ottawa.

Louisburg sophomore Delaney Wright got the Lady Cats started strong with five straight points to start the game and junior Brooklyn

Diederich ended the first quarter with five points of her own to give them a 12-3 lead.

The Lady Cats did much of the same in the second quarter as they outscored the Cyclones 13-4 and led 25-7 at halftime.

Diederich led Louisburg in scoring with 10 points and also had a team-high six deflections. Junior Madilyn Melton also had nine points in the win to go along with three blocks.

Moore finished with a team-high seven rebounds, while Wright had seven points and a team-best three assists.

Louisburg will try for back-to-back wins Friday when it hosts Spring Hill for homecoming. Willer believes this game can give the team confidence going into the final stretch of the season.

“This game was a huge step for us in terms of confidence and team chemistry,” Willer said. “We are really looking forward to practices focused on ourselves and doing the little things right for the remainder of the season. Our main goal is to focus on one game at a time, not worrying about the rest. We want to take care of business by playing our best game.”

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LOUISBURG (7-8): Brooklyn
Diederich 4-8 0-0 10; Madilyn Melton 4-6 1-1 9; Delaney Wright 2-6 2-7 7; Haley Cain 1-3 2-2 5; Alyse Moore 1-5 2-5 4; Adyson Ross 1-2 0-0 2; Jordan Mynsted 0-1 2-4 2; Sydni Keagle 0-0 2-4 2. Totals: 13-33 11-23 41. 3-point field goals: 4, (Diederich 2, Wright, Cain)

Lady Cats lose in final seconds to Paola



Senior Brooklyn Diederich releases a shot between two Paola defenders Tuesday at Louisburg High School.

It wasn't the best start to the week for the Louisburg girls basketball team that began with the resignation of their coach and was followed up with a road loss to Eudora on the same day.

Despite all that, the Lady Cats found themselves up on rival Paola with just seconds to play on their home floor Tuesday. Instead, the Panthers made their week just a little bit worse.

Paola's Brayden Hanf knocked down a go-ahead 3-pointer with just 1.2 seconds left to hand Louisburg a 39-38 loss. Despite all the struggles, the Lady Cats are keeping a positive frame of mind.

"Of course this was a tough loss for the girls, no one likes losing a rivalry game," Louisburg interim coach Leanna Willer said. "After how hard they battled, losing on a shot in the final seconds felt like getting punched in the gut. That being said, I think the girls are already looking

forward to playing them again in a couple of weeks on Paola's home floor. They came to practice Wednesday morning ready to put in work and get better together."

On Monday, the Lady Cats were informed their head coach, Shawn Lowry, turned in his resignation and Willer will lead the varsity squad for the rest of the season. It was a shock to a lot of the players.

Although it has still not worn off for some of them, they are all trying to move forward and finish the season on a positive note.

"This is not a natural or easy transition for anyone, and we all know that we have a tough road ahead," Willer said. "It's tough to lose such an amazing coach in Coach Lowry. Over the last couple of years I have learned so much, not only about basketball, but leading and coaching in general as he took it upon himself to take both me and coach (Nick) Chapman under his wing. He cares so deeply for each of the girls in the program (past, present, and future), and that is what makes it so difficult to see him go.

"We have a wide range of emotions about the situation on our team right now, but I have been impressed with how much they want to move forward, play for each other, and finish out the season strong. As a team, we are excited to be able to have the chance to practice together and figure some things out about ourselves. We will all make mistakes, but we

will make them
giving 100 percent effort and dedication.”

Louisburg (6-8) got out to a good start as the Lady Cats took
a
17-9 lead at the end of the first quarter, and although Paola
whittled away at
it, they were still on top 22-19 at halftime.

It was a close game the rest of the way and Paola took a 36-33
lead early in the fourth quarter. The Lady Cats came right
back as Delaney
Wright knocked down a jumper to cut it to one, then Alyse
Moore hit a 3-pointer
with 3 minutes and 45 seconds left to give Louisburg a 38-36
lead.



Senior Haley Cain puts up a shot during the Lady Cats' game with Paola on Tuesday.

The score stayed that way till the end when the Panthers found Hanf in the right corner on an inbound pass and her 3-pointer rolled in to give Paola a one-point lead with 1.2 seconds left.

Louisburg had one final opportunity as Moore heaved the ball down the floor and found an open Brooklyn Diederich behind the 3-point line.

Diederich squared up for the shot, but Paola's Macaela Garrett quickly got over to her to knock the ball away as time expired.

“I

am so proud of how the girls responded after the Eudora game on Monday,” Willer said. “It would have been easy to hang their heads and let Paola come get an easy win, but our team showed up ready to fight. I think that was pretty apparent with our energy in that first quarter. The girls played a great game and fought for each opportunity they got. Our shots weren’t always falling, but we were getting good looks just like we wanted. We even gave ourselves a chance in that last 1.2 seconds on an incredible throw from Alyse, which is all we could have hoped for in that situation.

“Naturally,

we would like to clean up a few things as well. We need to take better care of the basketball and rebound, but we played from the heart and took pride in the fact that we are Louisburg.”

Madilyn

Melton led Louisburg in scoring with 12 points to go along with five rebounds.

Moore also scored in double figures with 10 points and pulled down nine rebounds.

Wright

led the Lady Cats defensively as she recorded a team-high six steals and also had five rebounds.

The

Lady Cats will try and bounce back tonight when they travel to

Ottawa for another Frontier League matchup. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

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LOUISBURG (6-8): Madilyn Melton 5-10 2-3 12; Alyse Moore 3-9 2-2 10; Brooklyn Diederich 3-9 0-0 8; Delaney Wright 2-10 0-0 4; Haley Cain 1-3 0-0 2; Adyson Ross 1-3 0-0 2. Totals: 15-46 4-5 38. 3-point field goals: 4, (Diederich 2, Moore 2)

Lady Cats fall to No. 6 Eudora

It wasn't going to be easy when Louisburg traveled to Eudora – a team that is currently ranked No. 6 in Class 4A.

The Cardinals certainly didn't make it easy on them as they defeated Louisburg, 47-17, on Monday at Eudora High School.

Madilyn Melton had eight points and eight rebounds to lead Louisburg.

Eudora took a 19-5 lead at the end of the first quarter and led 29-9 to halftime to pull away from the Lady Cats.

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LOUISBURG: Madilyn Melton 3-6 2-4

8; Alyse Moore 2-8 1-2 5; Brooklyn Diederich 1-2 0-0 3; Megan Foote 0-1 1-2 1.

Totals: 6-26 4-8 17. 3-point field goals: 1, (Diederich)

Wildcats fall to rival Paola on home floor



Louisburg junior Konnor Vohs drives into the lane Tuesday during the Wildcats' game with Paola. The Wildcats fell 64-52 and are 6-8 on the year.

There are nights where everything seems to be going right, but there are others, like what Louisburg had on Friday, where things just never fall into place.

Foul trouble and tough shooting cost the Wildcats in their home contest against rival Paola and they weren't able to recover in a 64-52 loss. It was a night where a lot went right for Paola as it shot 54 percent from the floor and took advantage of its opportunities.

"That is as good as I've seen Paola play," Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. "They were

confident, and when the ball goes through the hoop, you tend to get a little more energy and they played well. We probably had a lot to do with that as we weren't great defensively. Offensively we were even worse.

"I thought we were getting good looks, but we shot too many from the outside and I think we were settling for shots too much. Our kids are good shooters and they are confident, but we are struggling right now and are in a little bit of a funk. We have to find ways to generate offense when shots aren't falling from the outside. Hats off to Paola, so they played really well."

The Wildcats (6-8) weren't able to get in a rhythm offensively as junior point guard Weston Guetterman picked up two quick fouls in the first quarter, then picked up his third early in the second quarter and had to sit the rest of the half.

Louisburg managed just 20 points in the first half, but the Wildcats trailed only 24-20 at halftime and were still in it.

"Weston's first two fouls weren't smart ones to pick up, and when he gets into foul trouble, it kind of changes his game and it can take away his aggressiveness and that is what he is good at," Pfannenstiel said. "That definitely hurt us, but we have to find other ways to keep things going when our guys get into foul

trouble.”



Sophomore Julian Margrave puts up a shot from the corner Tuesday against Paola.

In the second half, Paola was able to catch fire offensively as it scored 22 points in the third quarter and built a 12-point lead when Bo Robison had a put-back dunk off a missed shot with 1 second left to give the Panthers even more momentum.

Paola eventually pushed its lead to 15 points late in the contest and the Wildcats were unable to recover. Louisburg shot 34 percent for the game, but Paola was able to take advantage at the free-throw line as it converted 20 of 26 chances to just 6-for-8 for Louisburg.

Sophomore Julian Margrave led the Wildcats in scoring with 17

points, while Weston Guetterman had 12 points to go along with seven rebounds. Ben Guetterman also scored in double figures with 11 points and six rebounds.

Paola's Trey Moala led all scorers with a game-high 21 points.

Louisburg will try and bounce back Friday when it travels to Ottawa. The Cyclones are currently ranked No. 6 in Class 4A.

"I have the ultimate confidence in this group," Pfannenstiel said. "I know that it is a group that wants to win and that works hard. It is a group that has high expectations. We are going to own up to it, look in the mirror – starting with me – and collectively get it figured out. We are going to go about it the right way and we will be fine."

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| PAO | 9 | 15 | 22 | 18 – |
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LOUISBURG (6-8): Julian Margrave 8-14 0-0 17; Weston Guetterman 5-17 2-2 12; Ben Guetterman 3-10 3-4 11; Michael Waldron 2-6 0-0 6; Maverick Rockers 1-4 1-2 4; Konnor Vohs 1-4 0-0 2. Totals: 22-59 6-8 52. 3-point field goals: 6, (B. Guetterman 2, Waldron 2, Rockers, Margrave)

Wildcats get back on track with win over Baldwin



Senior Michael Waldron goes to the basket during the Wildcats' game at Spring Hill last Friday. Louisburg defeated Baldwin on Saturday in a make-up game, 61-44.

The Louisburg boys basketball team was on a mini two-game losing skid going into Saturday's home make-up game against Baldwin and was hoping for a much-needed win.

The Wildcats got what they were looking for.

Louisburg outscored Baldwin by 18 points in the final three quarters thanks its pressure defense and came away with a 61-44 victory to give the Wildcats their first win in a week.

Baldwin couldn't keep up with Louisburg on the inside either, as the Wildcats outrebounded the Bulldogs 54-35, including 25 offensive rebounds. Louisburg scored 21 points on those second chance opportunities.

"I

was proud of how our guys responded,” Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. “I thought we played hard and did a better job of executing on offense. We knew we had a size advantage so we challenged them to hit the offensive boards to give us some extra opportunities. They responded well.”

Baldwin

got out to a hot start, and actually led the Wildcats 17-16 at the end of the first quarter, but Louisburg turned up the pressure and forced 14 Baldwin turnovers that turned into 18 points.

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Wildcats (6-7) outscored Baldwin 20-6 in the second quarter and carried that momentum into the second half where they eventually built a 23-point lead in the fourth quarter and never looked back.

“Baldwin

came out playing well,” Pfannenstiel said. “They were moving the ball well so it was tough on our rotations. We pressed them a little more in the full court in the second quarter, which turned out to be the difference we needed.”

Junior Ben Guetterman was all over the floor for the Wildcats as he finished with a double double and led the team in steals. Guetterman scored a game-high 15 points to go along with 12 rebounds and three steals.

“Ben

has his best nights when he attacks the rim,” Pfannenstiel said. “He gets

involved on the offensive boards, which helps him play with a little more energy and confidence.”



Junior Charlie Peters plays defense on a Spring Hill player last Friday in Spring Hill.

Sophomore

Julian Margrave also had a double-double for the Wildcats as he added 13 points and a team-high 14 rebounds. Junior Weston Guetterman was the third Wildcat to score in double figures with 12 points and had seven rebounds to go along with four assists.

Junior

Konnor Vohs came off the bench to add six rebounds, three

steals and two assists, while senior Michael Waldron also finished with a team-high four assists.

Louisburg will try for back-to-back wins today when it hosts rival Paola and the Wildcats will travel to Ottawa on Friday. Tonight's tipoff is set for approximately 7:30 p.m.

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LOUISBURG (6-7): Ben Guetterman 6-16 2-2 15; Julian Margrave 6-18 1-2 13; Weston Guetterman 4-14 2-2 12; Garrett Rolofson 3-3 0-0 6; Maverick Rockers 2-5 0-0 5; Michael Seuferling 2-5 0-0 4; Konnor Vohs 2-6 0-0 4; Michael Waldron 0-5 1-2 1; Andy Hupp 0-3 1-2 1.
Totals: 25-75 7-10 61. 3-point field goals: 4, (W. Guetterman 2, Rockers, B. Guetterman)

Wildcats struggle on the road in loss to Spring Hill

SPRING HILL – For the first half, the Louisburg boys basketball team was playing stride-for-stride with Spring Hill on Friday at Spring Hill High School.

The Wildcats went on a run late in the second quarter to take a halftime lead and it seemed they had all the momentum.

Spring Hill took it all back in the second half as it held the Wildcats to just 12 points in the final two quarters and handed Louisburg a 51-34 loss.

“Spring Hill got after us defensively,” Louisburg coach Ty Pfannenstiel said. “They made it tough on us to get into any kind of rhythm offensively. We have to do a better job of matching their intensity and physicality. We got exposed on that. We’ve had a couple poor shooting nights back to back, so hopefully we can find some consistency offensively moving forward.”

Louisburg shot 26 percent from the field and were just 1-for-12 from 3-point range. On the other hand, the Broncos shot 41 percent and knocked down nine 3-pointers.

Down nine points in the second quarter, the Wildcats went on a 10-0 run that ended on a 3-pointer from Michael Waldron to give Louisburg a 22-21 halftime advantage.

Spring Hill was able to take control of the second half and never looked back.

Junior Weston Guetterman led the Wildcats in scoring with 13 points to go along with five rebounds and three steals. Sophomore Julian Margrave had six points and seven rebounds, while senior Garrett Rolofson had six points and five rebounds.

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LOUISBURG: Weston Guetterman 5-14
 3-5 13; Garrett Rolofson 2-4 2-3 6; Julian Margrave 1-6 4-4 6;
 Michael Waldron
 1-3 1-2 4; Maverick Rockers 1-5 1-1 3; Ben Guetterman 1-9 0-0
 2. Totals: 11-43
 11-15 34. 3-point field goals: 1, (Waldron)

Lowry resigns as Louisburg girls basketball coach



Louisburg head girls basketball coach Shawn Lowry resigned Monday, effective immediately. Lowry was currently in his seventh season with the Lady Cats.

The Louisburg sidelines will look a little different for the rest of the Lady Cats' basketball season.

In a move that caught some off-guard yesterday, Louisburg High School girls basketball coach Shawn Lowry

turned in his resignation, effective immediately.

Lowry coached his final game last Saturday at the Top Gun Tournament in Wellsville and the Lady Cats were 6-6 through the first 12 games before he stepped down Monday.

“I want to thank the great people that worked with me as assistant coaches, the other LHS coaches during my tenure and all the basketball players that were part of the Lady Cats basketball program for their commitment, support and love,” Lowry said. “Most importantly, I want to thank my wife, Kristine, and my children, Kirstin, Garrett and Kody, for understanding my passion and for everything they sacrificed while I was giving of myself to other people’s daughters.”

Lowry was currently in his seventh season as the Louisburg girls head coach after taking over the program in 2013. He also spent a year as an assistant on the Lady Cat bench, along with a year as an assistant on the boys team.

According to LHS activities director Scott Hinkle, junior varsity coach Leanna Willer will serve as the interim head coach for the rest of the season. Freshman coach Nick Chapman will continue to help with freshman and junior varsity, while Hinkle looks for a temporary hire to fill the vacant spot.

Players were told of Lowry’s resignation Monday afternoon before the team left for their game in Eudora.

The Lady Cats started the year with a 6-2 record and a spot in the state rankings, but problems arose to where Lowry felt he could no longer do the job to the best of his ability.

“During the last several weeks, my family and I have had to endure a great deal personally related to me coaching basketball,” Lowry said. “I believed that I could continue to do so because I put the players and their best interest above all else. However, I came to realize that no matter how hard I worked, how much I cared about these kids or what I did to make this the best possible experience for these young ladies, I was in a situation that would not only be detrimental to these efforts, but actually foster the opposite.

“I have always taken a great deal of pride in the way I represent myself, my family and those young people that I had the privilege to work with. From growing up in rural Kansas to running large companies, I learned early and have refused to compromise on those core values that are the fabric of who I am and that I have strived to teach.”

LHS administration could not comment on the coaching change, as it is a personnel matter. The Lady Cats are back in action tonight when they host Paola.

Louisburg girls lose to Hayden in final game of Top Gun tourney



Louisburg junior Alyse Moore pulls down a rebound during a game at Wellsville earlier last week. Moore pulled down a team-high 16 rebounds in a loss to Hayden on Saturday.

WELLSVILLE – When it was all said and done, the end result of the Top Gun Tournament was not what the Louisburg girls basketball team was hoping for.

After an overtime loss in the first round, and then a loss to Spring Hill in the consolation semifinals, Louisburg had to face a tough Topeka-Hayden team in its final game Saturday in Wellsville.

The Lady Cats took a nine-point lead at halftime, but Hayden used a second half rally to pull away for a 44-38 victory over Louisburg.

The game was tied at 10-all going into the second quarter, but Louisburg (6-6) had a big second

quarter to take the halftime lead. The Lady Cats outscored Hayden 14-5 before the break and took a 24-15 advantage.

It didn't stay that way as Hayden cut into the Lady Cat lead in the third quarter, then early in the fourth, Hayden took it back for good as it outscored Louisburg 15-7 in the final frame to pull away.

Junior Alyse Moore was all over the floor for the Lady Cats as she recorded a double-double to lead her team. Moore had 12 points to go along with 16 rebounds and three steals.

Another junior, Madilyn Melton, almost nearly had a double-double herself as she had 11 points and eight rebounds. Junior Brooklyn Diederich had six points and a team-high seven steals and seven deflections.

Neither team was able to get in a rhythm offensively as both Louisburg and Hayden shot 27 percent from the field, but Hayden was able to take advantage of some Louisburg mistakes. The Lady Cats gave up 18 points on turnovers, which turned out to be one of the differences in the game.

Louisburg will try and stop its four-game losing streak tonight when it travels to Eudora in a makeup game from earlier in the year. Varsity tipoff is scheduled for around 7:30 p.m.

It is the first of another three-game week for the Lady Cats. They will host Paola tomorrow and then travel to Ottawa on Friday to finish out the week.

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LOUISBURG (6-6): Alyse Moore 4-11 4-7 12; Madilyn Melton 3-9 5-5 11; Brooklyn Diederich 2-8 0-1 6; Haley Cain 2-5 0-0 5; Megan Foote 1-7 0-0 2; Adyson Ross 0-0 2-2 2. Totals: 12-43 11-15 38.
3-point field goals: 3, (Diederich 2, Cain)

Slow start costs Louisburg against Spring Hill

Just a week earlier, Louisburg went on the road and handed Spring Hill a double-digit loss.

On Thursday in the consolation semifinals of the Top Gun Tournament, Spring Hill returned the favor.

Louisburg scored 10 points in the first half and struggled to overcome its slow start in a 42-25 loss to the Broncos. Spring Hill jumped out to a 22-10 halftime lead and never looked back.

Alyse Moore led the Lady Cats in scoring with eight points, while Brooklyn Diederich added five in the loss.

Megan Foote pulled down a team-high six rebounds to go along with four steals.

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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.

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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)

Lady Cats fall in overtime to Anderson County



Louisburg junior Megan Foote puts up a floater in the lane

Tuesday during the Lady Cats' game with Anderson County at Wellsville High School.

WELLSVILLE – Louisburg didn't have much left in the tank. The same could also be said for Anderson County.

The two teams beat each other up for 32 minutes, then the game went into overtime as both squads played physical in the first round of the Top Gun Tournament on Tuesday in Wellsville.

Whether it was diving for loose balls, tough defense or fighting for rebounds, Louisburg and Anderson County left it all on the court. Unfortunately for the Lady Cats, Anderson County made just one more play.

The Bulldogs made a free throw with 8 seconds left to break the tie and Louisburg's last second shot fell short as the Lady Cats fell 70-69. The loss sends Louisburg to the consolation semifinals where it will face off with Spring Hill at 5 p.m. today in Wellsville.

It was a revenge win of sorts for Anderson County after they Lady Cats defeated them in Louisburg back in December.

Louisburg (6-4) appeared well on their way to a victory early on as the Lady Cats jumped out to an 8-0 lead, but Anderson County battled back and eventually took a 33-29 lead at halftime.

"Anderson County was tough and

physical like that the first time," Louisburg coach Shawn Lowry said. "They have improved and their record shows they have been playing well. I think maybe when we got out to that early lead, we had some mentality stuff set in that probably shouldn't set in. The next thing you know we are in a game again and it was back and forth the whole way. We had opportunities to win and had shots at the rim that didn't go in, but that is the way it goes sometimes."

The Bulldogs built an eight-point lead midway through the third quarter, but the Lady Cats were able to rally and eventually take the lead. Junior Megan Foote connected on four free throws and knocked down a 3-pointer with 15 seconds left in the third to bring the Lady Cats within one.

Right before the end of the quarter, Foote recorded a steal and passed it down the floor to Madilyn Melton and she laid it in for a 48-47 lead.

Anderson County took the lead back again, but Foote put together another run as she scored seven points late in the fourth quarter, including a 3-pointer to tie the game at 62 with 1 minute and 45 seconds left in the game. Foote then had a layup on the team's next possession and the Lady Cats went up 64-62 with 52 seconds remaining.



Junior Madilyn Melton lays the ball up for two points Tuesday against Anderson County.

The Bulldogs eventually tied the game on a basket with 26 seconds left and the two teams went into overtime.

In the extra period, Melton and junior Alyse Moore both scored to give Louisburg an early lead. However, with the game tied with 8 seconds left, Louisburg was called for a foul after both teams dove for a loose ball.

That sent Anderson County's Cali Foltz to the line as she made 1 of 2 free throws to give the Bulldogs the lead for good.

“I thought we started out good, but here is what we have to get away from,” Lowry said. “It can’t be me challenging the kids and then they get tough. They are going to have to collectively get together on that. In the second half, the girls just played their tails off. Every single one of them played their tails off. Both teams had zero gas left and it was just about taking shots. It was a fun overtime high school game, but obviously wish we could have gotten the win there.”

Melton led the Lady Cats in scoring with 22 points and had eight rebounds and five steals. Moore came close to a triple-double as she tallied 21 points, 13 rebounds and she had seven steals. She had 16 of those 21 points in the first half.

Foote finished the game with 15 points and five steals, while Brooklyn Diederich and Melton both led the team with 10 deflections.

Louisburg had a hard time slowing down Anderson County’s inside-outside combo of Rayna Jasper and Foltz. Jasper had a game-high 28 points and was 9-for-10 from the free-throw line, while Foltz finished with 23 points.

Sophomore Delaney Wright found herself on Jasper at the top of the Lady Cats’ zone defense and pressured her all night as Wright played the entire four quarters and overtime.

“I told Delaney if that girl doesn’t

come off the floor then you are not coming off the floor," Lowry said. "If you are tired, then she is going to be tired too and I think she stayed on the floor the entire time. I thought we played with toughness and pride out there, but it just didn't come down to one shot, it came down to a lot of little things."

Louisburg will try and bounce back today against Spring Hill and then will play for either fifth or seventh-place Saturday against Topeka-Hayden or Lansing.

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LOUISBURG (6-4): Madilyn Melton 8-17 5-9 22; Alyse Moore 8-16 5-7 21; Megan Foote 4-9 5-6 15; Delaney Wright 2-12 2-2 6; Brooklyn Diederich 2-5 0-0 5. Totals: 24-65 17-26 69. 3-point field goals: 4, (Foote 2, Diederich 1, Melton 1)

Lady Cats fall to No. 4 Baldwin at home



Louisburg junior Brooklyn Diederich puts up a 3-pointer during Saturday's home contest against Baldwin.

It was a battle of ranked teams Saturday at Louisburg High School as No. 10 Louisburg had an opportunity to knock off No. 4 Baldwin.

Unfortunately for the Lady Cats, the game didn't go as they would have hoped.

Baldwin used a big second quarter to jump out large lead and the Lady Cats weren't able to recover in a 67-46 loss to the Bulldogs.

"There were times we competed with good energy and effort, but we didn't execute as well as we could have," Louisburg coach Shawn Lowry said. "You have to credit Baldwin for their defensive pressure and the toughness they played with."

Louisburg (6-3) got off to a good start as it took an 11-8 lead early as junior Madilyn Melton scored the team's first six points, followed by a 3-pointer from Brooklyn Diederich and a basket from Megan Foote.

From there, Baldwin was able to take over as it went on an 11-2 run to go up six and then expanded its lead to 33-20 at halftime. The Bulldogs grew their lead to 18 points at the end of the third quarter.

Baldwin

made it tough for Louisburg to defend as the Bulldogs knocked down nine

3-pointers and also used their size inside to score 32 points in the paint.

“Baldwin

definitely shot the ball well and complimented that with some strong inside

play.” Lowry said. “It challenged us with several defensive rotations and also

caused us issues with defending their penetration.”

Melton

found a lot of success for the Lady Cats as she scored a team-high 16 points to

go along with a team-high eight rebounds and three blocks.

Sophomore Jordan

Mynsted was next in scoring with seven points and Diederich finished with six.

Louisburg

will try and bounce back today when it travels to Wellsville for the Top Gun

Tournament. The Lady Cats will tip off at 6:30 p.m. against Anderson County and

will also play Thursday and Friday nights.

“Our kids

are staying the course and working hard in practice to prepare for the games

ahead,” Lowry said. “Games like this provide us good experience and lessons for

the stretch run that is ahead of us.”

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(6-3): Madilyn Melton 6-15 4-8 16; Jordan Mynsted 3-5 1-1 7;
Brooklyn Diederich
2-5 0-0 6; Delaney Wright 2-9 1-2 5; Megan Foote 1-3 2-3 4;
Haley Cain 1-5 2-2
4; Emma Lohse 1-1 0-0 2; Brianne Kuhlman 0-0 1-2 1; Alyse
Moore 0-3 1-2 1.
Totals: 16-48 12-20 46. 3-point field goals: 2, (Diederich 2)