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South's B-team fell behind 22-8 against Guymon, Okla., before a strong rally at the end narrowed the gap to a 22-16 final.

The Apaches were close at half, only trailing 13-8.

But the Apaches were shut out in the third quarter while Guymon extended its advantage to 17-8.

The Tigers scored the first five points of the fourth quarter before the Apaches started to aggressively attack the basket.

The Apaches connected on shots and late free throws to narrow the gap by scoring eight unanswered points and had chances to reduce the score even more, but the Apaches ran out of time and fell short 22-16.

The A-team got off to a slow start, and the Apaches could not recover, falling to the Tigers 28-18.

South had a number of early opportunities to score, but missed baskets turned into fast breaks for the Tigers who jumped ahead of South 16-2 in the first quarter.

South settled in and traded baskets with the Tigers in the second quarter. Both teams scored

six points, and the Apaches trailed 22-8 at half.

South’s defense improved in the second half, holding Guymon to two points in the third quarter. But the Apache offense was only able to score four points of their own.

In the fourth quarter, the Apache defense again limited Guymon to very little offense. The Tigers only managed four points in the final period while South added six points but could get not closer in the

28-18 loss.

Kyler Ward and Ivan Rodriguez led the Apaches with six points each.

South’s eighth grade team traveled to Guymon and dropped the B-team game 40-21 and the A-team lost 44-17.

The eighth grade will host Ulysses Thursday.