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Keifer Hood gets vertical for a shot against Beaver Tuesday at the Duster Dome. Hood and the Cardinals used a 17-0 run midway through the second half to put the game out of reach. Turpin cruised to a 58-35 win over the Beaver Dusters who had a tough week of practice due to the flu.

Cardinals top Dusters

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The Turpin Cardinals exploded for 14 points in four minutes to help turn a close game into a blowout win over cross-county rival Beaver, 58-35.

Keifer Hood made three of his five 3-point baskets during the run that extended the lead from 37-27 with 2:29 left in the third period to 54-27 with 4:52 left in the fourth.

"We are a big-roll team," Turpin coach Gary Wallace said. "If we can get on a run and get easy baskets and open looks, we can be tough to beat."

The Cardinals used a big 15-2 run in the first half to gain the lead midway through the first period.

Samuel Becker's bucket inside the lane gave the Dusters a 7-6 advantage with 5:17 left in the first, but Turpin answered with tough defense and big offense. Kiefer Hood hit two threes and Blake Scott added another, while the Cardinals defense forced a 10-second violation and Konner Hood added a blocked shot to help Turpin take a 15-9 lead at the end of the first period.

Harrison Erdman helped keep Beaver in the game with his inside play that led to eight points in the first half, and Jacob Bridwell converted a traditional 3-point play to cut the gap to single digits just before halftime. As the two teams went to the locker rooms, Turpin had a 25-17 edge.

Aaron Kuns and Blake Scott both hit threes to start the third period and help the Cardinals quickly extend the lead back to 14 with 5:12 left in the third.

Beaver battled back, scoring on each of their next four possessions with to cut the lead to 10.

But the Cardinals 17-0 run ended any hopes of a Beaver comeback. "It just wasn't there tonight," Beaver coach Brian Stadler said. "We did not play as well as we have been playing. They were faster, they outshot and outrebounded us. We haven't had many good practices

because of the flu bug. We'll just have to go back to work."

Turpin's defense played a big role in the win.

"Our press bothered them and we played much better defense than we played in our last game," Wallace said.

The Cardinals were led in scoring by Keifer Hood, who was five of nine from 3-point range and scored a total of 19. Braydon Robinson made seven of 10 free throws and scored 15, and Konner Hood added 13. Harrison Erdman paced Beaver with 12, and Jordan Estala added 7.

Turpin improved its record to 12-4, and does not play again until they host Tyrone Tuesday.

Beaver falls to 9-8 and will travel to Hooker Tuesday.