LIMA —Lincolnview had all the early momentum as they squared off against Ottoville in a Division IV district semi-final at Lima Senior High School Thursday night.

However, the Big Green are not the number-one ranked team in Ohio for nothing.

After trailing early, the Big Green used the break between the first and second quarters to turn the tables and run away from the Big Green for a 60-27 win in the nightcap.

Ottoville (24-0) advances to Saturday night's district final at Lima Senior to face Crestview (22-2) at 7 p.m. The Lady Lancers saw a great season come to an end at 18-6.

Lincolnview had all the early momentum racing out to a 12-8 lead on the strength of two three-pointers by senior Claire Dye. Ottoville ended the first quarter with a 5-0 run for a 13-12 lead after one quarter as senior post Abby Siefker hit a short jumper, senior Rachel Turnwald hit a free throw and Siefker added two free throws for the one point lead before the opening quarter buzzer sounded.

Ottoville's run carried over into the second quarter as they scored the first 13 points of the second eight minutes before Lincolnview scored on a Claire Dye jumper with 2:49 left in the opening half. Unfortunately that was the only basket the Lancers scored in the quarter as the Big Green took control of the game before a largely dominated Ottoville crowd.

The key to the second quarter for the Lady Green was getting the ball inside which helped open up the guards when an inside shot was not available due to the Lancers sticky defense.

The 6-2 Siefker had nine points in the second quarter, while junior guard Taylor Mangas added five points as she nailed a three-pointer that put Ottoville up 25-12. Five of Siefker's points came after Dye's basket before senior Nicole Vorst ended the first half scoring with a layup off a

steal.

“The first quarter we did not do a good enough job working the ball around and inside to our bigs,” Ottoville coach Dave Kleman said. “A few suggestions at the quarter we got the ball inside where it needed to be and got some easy shots for our guards then. We didn’t execute well, but give Lincolnview credit they came out hard and executed their game plan. A lot of the time it’s like a scrimmage and we have to adjust on the fly to the other teams schemes.”

While Ottoville’s offense picked up its intensity after the opening minutes, their defense was solid as it started to force turnovers that they were able to turn into shot attempts. The Big Green’s size inside was key as they were able to get second and third shot attempts at times.

“We started the first quarter just like we wanted to,” Lancer coach Dan Williamson said. “We knew we were going to have to make some outside shots and we did. We were aggressive on both ends of the floor, but then Ottoville made some adjustments and our outside shots were not falling. We lost our momentum offensively and it just kind of snowballed the second half and we couldn’t keep them off the boards.”

If the Lancers were to make a run at the Big Green they needed to come out strong in the third quarter and cut into the Ottoville lead. Instead Lincolnview managed just three points in the third quarter, all by sophomore Julia Thatcher, as just three Lancer players scored through three quarters.

Ottoville kept up its offensive onslaught as they scored 16 points in the third quarter as five different players scored for the Big Green. Siefker had six points in the quarter for the Big Green, while Mangas hit another three and Rachel Beining had three points.

The fourth quarter saw the Lady Green finish off the game with an 11-10 scoring margin as Ottoville emptied its bench.

Siefker led the Big Green with 18 points and Mangas added 11. Beining finished with nine points and Turnwald seven.

Claire Dye led the Lancers with 10 points and Kaitlyn Brant six.

“The girls played extremely hard. They didn’t leave anything on the floor and that’s all you can ask for at tournament time from your team,” Williamson said. “We’re not tall, so we were trying to force as many turnovers as possible. I thought we did a good job pressuring the ball, but they did a good job of handling it. They ran their offense well and got the ball where the wanted it and we started to get in some foul trouble in the second quarter.”

Lincolnview 9- 7- 27: K. Brant 2-4-6; C. Dye 4-0-10; J. Thatcher 1-1-3; K. Dye 2-0-4; K. Thatcher 1-0-2; A. Teman 0-1-1; C. Clay 0-1-1 H. McCleery 0-0-0; C. Stemen 0-0-0; A. Bowersock 0-0-0; B. Schroeder 0-0-0; D. Springer 0-0-0.

Ottoville 21- 13- 60: R. Beining 3-3-9; R. Turnwald 3-1-7; T. Mangas 4-1-11; A. Siefker 6-6-18; N. Vorst 1-2-4; H. Landwher 1-0-3; N. Kramer 2-0-6; Le. Wannemacher 1-0-2; Ly. Wannemacher 0-0-0; A. Lindeman 0-0-0; C. Von Sossan 0-0-0; K. Eickholt 0-0-0; M. Sarka 0-0-0; C. Boecker 0-0-0.

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Ottoville 13 20 16 11 - 60

Three-point goals: Lincolnview 2 (C. Dye 2); Ottoville 5 (Mangas 2, Kramer 2, Landwehr 1)__PUBLIC__