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While the Warrior seventh grade was working on a comeback at home, the West eighth graders found themselves in a road battle. Both teams scored victories, albeit by a single point.

The Warrior seventh graders fell behind early to the Guymon, Okla., Tigers before rallying to a 20-19 win.

Guymon had a 7-2 lead after the first quarter.

“We could not get untracked in the first quarter,” West coach Pat Knott said. “Be we always have a way of climbing back into a game.”

The Warriors clawed back with a 6-0 run in the second quarter to take an 8-7 lead to the half.

But the Tigers tied the game after three quarters of play, 12-12.



Guymon took a fourth quarter lead, but the Warriors rallied to tie the game with less than two minutes to play.

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Both teams struggled to score, and with 25 seconds remaining, Britton Abbott broke the tie when he rebounded a missed shot and put it back up for two. The basket was good, and the Tigers pushed up the court.

Trenton Hammond stole the ball and headed toward the goal on a break-away, but he missed the shot, and the Tigers had another opportunity.

But Guymon threw the ball away with five seconds to play, and it seemed the game was over.

Instead, the Tigers got a steal on the inbounds play, and the Warriors fouled on the shot.

Guymon's Sanders went to the line with two seconds to play and hit the first free throw but missed the second. West rebounded and time expired on the 20-19 Warrior win. Abbott scored 18 of West's 20 points.

The seventh B-team won 26-10 led by Chase Eatmon's 12 points. Adrian Carrasco added five.

WARRIOR Eighth graders

hold on for win

The eighth grade Warriors held on for a 42-41 win.

Much like the seventh-grade game, Guymon had a chance to tie to take the lead with free throws late, but the Tigers could not connect.

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West was down early, 13-8, but a strong second quarter gave the Warriors a 25-14 halftime lead.

William Ross sparked the Warriors with 15 first-half points.

But the Tigers roared back in the third quarter to narrow the gap to 36-35.

With two minutes to play, West went into the stall, keeping the ball away from the Tigers, and since there was only one team foul against the Tigers, Guymon had to fouled six times before West would go to the free throw line.

The Tigers did get the ball back and was fouled but missed both free throws. The Tigers rebounded the miss and was fouled again, and they missed two more free throws.

Dylan Holt had 12 points for the Warriors.

“We played extremely well on defense after the first quarter,” West coach Eric Olmstead said. “We had a good group of parents and good support. It was a good night.”

West eighth (3-1) will host Ulysses Thursday.