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GUYMON. Okla. — Trailing by seven points with 1:51 to play in the game, the Liberal Redskins put together a torrid finish to force overtime, then took control for a 69-65 win.

Guymon had chances to put the game away but missed the front end of two one-and-one opportunities in the final 1:08, and the Redskins pushed the ball inside with Trenton Hammond, Elmer Quintana, Blake Stout and JJ Lewis in the final 1:02 to erase th Tiger lead and tie the game with 8.7 seconds to play.

Guymon turned the ball over on the inbound play, and the Redskins had a shot at the win, but a missed lay-up gave the Tigers a chance to put in the final basket. Guymon ran the length of the court, but a shot attempt was blocked out of bounds with 0.7 seconds to play. Guymon tried a desperation three on the inbounds that hit the side of the back board, and the game went to overtime.

Guymon scored first, but the Redskins responded to take a 63-61 lead.

William Ross added another basket and two free throws late to preserve the 69-65 win.

“We struggled all night,” Liberal coach Drew Gruver said. “We missed a ton of lay-ups, and that kept them in the ball game. I have to credit the guys on how hard they played at the end of the game. We made plays down the stretch. We hit free throws to pull out the win. It is always tough here.”

Lewis led the Redskins with 16 points. Stout added nine including five in a 22-point Liberal fourth quarter.