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OTTOVILLE — Friday night, two teams that had played in the past against each other renewed their relationship with a non-league matchup as the Tinora Rams traveled to Ottoville to take on the Big Green at the L.W. Heckman Gymnasium.

Both teams — rich in basketball history — played a close, low-scoring, tough defensive first half but the Rams used a very hot shooting night in downing the Big Green 54-32.

The first quarter saw both teams trying to find their offensive flow as the first two points were not scored until the 6:30 mark when Big Green sophomore Brandt Landin drove the baseline and completed a nice reverse layup to give the home team their first and only lead of the game at 2-0. The Rams used a well-balanced attack in the first as four of their five starters dented the scoreboard with senior Cameron Harris leading the way with a deep 3-pointer at the 3:26 mark. For the Big Green, besides the opening two by Landin, the only other points they mustered up in the quarter came from the line as senior Derek Schimmoeller made two free throws. As the horn sounded, the Rams were ahead 8-4 after one quarter of play.

The second quarter saw the Rams use the hot shooting of 6-0 junior Derek Drewes and 5-10 senior guard Robert Wao as they scorched the scorebooks for nine and six points, respectively. The Big Green tried to stay close throughout the quarter but could only get the Rams' lead down to five twice: at the 5:02 mark when junior Luke Schimmoeller completed a 3-point play; and at the 2:15 mark when Landin buried a three from beyond the arc. As both teams headed to the locker room, the Rams led 25-15.

Big Green head coach Todd Turnwald continues to see his team give great effort: "We had 26 shots in the paint tonight, three feet and in, and converted on only seven. That's the game in a nutshell. They're a good team. They're 5-1 for a reason – they have some good players that can really shoot the ball well."

The Rams came out in the third quarter and didn't back off with their pressure and shooting as they outscored the Big Green by a 19-11 count and stretched their lead to 44-28 after three quarters of play. They got well-balanced scoring throughout the eight minutes from their starters and contributions off the bench from seniors Jacob Miller (4 of his 8 points in the quarter) and

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Alec Lymanstall with a deuce as time expired.

Landin led the Big Green in the quarter with four points as he has become a big contributor for Coach Turnwald since he has been re-inserted into the starting lineup after a couple of games coming off the bench.

The fourth quarter saw both teams start to substitute freely as the Rams built a 20-point lead throughout the quarter.

The Rams (5-1) were led in scoring on the night by both Wuo and Drewes with 14 points each. The Rams shot 60 percent from the field for the game (21-34 inside the arc and 3-6 outside the arc). Every coach always looks for at least one area that they can get their team's attention for the next game/practice and Rams head coach Andy Huner will not be happy with a 3-8 (38%) mark from the stripe. The Rams will be back in action Thursday night when they play in the Buffalo Wild Wings Holiday Tournament to be played at Defiance College.

The Big Green (2-6) was led in scoring by (Derek) Schimmoeller and Landin with 11 and nine points, respectively, for the hosts. The Big Green will play next Friday night as they travel to Shawnee for a 6:30 JV start.

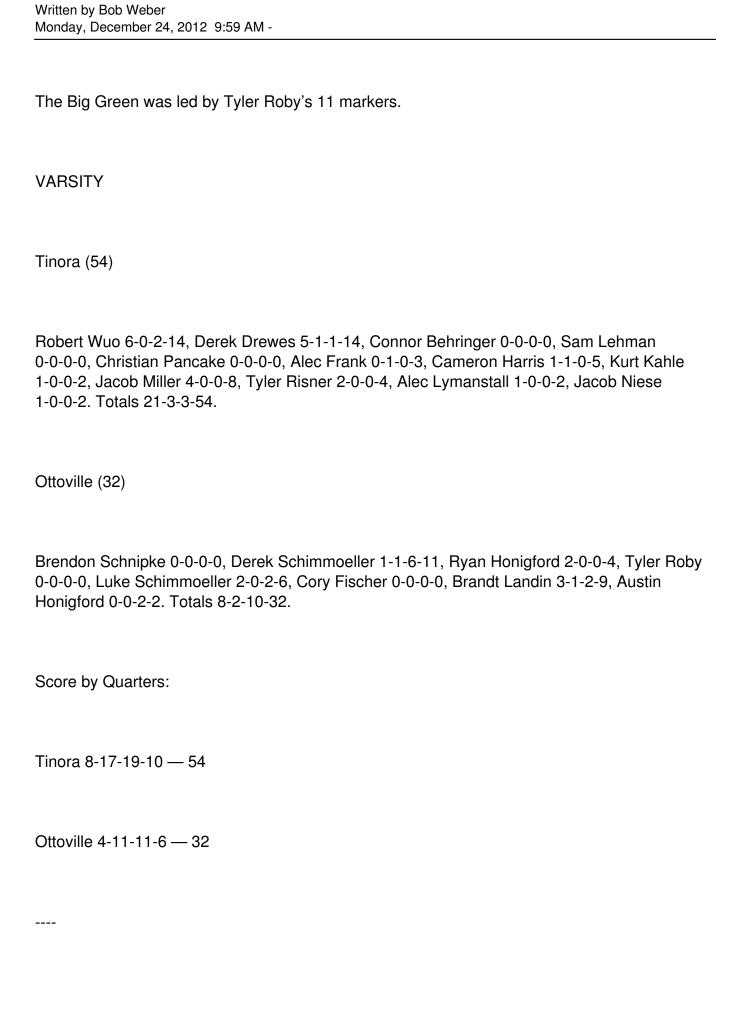
The Big Green finished the night 23 percent from the field as they only connected on 8-31 from inside the arc and 2-12 from 3-point land.

Turnwald summed up the evening: "For the most part, I thought we defended well tonight but they made their shots and we just couldn't throw the ball in the ocean. It was a domino effect. Tonight it was not just one guy; it was everyone."

In the JV game, the Rams got the win in a 2-quarter contest, 35-15.

The Rams were led by freshman Brevin Renollet with 13 points.

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