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TYRONE, Okla.—The Beaver Dusters patience and experience showed Tuesday night in a 63-48 win over the Tyrone Bobcats.

Beaver started the game on a roll, jumping out to a 12-4 lead. Tyrone battled back with a 7-2 run to cut the lead back to three (14-11), capped by a three-point play by Willie Slater with 6:26 left in the second quarter.

Beaver answered right back with a three by Andrew Jesko, and an inside basket by Jorge Rivera.

Tyrone coach Clay Witt was called for a technical and received a second technical literally seconds later, which meant he had to leave the floor.

“Those two were the third and fourth technicals of my five-year career,” Bobcats coach Clay Witt said. “I usually know when to shut my mouth, but I guess I pushed it a little too far tonight, and ran into a guy with a short trigger and he rung me up.”

Tyrone players responded with spirited play of the next few minutes of the game, but were

unable to make any headway against the Dusters, and seemed to lose some energy from the technicals.



“I thought they stepped up when their coach was taken out, but that usually only last for a few minutes and that takes the air of of them,” Dusters coach Craig Schlessman said.

Beaver ended up going on a 15-4 run that gave them a 29-15 lead with 1:21 left in the half. Tyrone's Ethan Reese hit a couple of shots before the half ended to cut the lead back to nine, 29-20.

Beaver's Garrett Weber took over the game to start the second half, scoring nine points in the first three minutes of the third quarter. Weber also had a pretty assist to Hadley Skaggs for the other two in an 11-2 run that put the Dusters up 40-23 with 4:47 left in the third.

“Weber and Rivera were just too much for us to handle,” Witt said. “I don't think my guys were ready for how good those guys are. We kept fighting but we just dug too much of a hole to climb out of .”

By the end of the third, Beaver led 51-30, and went on to win by 15.

“I thought we really hustled at both ends of the floor tonight,” Schlessman said. “Our experience helped us and I liked that we played focused and disciplined. The guys came ready to play tonight.”

Garrett Weber led the Dusters in scoring with 19 points on 8 of 11 shooting, and was 3 of 3 at the free throw line. Jorge Rivera added 14, Hadley Skaggs 10, and Gunhar Martin 8.

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Ethan Reece led the Bobcats with 19, and Nerlin Rivera added 13.

Beaver will take on Canton at 1:45 Thursday in the first round of the Oil Center Classic in Woodward.

Tyrone will face the Clinton JV at 12:45 Thursday in the first round of the Fargo Invitational.