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The Turpin Lady Cardinals may have saved their best for last, but Laverne's Kasen Crocker and her outstanding effort proved to be too much to overcome as the Laverne Lady Tigers defeated Turpin, 64-54 in the first round of the district playoffs.

"I hate to say it in a loss, but we played the best game we've played all year," Cardinals coach Jeff Funk said. "We got in foul trouble early. Ashley and Annalyn got both were in foul trouble early. But we played well. We hit shots we hadn't hit all year. It was the first game all season where we had three players in double figures."

Turpin's 54 points was their highest offensive output of the season.

But while Turpin spread out the scoring, Laverne relied heavily on the hot hand of Crocker, who finished with six 3-pointers and 12 of 12 free throw shooting and totaled 32 points.

For Turpin it was Alyssa Kinser with 14 points, including a pair of threes; Trista Watson with 11, Eloise Aquino with 10, and Hanna Weber with 8.

Laverne was hot from the start and jumped out to a 23-15 lead by the end of the first quarter.

The Lady Tigers added two to their lead in the second with a 14-12 advantage to take a 37-27 lead in at half.

Turpin outscored Laverne 14-13 in the third, but could not get any closer in the fourth.

“Even with the threes, we outscored them from the field,” Funk said. “We played a 3-2 zone to try to match up with their shooters, but when we switched to a man they got to the hole and got to the line.”

Laverne was 22 of 33 at the free throw line, Turpin was just 7 of 16.

“Overall really pleased with our effort and play,” Funk said.

The game was the last for four-year starter Trista Watson.

“he's always been positive and done everything I've asked and been a pleasure to coach,” Funk said.