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points. In an unusual turn of events, Harrison Co. players were whistled for four technical fouls.

The Lions scored the first six points of the contest and never looked back. Three treys tossed in by Harrison Co. senior Landon Kinney as well as an additional threepointer buried by senior Donovan Walker kept the Breds within striking distance. In fact, with 6:27 left in the second quarter, Kinney scored on a putback that narrowed the gap to seven points at

That's when Lewis Co. began overpowering Harrison Co. by going on an 18-1 rally. The successful stretch was culminated when Lion senior Daylen Bivens scored on a layup that increased the Lewis Co. lead to 41-17 with 2:24 remaining in the first half.

The Lions were able to maintain an advantage of at least 20 points until the Thorobred reserves outscored their counterparts from Lewis Co. 17-4 late in the matchup that made the final score look more respectable.

Kinney led Harrison Co. in scoring with 18 points. The Breds made 20-of-57 shots for 35%, including 10-of-21 from beyond the arc. Senior Julian Puente led the Lions with 26 points. Lewis Co. made 31-of-63 shots for 39%, point range.

Harrison Co. vs. Rowan

With both teams having lost in the opening round of the Dan Swartz Classic, each squad was hungry to

As one may imagine, in as close a game as this one was, several players turned in bright performances. However, Rowan Co. junior star Cameron Cross carried his team when he needed to and made several big plays down the stretch that helped the Vikings come out on top

Andrew Case said, "I was very happy with the way we played. It was good to see Blake Green and Lawson Hunt playing the way they did before their injuries."

Case continued, "Now we have to work on recovering more of those '50-50' balls and turn them into '70-30' loose balls that bounce our way. There were nine or ten balls in this game that I had hoped we'd get our hands on because they may have made a difference in the outcome of the game.'

"I was also glad to see Sawyer Cracraft get his shooting rhythm back," Case commented. "Like all good shooters, he just kept trying to make shots until he eventually shot his way out of his slump."

In a game that featured six ties and eight lead changes, neither team led by more than eight points. In fact, the game was so tight that during an eight-minute stretch in the second half, neither squad was able to build more than a two-point advantage.

Harrison Co. jumped out including 4-of-16 from three- in front in the early part of the contest, racing out to an eight-point lead. With 1:26 left in the opening quarter, Kinney found the bottom of the net with a triple from the left wing and was fouled on the play. The extraordinary

avoid a second straight defeat. four-point play gave the Breds their biggest advantage at

> The Vikings struck back quickly. Starting with backto-back baskets from beyond the perimeter by Rowan Co. junior Drew Epling, the Vikings embarked on a 15-4 run that turned the eightpoint deficit into a 21-18 lead following a three-pointer from the right corner by Rowan Co. freshman Owen Kadlec with 3:37 remaining in the second period.

After Cracraft tied the score at 21 apiece on the ensuing possession, the two teams traded baskets until halftime with Cracraft dropping in a pair of free throws with 0:09 left that sent the teams to the locker room with the Vikings leading 31-30.

A jumper from the right elbow by Cross and a putback by Rowan Co. freshman Bently Barnett on back-toback possessions to begin the third stanza extended the advantage for the Vikings to 35-30 with 7:09 remaining in the quarter. Harrison Co. responded with a 10-foot baseline jumper by Cracraft, a layup by Green and a transition crib shot by Cracraft following a steal that put the Breds back out on top 36-35 with 4:27 left in the period.

From that point until the end of the stanza, the two teams exchanged the lead six times. A steal and bucket by Cross with 0:24 on the clock sent Rowan Co. into the fourth quarter with a 45-44 lead.

An old-fashioned threepoint play by Barnett was followed by a steal and layup by Cross to begin the final period allowing the Vikings to take a 50-44 advantage with 5:46 remaining.

Even though those shots were haymakers, Harrison Co. wasn't dead yet. Senior Jack Midden cut the deficit in half with a trey from the right corner after which Hunt stole a pass and banked in the transition basket, narrowing the gap to 50-49 with 2:14 left.

Led by Cross, Rowan Co. took control at this point, going on a 9-2 mini-run that was capped by a couple of free throws by Epling that pretty much put the game out of reach with the lead for the Vikings at 59-51 with only 0:40 remaining.

The Breds' hopes were kept on life support when Cracraft connected on a triple and Green converted 1-of-2 free throw attempts that decreased the deficit to 59-55 with 0:16 left. But that was as close as Harrison Co. would get with Barnett making two free throws with 0:10 remaining to post the final score at 61-55.

Cracraft led the Breds in scoring with a career-best 22 points. Harrison Co. made 22-of-52 shots for 42%, including 6-of-21 from beyond the arc. Cross led Rowan Co. with 17 points. The Vikings made 23-of-45 shots for 51%, including 6-of-10 from threepoint range.

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