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The Lady Redskins put up a fight against the undefeated Andover Central Jaguars in the Sub-State championship, and despite holding future Oklahoma State Cowgirl

Tiffany Bias to 13 points, fouls took their toll on the Lady Redskins in a 46-33 loss.

The Lady Redskins kept pace with the undefeated Jaguars early. Liberal standout Justice Norah score eight first quarter points along with a three pointer from Kayla Payton for an 11-11 tie in the first quarter.

Central jumped out to a 17-11 lead, but two baskets form Norah and a jumper from Payton off Jaguar turnovers tied the game 17-17 with 22 seconds to play in the half.



But those last 22 seconds would not be pleasant for the Lady Redskins.

Norah picked up her third foul, and Bias hit both free throws. Central forced a turnover on the inbounds and converted an old fashioned three point play, and after a missed shot by the Lady Redskins that was rebounded by Central, a buzzer beating basket gave the Jaguars a 25-17

halftime lead.

But Stout did not abandon the game plan of limiting the number of possessions in the second half, and it started to pay off.

At one point, the Lady Redskins held the ball and allowed three minutes to run off the clock without making a pass.

The Andover Central players and fans became restless, and when the Lady Redskins started to move the ball, Central committed six quick fouls.

When the Jaguars did get the ball, they came down and took quick shots. Bias fired four three-point attempts from well beyond the three point line, all of them missed.

The Jaguars couldn't get the lead beyond 10, and Liberal was able to keep the game to seven.

"We wanted to keep it close, to give us a chance in the fourth quarter," Stout said.

With 6:01 to play, Norah stole a pass and headed to the basket on a fast break. Bias was running with Norah and sat up when Norah went up for the lay-up. Norah made contact with Bias, and Norah was called for the offensive foul, her fifth.

Without Norah, Kirsten Ross carried the offensive load and trimmed the Jaguar lead to 34-27 with a breakaway lay-up.

Liberal had a chance to cut the lead to four, but a Payton three pointer missed, Central rebounded and pushed the lead back to nine.

To make up the difference, the Lady Redskins were forced to foul, and the Jaguars were able to make 6 of 11 down the stretch. Williams and Megan Campbell fouled out in the final two minutes, and Liberal finished the season 12-10 in the 46-33 loss.

"I really thing the game plan was executed," Stout said. "The girls did a perfect job. We wanted to have a chance in the fourth quarter and we had a chance. With Justice fouling out, that put us in a tough situation. She's where most of our scoring comes from."

For senior Kayla Varnes, the loss was painful, but looking back at the season, Varnes believed the Lady Redskins could be proud of their season.

"Some people didn't believe in us at the beginning of the season," an emotional Varnes said. "We really came together as a team. We tried our best."