

North Cobb falls to Shiloh in OT

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MARIETTA -- It appeared as if North Cobb was headed for an easy victory after taking a huge lead. Shiloh had other ideas, however, as the Generals stormed back to make it a competitive game and went on to edge the Warriors, 50-48, in overtime in the SEBA Atlanta High School Hoop Fest on Saturday at the Cobb County Civic Center.

North Cobb (4-6) used 3-pointers and several transition layups to take a 11-2 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 22-5 advantage midway through the second quarter. Shiloh, however, took advantage of North Cobb turnovers to go on a 12-0 run to cut the Warriors' lead to 22-17 at halftime and the Generals battled the Warriors on even terms the rest of the way, with Zachary Lurry hitting the game-winning jumper with 2 seconds left in overtime.

"Shiloh did a great job offensively and defensively," North Cobb coach Terry Gorsuch said. "We got off to a good start, but we started turning the ball over and we weren't able to make our shots. It was a matter of Shiloh playing a better game." Shiloh coach Don Einolf was proud of the way his team bounced back from its shaky start. "We struggled early, but our seniors took over and led us back," Einolf said. "They helped us get back in the game and cut the deficit at halftime. I want to compliment North Cobb. Coach Gorsuch has a tough, physical team and they gave us a good game."

Jordan Jones scored 10 points to lead North Cobb. Shiloh (4-4) was led by Lurry and Cameron Whigham with 13 points each and Delta Leonard with 12 points.

North Cobb took a 4-2 lead with 4:48 remaining in the first quarter and after a series of turnovers by both teams, the Warriors ended the quarter with a flourish, with Brian Mayr hitting a 3-pointer and Matt Roark and Mayr scoring on transition layups for an 11-2 advantage.

North Cobb continued its run at the beginning of the second quarter as Rico Mack converted a steal into a layup, Evan Snelling made one of two free throws and Jones scored on a transition layup to increase its lead to 16-2 with 5:56 remaining in the first half. After a putback by Lurry helped Shiloh cut the lead to 16-4, Jones responded with a 3-pointer to increase North Cobb's lead to 19-4, then after Andre Crittendon made one of two free throws for the Generals to make the score 19-5, Jones came back with another three to push the Warriors to 22-5 with 3:38 left in the first half.

It was then when things began to unravel for North Cobb as Shiloh stormed back with a 12-0 run. Leonard scored on a putback, then Jeramey Barber made a couple of free throws after a North Cobb turnover, Leonard scored on a driving layup off of another Warrior turnover and then turned a steal into another layup to cut the lead to 22-13 with 2:13 left and Shiloh had reduced its deficit to 22-17 at the half. North Cobb managed to hold off Shiloh through most of the third quarter, but the Generals tied the score, 35-35, at the end of the quarter and took the lead for the first time in the game at the beginning of the fourth quarter. North Cobb led, 44-40, with 2:29 left in the game, but a pair of free throws by Leonard and a driving layup by Lurry tied the game and sent it into overtime.

Both teams traded a couple of baskets in overtime, before Lurry's running jumper in the paint as time was running out proved to be the winning bucket for Shiloh.