

Oly tops Ogden in 2OT thriller

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Olympus guard Sam Williams could feel his senior year slipping away.

In a back-and-forth 4A tournament game that his Titans were, by most accounts, expected to win, they kept allowing Ogden back into the game.

The Titans beat the inspired Ogden team 59-53 in double overtime, but the Tigers were playing in front of a favorable crowd and Williams realized numerous times that he might be playing his final game for Olympus, despite the fact the Titans finished second in 4A's toughest region.

A five-point fourth quarter lead? Gone as surely as it was once there.

A missed jump shot by Williams at the end of regulation, and an open three-pointer by Will Cannon that clanked off the rim as the buzzer signaled the end of the first overtime? Painful.

For Williams, the worst part was when Ogden opened the first overtime on a four-point run.

"That's when it really hit me that this could be the last," Williams said. "I was about to panic. But then I just thought, 'We have two minutes, we can come back.' "

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free throws in the second overtime period.

Will Cannon and Colton Stewart both recorded double-doubles for the Olympus. Cannon scored 10 points and grabbed 18 rebounds, while Stewart posted 13 points and 11 rebounds.

The Tigers, who only made 48 three-pointers in their previous 21 games — three Olympus players had more than 25 each — nailed seven Monday and led by as many as 10 points in the first quarter. But relying on relentless pressure defense, Olympus fought back to regain control.

"It seems like when we get teams scrambling, we get turnovers and convert them," said Tanner Curtis, who finished with 15 points.

Ogden didn't shoot a free throw in the first four quarters, attempting just two overall, and the Titans had opportunities to put the game away late in regulation. Olympus led 42-37 with just a few minutes left.

Ogden went on a 10-5 run to close out the fourth quarter. But the Titans refused to let their season end.

"You give everything you've got in a game like that," Williams said.

Tigers fall in 2OT shocker

By Chris Christensen
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It was the most exciting way to start the state 4-A boys basketball tournament ... unless you were the Ogden Tigers.

Going into Tuesday morning's opener as a No. 3 seed from Region 5, the Tigers gave the higher seeded Olympus Titans more than they wanted - an extra eight minutes to be exact.

Some questionable calls down the stretch and a lack of rebounding in the second overtime allowed the Titans to escape the Dee Events Center with a 59-53 win over the Tigers.

"We have great senior leadership and those guys have been in a bunch of close games this year," Ogden coach Jace McKee said. "We talked about not playing with highs and lows this year and they didn't do that in this game. Their pressure got to us late and we turned it over and good teams convert on the other end."

Ogden High brought three sections full of fans to support their team and they were able to carry the Tigers through the first quarter as they jumped out to a quick 10-2 lead in the opening moments and put the Titans back on their heels. Darinn Gomez hit a three and Jake Lower had a couple of baskets that contributed to the lead.

It was the second foul on Ogden's Kyler Campbell that allowed Olympus to begin their crawl back into the game. The Titans used some full-court pressure to force a couple of turnovers late in the quarter and the lead went from nine points to two points before the halftime buzzer.

The only thing that kept the Tigers in the lead was all 11 points it got from sophomore Spencer Smith, including three treys.

That run carried over from the first half into the second as Olympus was able to grab a four-point lead early in the third. The game looked to be getting away from Ogden, but Campbell knocked down two threes to trim the lead to one.

Late in the fourth, a putback by Lower tied the game at 47-47 with seconds remaining. The Titans missed the game-winning shot in regulation and one in overtime as well.

In double overtime, a questionable fifth foul was called on Lower and brought about the end of Ogden's rebounding action. Without Lower, the Tigers couldn't get a defensive rebound and Olympus was able to hit 8-of-10 in the second OT, four of which came on offensive rebounds.

"I thought that we could of had more calls than we did, probably both ways, but that's what happens in the state tournament," McKee said.

Sam Williams led the Titans with 16 points while Tanner Curtis chipped in with 15 in the win. Will Cannon was monster for Olympus, scoring 10 points and grabbing 18 rebounds.