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College basketball: Wranglers can't keep up with No. 1 Chaps

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Odessa College's Scotty Norwood (right) tries to drive around Midland College's Ty Nurse on Monday.

With 12:56 remaining in the first half, several of the Odessa College players screamed with joy after Eriq Harris' layup gave the Wranglers a five-point lead on top-ranked Midland College.

When the buzzer sounded to end the first 20 minutes of play, with the Chaparrals completing a 29-7 run to end the first half, the screams coming from the Wranglers were of frustration.

Darrell Williams scored a game-high 25 points, most of them from within five feet of the basket, to lead the Chaparrals to a 80-69 victory over Odessa College in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action at the Midland College Chaparral Center.

Williams added a game-high 18 rebounds to the mix, as well.

Kevin Schaffartzik led the Wranglers (18-5 overall, 3-4 in conference) with 14 points off the bench, with Josh Brown finishing with 13 in the loss.

"Midland College is a big, physical team and we didn't handle that well," Odessa College coach Dennis Helms said. "We did OK on the perimeter, but inside No. 25 (Williams) dominated."

“He’s good enough to where he makes up for a lot of their mistakes.”

Jonathan Simmons added 16 and Kenny Moore 13 for Midland College, who improved to 23-0 on the season and 7-0 in conference.

The game started at break-neck speed, as both teams eschewed defense to run up and down the floor and bring Helms and Midland College coach Ross Hodge to their feet several times trying to get things under control.

And it was the Chaparrals getting the best of the early efforts, running out to a 14-9 lead that was capped by Guy Landry’s alley-oop slam dunk on a pass from Brockeith Lane that brought the partisan crowd to its feet.

That also seemed to energize the Wranglers, however, and they reeled off 10 unanswered points, including six in a row by Brown, to take the five-point lead after Harris’ basket.

Midland College’s Jordan Walker ended the run with a layup, Tyshawn Edmondson added a pair of free throws and when Moore finished a fast break with a layup, the Chaparrals had the lead (20-19) for good and were off to the races.

The Wranglers outscored Midland College, 43-37, in the second half, but by then it was too little, too late.

“That run at the end of the first half, when we were up 19-14 or 19-16 really killed us,” Helms said. “They just got going, we started turning the ball over and it got out of control. We have to learn how to be patient and take care of the basketball if we expect to compete in this conference.”

>> No. 1 Midland College 80, Odessa College 69

ODESSA COLLEGE

Anthony hubbard 2 2-4 7, Melvin Baker 2 0-0 4, Scottie Farrington 1 0-2 2, Thomas Schoeps 0 0-0 0, Desmond Woodberry 3 1-5 7, Scotty Norwood 1 3-5 6, Josh Brown 6 1-2 13, Eriq Harris 1 0-1 2, Kevin Schaffartzik 4 3-5 14, Darrick Brown 0 3-4 3, Rashad Savage 2 0-0 4, Kadeem Coleby 3 1-2 7. **Totals 25 14-30 69.**

MIDLAND COLLEGE

Curtis Jackson 3 0-1 7, Rodney Milus 0 1-2 1, Ty Nurse 2 0-0 5, Guy Landry 1 0-0 2, Brockeith Pane 2 1-2 5, Tyshawn Edmondson 0 4-7 4, Kenny Moore 6 1-2 13, Caleb Dean 0 0-0 0, Jonathan Simmons 5 4-4 16, Darrell Williams 10 5-7 25, Jordan Walker 1 0-0 2. **Totals 20 16-25 80.**

Halftime—Midland College 43, Odessa College 26. 3-point goals—Odessa College 5-20 (Anthony Hubbard 1-2, Melvin Baker 0-1, Desmond Woodberry 0-3, Scotty Norwood 1-2, Josh Brown 0-3, Eriq Harris 0-1, Kevin Schaffartzik 3-8), Midland College 4-13 (Curtis Jackson 1-2, Rodney Milum 0-1, Ty Nursa 1-1, Guy Landry 0-3, Brockeith 0-1, Kenny Moore 0-2, Jonathan Simmons 2-2, Darrell Williams 0-1). Total fouls—Odessa College 24, Midland College 24. Fouled out—Odessa College: Eriq Harris, Kedeem Coleby. Technical fouls—Midland College: Curtis Jackson. Rebounds—Odessa College 44 (Scottie Farrington 7), Midland College 47 (Darrell Williams 18). Assists—Odessa College 6 (Anthony Hubbard 2, Desmond Woodberry 2), Midland College 16 (Brockeith Pane 4).

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