

## Watchmen stung with narrow loss to Warriors

The C.S. Lewis Academy girls basketball team came back from a nine-point deficit Friday to take the lead in the final minute, only to fall at home 34-33 to Willamette Valley Christian.

With 28 seconds remaining in the game, the Watchmen's Gabrielle Van Noord grabbed a loose ball and passed it to Ashley Tilden who scored. The basket gave the Watchmen a 33-31 lead.

After a WVC score that tied the game, the Watchmen could not get a shot to fall before WVC's Heather Potter was fouled with two seconds remaining and hit 1 of 2 free throws with two seconds left to seal the win.

"With her going to the line, it wasn't a big surprise that she made 1 of 2 because she's their best player," C.S. Lewis coach Doug Scott said of Potter.

What hurt the Watchmen in the loss was their first-half shooting. C.S. Lewis struggled by going 2 for 28 from the field, 24 of those attempts, Scott said, were layins. Still, the Watchmen were in the game at halftime, down just 18-9.

"They weren't able to stop us inside, but it all comes down to going 2 for 28 in the first half," he said. "If we go 3 for 28, we win the game. It doesn't come down to anything but our first-half shooting."

Scott said he couldn't believe the lack of luck the Watchmen had by missing so many close shots.

"It was kind of amazing," he said. "Luck wasn't exactly on our side because if it was, they would have bounced in, you'd think. But it was just one of those days that they didn't fall."

A night later, the Watchmen played without Van Noord, Jen Harrington, Amelia Fivecoat and Danielle Davis in a 48-10 loss to Jewell.

Fivecoat is out for the season with an injured shoulder, Van Noord was at a drama production and Harrington and Davis were both ill.

"We were down to seven players and found ourselves starting a first-year player," Scott said. "We were down only 19 late in the third, so we held our own defensively extremely well, but losing 48-10, there were no shining starts offensively."