

By EARL WATT

• Daily Leader

This isn't how Liberal coach Shane Stout wanted to end the regular season. He wasn't able to hide his frustration after losing to Dodge City 58-35 Friday to end the regular season.

"It was an all-around poor effort," he said. "We got down big, we got down early, and we never got back in it. It was just a poor effort in every aspect of the game."

The Lady Red Demons were playing for a perfect Western Athletic Conference season while the Lady Redskins really had nothing to gain. The Lady Redskins were already locked in as the No. 4 seed in Sub-State, the WAC title was out of reach, and perhaps the Lady Redskins were thinking more about the upcoming game against Winfield than they were about the Lady Red Demons.

But Stout wasn't.

"Dodge is the best team, with the exception of Bishop Carroll, that we have played, and by far the best in the conference," he said. "But it's no excuse to play this poorly. It's like we've never had a practice."

Discussing what the Lady Redskins needed to do to get ready for the Thursday contest against Winfield, his disappointment was still visible.

"If we do everything the opposite of what we did tonight, that would be a good start," he said. "We had a terrible effort, we had a terrible game plan and terrible execution. We'll have to get better. Monday we will get back to practice."

All 13 Lady Redskins who made the trip received playing time as Stout looked for anyone to put out a solid effort.

And he could only see one common trait.

"Everyone contributed on turning the ball over," he said. Liberal had 26 turnovers in the game.

Sophomore standout Justice Norah could not find a way to penetrate the 3-2 zone and headed to the fourth quarter with two points. She ended with 13, but Stout said there was nothing good about the 20-point fourth quarter for the Lady Redskins.

"That just means our first string is better than their fifth string," he said. "If anyone is happy about anything in this game, there's something wrong with them."

Norah's 13 led the Lady Redskins, Kayla Payton had nine, Malysa Williams scored five, Megan Campbell scored three, Lauren Sumner had three, and Ramey Petty scored two.

The Lady Redskins will host Winfield at the Big House Thursday. Game time is scheduled for 6 p.m.