

North Harrison beats Lanesville in overtime, 67-65

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The North Harrison Cougars came to Lanesville 5-6 on a 3 game winning streak. The week before the Cougars beat Floyd Central 70-69 with a last second shot by Chandler Jenkins.

The Lanesville Eagles were 8-5 coming off of a loss against Orleans and were looking to get back with a home win.

Coach Greg Walters of the Cougars explained their winning streak. "There's been a lot of injuries early in the season, Joseph (Hinton) broke his hand and Chandler (Jenkins) had a big ankle sprain. We really weren't able to get the guys out there that we foresaw at the start of the season. Finally we got that mixture and we got guys coming in and the bench kids are great, their playing hard when they get in the game and their being good teammates."

North Harrison got things started off quickly, Cory Smith sunk 4 three pointers in the first quarter, which put them up where they wanted to be early. Lanesville's Jack Ferree was a big player throughout the game, he had 7 points in the first quarter and right before the end of the quarter he made a huge 3 pointer. At the end of the first quarter the Cougars were up 24-19.

In the second quarter the Cougars were held to 11 points and weren't playing the way they started. The Eagles made good on their opponent's problems, they made three 3 pointers, two of those came in the final 25 seconds by Tate Stilger, these put the Eagles up 36-35 at the end of the half.

The Cougar's struggles continued offensively in the third quarter. They were held to just 9 points and weren't able to score for the final three and a half minutes of the quarter. The Eagles slowed down a little bit but were still able to put up 13 points and hold on to the lead. At the end of the third the Eagles were that much closer to victory leading 44-49.

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In the fourth the Eagle's Ryan Fulkerson scored 7 points, but the team as a whole could only score 11. The Cougar's Austin Nolot was responsible for 9 of the teams 16 points, including the shot that tied the game at 60 apiece and sent the game into Overtime.

The Eagles struck first with a penalty shot by Joe Ferree. After getting shut out for half of Over

Time Alex Flock hit a 3 pointer and put his team up 63-61. The Eagle's Jason Harmon tied the game soon after with a score that tied them up at 63. Cougar's Chandler Jenkins scored and was soon answered by the Eagle's Micah Lane and the teams both saw themselves tied at 65. The Cougars were able to steal the ball from the Eagles, after a few passes North Harrison was able to get the ball into the hands of Chandler Jenkins inside the paint, who made the game winning shot against the Highlanders the week before. Off balance, Jenkins made a last second, sloppy shot, the ball bounced around the rim and somehow went through the net. The Cougars had won 67-65. "We want to get stops so it doesn't come down to that." said North Harrison's Coach Greg Walters. "I think we got crushed in the first half on the boards. And then we won in the second half on the boards. And that was a big key to the game and us being able to get back in it." Coach Walters expressed his thoughts on Jenkins. "I think Chandler Jenkins has made two game winning shots so Kudos to him and a big play."

The Cougar's Cory Smith made 18 (five 3 pointers) points even though he fouled out. Austin Nolot also scored 18 points even though he only got one three pointer.

The Eagle's Jack Ferree was able to score 17 points (two three pointers). Jason Harmon had 13 points and was able to put up a three pointer.

The Cougars have won 4 in a row and have an even record of 6-6. They'll be traveling to (2-7) Salem where they have a really good chance of getting another win and having a winning record.

The Eagles, now 8-6 will host (3-8) Eastern and will be looking to get off this two game losing streak.