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Cole Trippet made two threes in the final 1:30 to help the Beaver Dusters pick up a win in a defensive struggle over the Laverne Tigers, 41-38.

After making only one of seven threes in the first three quarters, Beaver went 3 of 5 from beyond the arc in the fourth.

Trippet's first three gave the Dusters a two point lead at 38-36. His second broke the 38-all tie and gave the Dusters the win.

Defense dominated the early stages of the game, with the first quarter ending in a 9-9 tie.

Samuel Becker helped the Duster offense get going in the second quarter with nine of the Dusters 14 points. Becker tallied 14 points in the game, all in the first half, and helped Beaver take a slim 23-19 lead to the locker room.

Buckets were tough to come by in the third, as Laverne outscored Beaver 8-5 to cut the lead to only one heading into the fourth.

The Tigers were able to get back into the game by getting to the free throw line, making 10 of 12 in the second half. Beaver's season long struggle at the free throw line continued with the Dusters only making 7 out of 18 attempts.

Trippet and Allan Butterfield combined to score 12 of the Dusters 13 points in the fourth quarter. Trippet finished the game with 12, and Butterfield with 5. Jacob Bridwell added 6.

Beaver improves their overall record to 14-7, and will host Southwestern Heights tonight.