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Braydon Robinson blocks a shot by Forgan, Okla.'s Dustin Unruh Tuesday. The block led to a transition basket for the Cardinals. Turpin went on to knock off the No. 8 Bulldogs, 47-40. Turpin advanced to 7-3 with the win while Forgan fell to 7-1.



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TURPIN, OKLA. — The Turpin Cardinals used a 12-2 run that included three consecutive 3-point baskets by three different players to move from seven down to up three late in the third quarter. It was a lead they would not surrender the rest of the game, as Turpin defeated the No. 8-ranked and undefeated Forgan Bulldogs 47-40.

This was a closely contested game of short runs by both teams, with tenacious defense that led to transition baskets for both teams. Because of the defenses, neither team had much success in their half court offenses. "I thought the best shooters on both teams took some bad shots, but that was because of the defenses. It was hard to get good looks.", said Gary Wallace, head coach of the Turpin Cardinals. Forgan's Ryan Radcliff kept them in the game early, scoring 7 of the Bulldogs 9 first quarter points. Turpin was able to get steals from Blake Scott (2) and Keifer Hood that led to lay-ups in transition for each other and for Konner Hood to end the first quarter in a 9-9 tie. Turpin used a 12-2 run that started with 2:41 left in the first quarter, with Turpin behind 2-7, to take a 14-9 lead on Kiefer Hood's 3-point basket with 6:17 left in the second period. Forgan then went on a 9-0 run of their own with Rhett Radcliff leading the way with six points to give the Bulldogs an 18-14 lead with 2:07 left in the half. Forgan could have increased their lead, but was only 2 of 7 from the free throw line in the quarter. Blake Scott hit his first of three three's and Aaron Kuns added a basket, and the teams went to the half knotted at 19.

Forgan started the second half fast with two baskets by Ryan Radcliff and a three by Brian Morris to give the Bulldogs a 26-19 lead with 4:58 left in the third.

And then the 12-2 run by Turpin that seemed to change the game happened. First Konner Hood hit one of two free throws, and then a 3-point basket by Keifer Hood. Ryan Radcliff scored for Forgan to make it 28-23. Then Rogelio Regalado and Blake Scott hit back-to-back threes. Jesse Nelson took a charge on the defensive end and Keifer Hood hit two more free throws to give Turpin a 31-28 lead. Ryan

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Radcliffe snuck in another put back basket to bring Forgan to within one at the end of the third, 31-30.

In the fourth quarter the Cardinals were able to increase their one-point lead to seven at 42-35 with 3:18 left in the game. With no shot clock in play, Turpin was able to force Forgan to foul and send Turpin to the free throw line. The Cardinals responded by going 8 of 10 from the charity stripe in the fourth quarter to seal the 47-40 victory.

Keifer Hood lead the way in scoring for the Cardinals with 17, while Blake Scott added 13, and Konner Hood, 9. Forgan's Ryan Radcliff led all scorer with 20, with Rhett Radcliff adding 8 and Brian Morris scoring 6.

Turpin had also defeated the Hooker Bulldogs in a make up game on Monday night 60-29, and now have an overall record of 7-3. Forgan is now 7-1 on the season. The two teams could meet again as soon as Saturday. Both teams begin play in the Oil Center Classic, on opposite ends of the bracket, in Woodward, Oklahoma on Thursday. Turpin will take on Beaver at 11:30 am, and Forgan will play Sharon Mutual at 2:30 pm