

Cougars fall 56-35 to Providence Pioneers

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Providence had a good time Friday night; not only did they win their home game over the visiting North Harrison Cougars 56-35, but they also crowned their 2009-10 Homecoming Queen.

North Harrison fell behind 5-0 early, but Lincoln Jones and Devin Southard got things on board with four points right after. Alex Edwards and Southard kept the Cougars within 10-8 but Providence scored consecutive baskets and led 14-8.

North Harrison called a 30 second time out down 14-8, but it didn't really help.

Providence led 20-8 after a three and a 3 of 4 free throw stretch right before the 2nd quarter.

Southard scored a pair of freebies right before the quarter end to give north Harrison a brief respite.

Edwards and Colin Book scored to get the Cougars within 20-14, but the pioneers pulled out in front again 25-14. Lincoln Jones' bucket (4:51) was the only scoring the Cougars could muster until Dakota Bosler scored on a pair of free throws with 51 seconds left in the 2nd quarter.

The Cougars were outscored only 12-10 in the 3rd quarter, and they got help in the scoring column from Joe Bolin (who hit a three pointer), Pete Book, and Southard in the period. Besides a basket, Southard hit a pair of charity tosses.

Providence led 45-28 going into the final period.

Bolin and Southard each scored on lay ins to start the 4th, and got North within 45-32, but the Cougars missed a pair of free throws immediately after.

Jones also scored a basket with 5:14 left, keeping the Cougars within 47-34.

North Harrison then called a 30 second time out, but the game slipped from their hands over the next few minutes as the pioneers paraded to the line, and calmly sank 9 of 14 attempts (64.2 percent). The Cougars were down 56-34 at the end of this stretch.

Cody Morgan provided for the final margin when he hit a lone free throw for the Cougars with 1:55 left.

The Cougars (6-13) were led in scoring by Southard's 12 points. Providence (9-7) was led in scoring by A.J. Schmidt's 21 markers.