

# Minus coach, C.S. Lewis notches first win of season

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Going into Tuesday's home game against King's Way Christian School, the C.S. Lewis Academy girls basketball were winless and hadn't scored more than 17 points in any single game.

On Tuesday, the Watchmen more than doubled their previous scoring total and picked up their first win of the season with a 38-11 victory against King's Way (Vancouver, Wash.)

First-year head coach Krystal Johnson was unable to coach the Watchmen after falling ill Monday. C.S. Lewis boys basketball coach Dave Brown and his staff stepped in and coached the squad.

It wasn't long, however, before Johnson found out about the victory.

"Three of my girls called me after the game really excited about their win," she said. "They let me know they were thankful for my coaching and that they really worked hard and had fun."

Kendra Martin and Natalie Nibler led the Watchmen with 10 points each. Danielle Davis added nine and Ashley Cox scored five. Anna Martin added two points, eight rebounds, two steals and an assist. As a team, C.S. Lewis had 25 steals and was led by the eight of Davis. Kendra Martin added five and Jessica Spivey had four.

The Watchmen were also 5-14 from the free-throw line.

Brown, who worked with the team during Monday practice, said the Watchmen played well in their win.

"They were ready to play hard," he said. "I was really proud of them. It was fun. I hadn't coached girls in a long time. We talked to them mainly about them needing to come out and getting a win. That was important for them to get that."

The Watchmen's seven players committed 29 turnovers in a game more fast-paced than previous contests.

"That's a lot of turnovers, but part of that is that they tried to push the ball for the first time and you have to learn how to do that ...," Brown said.

Johnson said the leadership and intensity of Davis, along with Nibler's 10 points, was key for the Watchmen. The two co-captains, Johnson said, inspired the team to play with confidence.

"They really led our team to fight and achieve the goals that they set in the game," she said. "In this game, our captains really brought the team to the next level."

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### **Watchmen improve, defeat King's Way**

Junior Ryan Haffner scored 13 points Tuesday to lead the C.S. Lewis Academy boys basketball team to a 60-38 home win against King's Way Christian School.

The victory against King's Way, a school from Vancouver, Wash., improved the Watchmen to 3-4.

"It was a good win," said first-year C.S. Lewis coach Dave Brown. "It's kind of weird for me because we've seen quite a few ranked teams, so I don't have a real good beat on how good we are yet. They didn't have anybody who was impossible for us to guard, so that was nice to see."

Along with Haffner's 13 points, senior post Cody Milton added 12 points, six rebounds and two assists.

"(Milton) played, by far and away, his best game of the season," Brown said.

Junior guards Blake Boddington and Gabe Leatherman had 10 points apiece. Leatherman also had seven rebounds and two assists. Starting senior guard Vas Walker played sparingly in the win due to a back injury.

"He looked like an 80-year-old guy with a bad back out there," Brown said.

Brown said he thinks Walker's injury occurred in the team's three-game stretch in four days at the beginning of the season.

"He definitely just aggravated it when he played on it too long, too much and too strong," Brown said. "I think it's hurting a lot more than he's letting on. He's a gamer, though. He wants to get back in there."

The Watchmen, who had 16 turnovers and 13 assists in the victory, returns to action Tuesday with a 7 p.m. Casco League game at Jewell.