

South digs early hole in 42-34 loss

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West used fast break opportunities in the first quarter to jump out to a quick 19-5 lead and was able to hold on for a 42-34 win Thursday in the seventh grade edition of the crosstown clash between South and West.

Two Warriors scored eight points each in the first quarter, and they did it two different ways.

Alex Yanez used a power game in the lane to score his eight, and Dylan Thompson used a fast-break lay-up to score eight in the first quarter to spark the 19-5 lead.

The defense improved for both teams in the second quarter, and each team only scored four points for a 23-9 halftime score.

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South's offense finally found the target, and the Apaches outscored the Warriors 15-12 in the third quarter to cut the West lead to 35-24.

South had a chance to cut the lead even further in the fourth quarter at the free throw line but only made four of nine attempts in the period. Still, the Apaches won the quarter 10-7, but it was not enough to overcome the early Warrior lead, and the Apaches fell 42-34.

Thompson led the Warriors with 19 points. Yanez scored 10, Cesar Burciaga added 10, and Jett Brown had two.

Jordan Mendoza led the Apaches with nine points, Matthew Hernandez scored eight John Aung had seven, Alijah Taylor had six and Armando Acevedo added four.