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After falling to 0-2 in the Western Athletic Conference, and with the Orange Black Classic looming, Liberal needed a momentum boost.

Maize South provided it Friday night in the Big House.

After a slow start offensively, the Redskins used an aggressive defense to limit Maverick opportunities and score transition baskets in a 55-36 win.

Jade Cathey led the Redskins with 18 points.

“We needed to pick it up,” Cathey said.

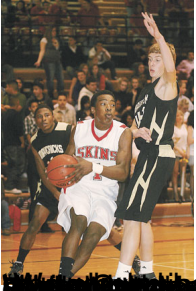
It was apparent that Liberal was going to play stronger defense against the Mavericks than they had against Hays and Garden City.

“It might have been a bit of a focus at practice,” Liberal coach Drew Gruver said. “It is a mindset to guard people and not let them score. We wanted to come out with intensity and take the fight to them.”

That aggression led to some early fouls, but Gruver expected to hear some whistles.

Second quarter run leads to Liberal win

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