

Watchmen stunned by Perrydale

The C.S. Lewis Academy boys basketball team did nearly everything it didn't want to do in Tuesday's 43-34 home loss to Perrydale.

The Watchmen wanted a slow-paced game and they wanted to work the ball into their posts. The Watchmen struggled to do either.



"We didn't shoot the ball well and didn't do anything we talked about wanting to do," C.S. Lewis coach Bruce Toney said. "They wanted to speed the game up and our kids played right into their hands."

Toney also said he was caught by surprise by a tactical move by Perrydale coach Terry Newton.

"He did some things I wasn't ready for with a trapping halfcourt press that he hasn't used in three years, so he caught me by surprise," Toney said. "That won't happen again, though."

The game was close throughout the first half. On the final possession of the second quarter, Toney vehemently argued for a foul to be called when a C.S. Lewis player seemed to be fouled. As time expired, Toney was called for a technical foul. Perrydale hit 1 of 2 free throws and held a slim four-point halftime lead.

The Pirates (5-2 Casco League, 6-6 overall) extended their lead in the second half as Isaac Prince held the Watchmen's Tim Scott, an honorable mention all-state guard from a season ago, to seven points.

"(Prince) gives (Scott) fits anytime they play anyway, but he just took (Scott) out of our offense," Toney said.

Andy Keyser led the Watchmen with 14 points and seven rebounds.

"That was probably his best game of the year," Toney said.

Ivan Soppe added 11 points and 10 rebounds for C.S. Lewis.

Toney said the Watchmen (4-1, 8-4) are looking forward to when the teams meet again Feb. 6 at Perrydale.

"Our kids can't wait to play Perrydale again because they know they didn't play well at all," Toney said. "Defensively, I thought we played great ... but we didn't execute or take care of the basketball. We're not a team that wants to run up and down the court; we want to bring it up the court and work our inside game. We had kids take off and run with the ball and that played right into the hands of Perrydale."