

Clutch foul shooting leads Big Green over Lancers

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OTTOVILLE — Saturday night, two teams coming away with hard-earned wins the night before squared off at the L.W. Gymnasium in Ottoville.

The Lincolnview Lancers came to Big Green land to take on another Putnam County League squad after already defeating Kalida and Ft. Jennings earlier in the year. The game was closely fought throughout but the Big Green used a 20-1 free-throw-made advantage to take the 52-40 non-league win over the Lancers.

The first quarter saw the Lancers of head coach Brett Hammons riding the hot shooting of junior Kyle Williams as he connected on three 3-pointers to give his team a 13-10 advantage after one quarter of play. The Big Green relied on junior Luke Schimmoeller to keep them close during the first eight minutes as he netted six of his team's total of 10 for the quarter.

The second quarter saw the Big Green fight back to tie the Lancers early behind two clutch shots by sophomore Brandt Landin. Both teams never allowed the other to go on a scoring run as the score flip-flopped back and forth throughout. The Lancers lost some of their momentum in the quarter when they lost Williams with an ankle injury for most of the stanza. Senior Brooks Ludwig came off the bench to spark the Lancers with four points in the quarter.

With time expiring in the half and the Big Green holding for the last shot, the ball was passed around and eventually fell into the hands of freshman Tyler Roby, who drained a big three at the buzzer to send the home team to the locker room at the half winning 23-21.

Ottoville coach Todd Turnwald knew the importance of that shot heading into the locker room: "Tyler Roby, after probably our worst first half of basketball all year, gave a big spark right at the end of the half when he drained that big 3-pointer that put us up two."

The third quarter, much like the first, saw the Lancers outscore the Big Green 13-10 and grab the lead back 34-32 after three quarters of play. Senior Kade Carey joined Williams (coming back from his injury in the first half) to contribute five points apiece for the Lancers.

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Foul shooting helped the Big Green come away with their win over Shawnee Friday night and this night, the same story was told. With the Lancers going cold from the field and needing to foul the Big Green (which was in the bonus all quarter long), the home squad continued its torrent hot shooting from the stripe by going 12-of -14 in the quarter and sealing the win.

Austin Honigford went 4-4, Derek Schimmoeller 2-2, Ryan Honigford 4-6 and Luke Schimmoeller 2-2 from the line during the final eight minutes of play. For the game, the Big Green was 20-28 (71%) from the foul line.

Turnwald continues to be pleased with his team's effort: "Another tough, hard-fought win tonight. The kids did a great job and made a lot of free throws down the stretch. Luke is a 70-75% foul shooter on the season and really struggled out of the gate; I think he missed five or six just in the first half or he could have had a 30-point night for us. Austin made four straight for us when it really counted."

The Lancers (3-6) were led in scoring on the night by Williams with 14 points, followed closely by Carey's 11 markers. The Lancers shot 43 percent from the field for the game (17-40) and 1-6 (17%) from the stripe.

The Lancers will be back in action next weekend when they host Columbus Grove Friday night and Fort Recovery Saturday night.

The Big Green (4-6) was led in scoring by Luke Schimmoeller with a game-high 19 points. The Big Green shot 38 percent (15-39) from the field and only turned the ball over 10 times on the night. The Big Green will play next Friday night as they travel to Crestview for a 6 p.m. JV start.

In the JV game, the Lancers got the win in a 2-quarter contest 27-15. The Lancers were led by freshman Hayden Ludwig with 12 points. The Big Green was led by Roby and Dustin Trenkamp with six and four points, respectively.

VARSITY

Lincolnview (40)

Nick Leeth 1-0-0-2, Kade Carey 4-1-0-11, Kyle Williams 1-4-0-14, Mark Evans 0-0-0-0, Justis Dowdy 4-0-1-9, Connor McCleery 0-0-0-0, Eli Farmer 0-0-0-0, Brooks Ludwig 2-0-0-4. Totals

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12-5-1/6-40.

Ottoville (52)

Derek Schimmoeller 2-0-4-8, Ryan Honigford 1-1-4-9, Luke Schimmoeller 6-0-7-19, Cory Fischer 0-0-0-0, Brandt Landin 4-0-0-8, Austin Honigford 0-0-4-4, Tyler Roby 0-1-1-4. Totals 13-2-20-52.

Score by Quarters:

Lincolnview 13-8-13-6 — 40

Ottoville 10-13-9-20 — 52

JUNIOR VARSITY

Lincolnview (27)

Austin Leeth 1-0-1-3, Derek Friesner 2-0-0-4, Hayden Ludwig 3-2-0-12, Troy Thompson 1-0-1-3, Adam Stocksdales 1-0-0-2, Chandler Adams 0-0-3-3. Totals 8-2-5-27.

Ottoville (15)

Tyler Roby 3-0-0-6, Matt Turnwald 1-0-0-2, Rudy Wenzlick 0-0-1-1, Dustin Trenkamp 1-0-4-6. Totals 5-0-5-15.

Score by Quarters:

Lincolnview 9-18 — 27

Ottoville 7-8 — 15