

## RAMS

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court in a Raceland jersey is coming to an end soon, and he's going to get the most out of it that he can get."

Jake Waller followed suit with 17 points, going 3 for 4 from downtown while guiding the Rams offense from the point.

"Jake has been really good for us and his outside shot was falling tonight," Bryan said. "I'm prouder of him for his drives to the basket and being very physical and strong and finishing through people."

Lewis County kept Raceland at arm's length through most of the first frame to trail 17-10. The Raceland lead ballooned to double digits in the second after Waller tossed home his first triple of the night for a 22-12 edge. Daylen Bivens answered back with an and-1 at the other end to cut the deficit to seven, but Welch countered for one of his four 3s in the game on the next trip. Bivens shouldered the load in the second to keep the game from spiraling out of control as the Lions trailed 33-24 at the break.

"In my estimation, Daylen is the toughest matchup in the region," Tackett said. "He is

6-foot-4, can play in the post and has guard skills. He's shooting 59% from the field, 43% from 3, and 78% from the line, and he's very central to what we try to do, and he's going to be vital to us in the postseason."

Bivins tallied a double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Waller picked up in the third just as he had done in the second, with a 6-0 run to move the lead to 40-24. Welch tossed in another triple for the largest lead of the night at 19 points.

While the outcome was one-sided much of the night, both coaches admitted the game was played close to the vest, leading into the decisive contest next week in the opening round of the 63rd District Tournament at Russell.

"I don't put much stock in this game, and I'm sure Coach Bryan doesn't either," Tackett said. "We were outplayed and out-coached tonight, but it's my hope that this is an attention-getter for my guys so we can lock in and play like we have the last three weeks."

Bryan agreed with Tackett.

"Everybody was pretty vanilla," Bryan said. "There wasn't a bunch of offensive sets run. Everybody just ran their basic motion stuff, but you still want to be the more physical team and

guard well and I thought we did that tonight."

Raceland still has two games remaining on its regular-season schedule, but Bryan said the bulk of the Rams' focus is on the rematch with the Lions next week.

"No disrespect to Ashland or Nicholas County, everybody knows how good they are, but we are going to be focused on Lewis County," he said. "We will prepare for the other two games, but the bulk of our prep time will be solely on Lewis in the district matchup next week."

Julian Puente led the Lions with 19 points. Eli Caines grabbed 10 rebounds for the Rams.

LEWIS CO.	FG	FT	REB	TP
Miller	2-5	0-0	0	6
J. Puente	7-22	2-3	5	19
Detillion	1-4	0-0	4	2
Gerike	0-4	0-0	2	0
Bivens	7-13	4-5	12	18
B. Puente	0-2	0-1	1	0
Dunaway	0-2	0-0	0	0
Knox	0-0	0-0	0	0
Owens	1-1	0-0	0	2
Russell	1-1	0-0	2	2
McCray	0-0	0-0	0	0
Bloomfield	0-0	0-0	0	0
TEAM				6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19-54</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>49</b>

FG Pct.: 35.2. FT Pct.: 75.0. 3-pointers: 5-19 (B. Puente 0-1, Miller 2-4, Dunaway 0-2, J. Puente 3-8, Detillion 0-1, Gerike 0-2, Bivens 0-1). PF: 11. Fouled out: Adkins. Turnovers: 11.

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Caines	2-5	0-0	10	5
Evans	1-6	0-0	2	2
Waller	5-7	4-7	3	17
Arnett	4-11	1-2	4	9
Welch	9-12	0-0	6	22
Large	2-6	0-0	2	5
Douglas	0-1	0-0	0	0
Bradshaw	1-2	0-0	1	2
TEAM				2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24-50</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>62</b>

FG Pct.: 48.0. FT Pct.: 55.6. 3-pointers: 9-15 (Caines 1-2, Evans 0-1, Waller 3-4, Large 1-3, Douglas 0-1, Welch 4-4). PF: 10. Fouled out: None. Turnovers: 6.

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