



Junior Varsity Unable To Overcome Missed Opportunities!!

Friday, 12/18 @ Buchholz:

Leading scorers: PJ Darby, 22; Zak Bradley, 11; Joey Galvis, 6; Nick Meddich, 6

After starting the game down 11-3, because of numerous missed layups and easy shots, we made a good run to end the half to cut the deficit to one, 20-19. The second half our offense started to click, but with the help of some phantom calls, Buchholz was able to stay in the game. No one lead by more than 4-5 points at any time. Buchholz would make a run then we would answer back with our own. The entire second half was physical and intense. I was very proud how we responded to that type of atmosphere. Our defense was very good, but we were playing a very well coached and talented team, so any little mistake was exploited, but we were very good at limiting them to only one shot. Zak, Brad, and Meddich also kept their big man close to a non-factor (he scored 4 early, then had 4 free throws late) offensively and rebounding wise.

We were down 2 with about 30 seconds left, got the shot we wanted, but missed the opportunity. They made 1 of 2 free throws to make it a 3 point lead. An ill timed turnover on the ensuing possession forced us to foul. Buchholz made 2 of 2 from the line taking the lead up to 5. We missed a 3-pointer with a few seconds left in the game making the final 60-55 Buchholz.

The intensity, effort, and defense were there for us to win. We had our chances; if we had a couple of bounces go our way, made a couple of layups, took care of the ball a little better, or if Buchholz wasn't converting their free throws (21-28 for the game), we could have easily won.