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The Tyrone Bobcats looked like a team focused on a goal that has been at the top of the list the entire season – get to the State Tournament. Tyrone took another step to reach that goal with a 62-26 romp of Lookeba-Sickles in round two of the Area Tournament at Woodward, Okla.

Lookeba-Sickles offered little resistance, except a short run that gapped the first and second quarters that could hinder the Bobcats.

Tyrone started the game with a 15-2 advantage. Lookeba-Sickles scored the next 8 points to tighten the game to just a five-point gap with 4:22 left in the half.

But Tyrone's Austin Olivas took over scoring the next seven as the Bobcats went on a 12-0 run capped by a Bryce Potter three that put Tyrone up 17.

Lookeba-Sickles scored the first bucket of the second half to cut the Bobcat lead to 12.

It was the closest they would get the rest of the game.

Payson Slater got the Bobcats going on another run with a three-point play on Tyrone's next

possession. Tyrone outscored Lookeba-Sickles 16-4 to go up 43-17 late in the third.

Another Tyrone run, this time a 13-0 run; in the mid to late fourth put the Bobcats up 39.

Payson Slater led all scorers with 19 points. Slater made 7 of 8 from the field, and was 5 of 6 at the free throw line.

Austin Olivas scored 15 on 5 of 12 shooting; Bryce Potter added 11, and Nerlin Rivera had 9 off the bench.

Tyrone (23-3) faced Forgan (25-2) Sunday afternoon at Woodward High School with the winner advancing to the State Tournament at the State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City Thursday.