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BEAVER, Okla. — The Lady Dusters held the Forgan Lady Bulldogs scoreless over a six minute stretch that gave Beaver the lead, but they had to survive a late Forgan surge to hold on for the win, 35-26.

"I thought we played really hard," Lady Dusters coach Casey Jones said. "Both teams were playing pretty good, physical, man-to-man defense. We came out in the second half and got a stop and scored a couple of quick buckets with the press. Really proud of the effort they give every time out."

Madison Cates scored with 31 second left in the second quarter to give the Lady Dusters back the lead, 11-10, just before the half by holding Forgan scoreless for the final two minutes.

Beaver's pressure defense got to the Lady Bulldogs, and Beaver's Kaitlin Kemp's three less than a minute into the second half sparked an 11-0 run that put the Lady Dusters up 12 (22-10) midway through the third quarter.

"We tried to keep them off balance by using different presses, but the big thing was we finally started hitting some buckets," Jones said. "We went to more set stuff and Kaitlin (Kemp) hit a big shot to get us started."

KaDawn McReynolds scored with 3:50 left in the third to end the scoring drought, but Forgan still trailed 26-15 heading to the fourth quarter.

A Beaver bucket in the first minute of the fourth made the score 28-15. That's when Forgan made their move. McReynolds converted a three-point play then hit a 3-point basket as the Lady Bulldogs went on an 11-4 run to cut the Lady Dusters' lead to just four (30-26) with 4:06 still left in the game.

But Forgan failed to score any more, and Beaver made added a bucket and three free throws at the end to win by nine.

Early in the game it was Beaver who jumped out to a 9-2 lead with 2:05 left in the first quarter.

Forgan bounced back with an 8-0 run to take a 10-9 lead with 2:09 left in the second quarter. It turned out to be their only lead of the game.

"We didn't put out much effort tonight and got what we deserved," Lady Bulldogs coach Brett Trippet said. "We have to play like we are capable of. We practice hard and have played hard most of the season, but I didn't like our effort tonight."

Beaver's Kaitlin Kemp finished the game as the leading scorer with 13; Jacinda Balderrama finished with 8.

Forgan was led by KaDawn McReynolds with 10, and Alex McBee added 6.

Defense sparks win for Lady Dusters

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Beaver will travel to Tyrone Tuesday. Forgan is off until they face Beaver again, Thursday in the first round of the Oil Center Classic in Woodward.