

Forgan topples Texhoma in OT

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FORGAN, Okla. - The Lady Red Devils had their chance. It was a bit of a gift after Forgan's long pass attempt on an inbounds play never touched inbounds, giving Texhoma the ball under their on basket with 3.3 seconds left regulation with a chance to break the tie at the buzzer.

Tabra Elliott came off the screen and got the open look her coach was hoping for, but the shot fell short, and the Lady Bulldogs pulled out a 50-47 win in overtime over Texhoma.

"We got the look we wanted," Lady Red Devils coach Britton Gabrielle said. "We wanted Elliot in the corner. She said she just didn't quite get her feet set. That's all we can ask for, they just didn't fall tonight."

Each team made a pair of field goals in overtime, but Forgan was 5 of 8 from the line in

overtime while Texhoma made just 2 of 5. That ended up being the difference in the game.

Forgan was just 4 of 13 at the line in the first three quarters, but finished a strong 10 of 14 in the fourth and overtime.

“Very proud of the girls,” Lady Bulldogs coach Brett Trippet said. “We started we and played hard early, and ran out of gas in the third. But we fought back and thought we did a lot of good things. We had 22 turnovers and still won. That means we played good defense, and that’s always something that gives you a chance.”

Forgan’s chance looked as though it may have slipped away early in the second half. Texhoma’s pressure defense started to pay dividends at the start of the second half.

The Lady Red Devils grabbed steals and turned them into uncontested layups in a 12-4 run that took Texhoma from down four at half to up four (30-26) with 3:23 left in the third.

But Forgan scored the final four points of the third to knot the game back at 30 heading into the fourth.

Texhoma looked to be back in control with a 7-1 start to the fourth, but Forgan hit two threes in the final minutes and hit all their free throws to tie the game again at 41 with 47 seconds left in regulation.

In the first quarter it was a deep three by Nikki Taylor, and another by KaDawn McReynolds less than a minute later that gave the Lady Bulldogs a 10-7 lead.

Texhoma trailed 13-10 at the end of the first quarter, but it could have been worse if Forgan had not missed 6 of 7 free throws.

The second quarter was low scoring, but Texhoma kept the score tight with a pair of threes by Sarah Murphy and Elliott.

“I thought Forgan played a very good game tonight,” Gabrielle said. “They hustled and they hit some big shots. They did a good job of handling our half-court pressure. I don’t know if it was the break, but we didn’t play as aggressive as we normally do. We missed too many chip shots under the basket, and when you don’t execute those you’re going to have a hard time winning.”

Texhoma finished the game 16 of 45 inside the arc, 3 of 16 outside, and 6 of 16 at the free throw line.

Forgan was 9 of 21 from 2-point, 6 of 12 from 3-point, and 14 of 27 at the line.

KaDawn McReynolds led the Lady Bulldogs with 18 points including 4 of 7 3-point shooting. Nikki Taylor added 17, including nine in the fourth quarter and overtime.

For Texhoma it was Sarah Murphy with 16 points on 7 of 17 shooting. Murphy struggled at the free throw line, making just 1 of 8. Tabra Elliot scored 13, including a pair of threes, and Braelyn Beattie added 10.

Forgan (8-13) travels to Laverne Tuesday night.

Texhoma (14-6) is finished with the regular season and will host the winner of the Beaver-Boise City game Saturday for the district championship.

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