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TEXHOMA, Okla. — The Texhoma Red Devils were being run out of their own gym. The Tyrone Bobcats were burning up the nets and piling on momentum as they pulled into a 13-point lead in the third quarter. The only bright side for Texhoma was that in 12 minutes the embarrassment would be over.

But there would be nothing embarrassing about what Texhoma did next.

The Red Devils sprang to life, cutting into the lead late in the third quarter before surging past Tyrone in the fourth with a 14-0 run en route to a 48-38 victory in the late semifinal of the 33rd annual Texhoma Tournament on Friday.

Texhoma will face arch-rival Hooker in today's championship game. The Red Devils have fallen to Hooker in both meetings this season, though both have been decided by two points. And this time, Texhoma will have plenty of momentum coming in.

The Red Devils were within five points after a basket by junior center Jacob Murphy to kick off the fourth quarter. The Bobcats responded with a bucket by senior center Jacob Williams and a free throw by junior guard Travis Shield to push the lead back to eight points and Tyrone appeared to be well in control. Another bucket by Murphy, however, sparked the fourth-quarter run and the Bobcats would not score again for 4 minutes. By then, Texhoma was putting it on cruise control.

Murphy led Texhoma with 16 points and seven rebounds while junior forward Tyler Ansley had 12 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore Bryson Beattie had seven points, sophomore Jack Powers had six and senior Skylor Rodriguez had four. Freshman Javier Amaya had two and senior Denrique Duran had one.

Senior guard Tyler Lai led Tyrone with 11 points, while sophomore guard Austin Olivas had 10 and Williams had eight. Junior Travis Shield had five. Junior Adan Lomas and sophomore Cole Wall had two points, each.

After falling behind 4-0 to start the game, Tryone bounced back, making a 7-0 run to overtake the lead. The Red Devils couldn't keep the Bobcats from scoring in transition and by the end of the first quarter Tyrone was up 17-6. They led 26-17 at halftime and pushed the lead to double-digits quickly in the third quarter.