Flying Arrows follow scorching first half with frigid second

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PATCH GROVE – Following a scorching hot shooting performance in the first half of last week's regional quarterfinal, coach Brian Knapp's Flying Arrows cooled off considerably in the second half, resulting in a season-ending loss to host River Ridge.

The Lancaster varsity boys' basketball team concluded the 2022-23 season last Tuesday night with a record of 4-21, losing to the Timberwolves, 79-48, in a division 4 regional quarterfinal contest. The first half of Tuesday night's contest

was a flurry of 3-point baskets, with Lancaster making 10-of-11 (91%) attempts and River Ridge 8-of-16 (50%). There were three ties and 14 lead changes

in the first 18 minutes of action, with River Ridge holding their largest lead of 6-0 early in

the contest and Lancaster holding their largest lead of 26-21 at the 5:32 mark.

After the first-half flurry that saw the two teams combine to make 18-of-27 (67%) attempts from downtown, the Timberwolves held a slight advantage of

39-36 over their visitors.

The second half though

belonged to the Timberwolves, who used a 17-0 scoring run to start the session and take a commanding 56-36 lead with 11:21 to play in

Lancaster, who made just 2-of-11 (18%) attempts from long range in the second half, didn't score a single point during the first seven minutes of the half, after going scoreless in the last 1:26 of the first.

River Ridge, on the other hand, made their

first five 3-point shots to open the second half and wound up making 6-of-8 from long range during that stretch. On the night the T-Wolves made 14-of-23 (61%) attempts from long range to set a new school record for most 3-pointers made in a game. Lancaster wound up making 12-of-22

(54.5%) attempts from downtown, and together, the two teams combined to make 26-of-45 (58%) From 2-point range, the Arrows knocked

down 5-of-26 (19%) attempts, and from the free throw line were 2-of-7 (29%). They were outscored 24-6 in the paint and out-rebounded Freshman guard Taylor Williams led the

Arrows with 19 points on 7-of-12 shooting from the floor, including 5-of-7 from long range. He also pulled down five rebounds in the loss.

Chipping in nine points was sophomore

Michael Murphy, who was 3-of-4 from downtown, while fellow sophomore Tyler Timmerman added eight points and was 2-of-4

from long range. Junior forward Connor Raisbeck pulled down a team-high six rebounds, while senior

Mitchel Wolf dished out a team-high four assists. Coach Knapp looses five seniors from this year's team in Wolf, Jayden Kaufman, Brady Oyen, Tanner Knapp and Garrett Gildersleeve.

River Ridge 79, Lancaster 48 (D4 regional quarterfinal from Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Patch Grove)

nor Raisbeck 2, Will Bussan 2. Totals - 17-47, 2-7 48. **River Ridge** - Brandon Davis 10, Aidan Gage 18, Brady Bunge 5, Carter Copsey 3, Braden Crubel 18, Matthew Nies 16, Anthony Jais 4, Elliott Thornton 2, Luke Patterson 3. Totals - 30-61, 5-679

3-point goals - L. (12-22) Murphy 3, Timmerman 2, Wolf 1, Williams 5, Reuter 1; RR: (14-23) Gage 4, Bunge 1, Copsey 1, Crubel 4, Nies 3, Patterson 1. Team fouls - L 13, RR 15. Fouled out - None.





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