

Watchmen stumble against No. 5 Country Christian in loss

The C.S. Lewis Academy boys basketball team commits 25 turnovers Friday in a loss to the Cougars

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The C.S. Lewis Academy boys basketball now knows what it's like to play against one of the top Class 1A teams in the state.

It stings.

The Watchmen committed 25 turnovers Friday and suffered a 78-41 home loss to No. 5-ranked Country Christian.

For the Watchmen (2-4, 0-2 Casco League), it was their second consecutive loss where they had more than 20 turnovers.

"We've got to quit shooting ourselves in the foot," C.S. Lewis coach Dave Brown said. "You won't beat anybody with 25 turnovers."

Still, the Watchmen had little answer for the league's top team, which features perhaps the top two Casco players - senior guards Isaac McKinley and Paul Carter.

"They're smart, tough kids and a well-coached team," Brown said. "They were good and they're tough. They've got seven seniors and they think this is their year. It was kind of an eye-opener for our guys. We've got to match that intensity."

Brown said the Cougars were "bigger, faster and tougher" than the Watchmen.

"When you're tougher, you don't turn the ball over as much," he said. "We need to get tougher, though. We could blame it on shooting, but everybody could. We have to take care of the ball, too."

Besides C.S. Lewis Academy's problem with turnovers, Brown said the team's lack of an offensive scorer hurts.

"We don't have a go-to player for offense, which would be really nice," he said. "So we'll have to get better at execution and playing to our strengths. With that, we get pretty good looks, but we don't finish well. That's frustrating."

Gabe Leatherman's 15 points and six rebounds led the Watchmen. Blake Boddington added nine points and four rebounds and Ryan Haffner had eight points for C.S. Lewis.

Notes: The C.S. Lewis Academy girls basketball team suffered a 46-5 home loss Friday to Country Christian.

The Watchmen fell to 0-3 with the loss.