

C.S. Lewis boys team stumbles against Pirates

C.S. Lewis coach Dave Brown calls the officiating in Tuesday's 10-point loss to Perrydale 'absolutely terrible'

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Dave Brown couldn't help but fume Tuesday, moments after his C.S. Lewis Academy boys basketball team fell 59-49 at home to Perrydale.

Standing in a hallway at Edwards Elementary, Brown leaned against a wall and attempted to accept the loss. It wasn't easy, though. Not only did Perrydale shoot more free throws than the Watchmen (C.S. Lewis was 5-8 and Perrydale was 16-27), but it was the bizarre officiating that did C.S. Lewis in, Brown said.

"They were so inconsistent," he said. "I kept telling the guys to attack the basket and I could go back and give you a dozen times where we should have went to the free-throw line."

Brown pointed to a particular sequence with 18 seconds remaining in the game. Junior Gabe Leatherman grabbed a rebound, put up a shot and was seemingly fouled, but there was no call. He grabbed his own rebound and was grazed by a Perrydale defender and a foul was called. He said that kind of officiating typified the game.

"It was horrible officiating," Brown said. "Absolutely terrible. What's so difficult in this game is that the kids are so frustrated. If you win, it's great, but I would have still considered the worst officiating even if we won by 20."

In Brown's first year as a Class 1A coach, he said officiating has been relatively fair so far this season. But not on Tuesday.

"We attacked, we got fouled on rebounds, we got fouled on when we were underneath the basket and I felt we should have shot a lot more free throws or if they start getting into foul trouble, they can't be nearly as aggressive because their kids were going up hard on stuff over the back," he said.

In spite of the officiating, C.S. Lewis couldn't help itself. The Watchmen scored a mere two points in the final 3:25 and were outscored 11-2 the rest of the way.

Brown said he felt "good" that in spite of the officiating the Watchmen were able to stay within 10 points.

"Are they better than us? No," he said. "Are we better than them? It's about dead even, I'd say. They're a little quicker and we're a little bit bigger."

Ryan Haffner led C.S. Lewis with 18 points. Vas Walker, who fouled out in the fourth quarter, scored nine points, grabbed 14 rebounds and added six assists. Leatherman added nine points, six rebounds and an assist. Blake Boddington also scored nine for C.S. Lewis.

C.S. Lewis shot 35 percent (18-51) from the field, including 35 percent (8-23) on three-pointers. Perrydale shot 41 percent (20-49) from the field, including 30 percent (3-10) on three-pointers.

The Watchmen dropped to 2-3 in the Casco League and Perrydale improved to 2-3.

"That's a tough loss," Brown said. "No matter how you slice it, that's a tough loss. It's a game that's good for them and bad for us."

The Watchmen return to action Tuesday with a 7 p.m. game at Country Christian, currently in first place in the Casco League with a 6-0 record.