

Denison 9th boys 55, St. Albert 51 in OT  
D-S improves to 2-9 this season, 1-7 vs. Hawkeye 10 teams

Denison        18, 8, 12, 10, 7 = 55  
St. Albert     8, 11, 10, 19, 3 = 51

2 point field goals:    Denison 21, St. Albert 11  
3 point field goals:    St. Albert 5, Denison 0  
Free throws:            Denison 13-20 (65%), St. Albert 14-27 (51.9%)  
Team fouls:             Denison 20, St. Albert 20

Denison points:        Kole Towne            23  
                              Cody Schulte          17        7-8 free throws  
                              Dominik Garcia        9  
                              Nash Langenfeld      2  
                              Anthony Arambula    2  
                              Jaxson Henningsen   2

Comments by Coach Eller: "We had an outstanding 1st quarter. We defended well, rebounded well, pushed the ball up the court in transition and got the ball inside on our half court sets. We built a 10 point lead and things were looking good. Then, we hit a lull the last 5 minutes of the 2nd quarter and only scored 2 points in 5 minutes. We missed open shot after open shot and had silly turnovers so we let them back into the game. The 3rd quarter was pretty even and then we hit another lull in the 4th quarter where we scored 3 points in 4 minutes due to more missed wide open shots, including layups, and turnovers. We were fortunate enough to get most of our points off offensive rebounds as we did hit the offensive boards well. At the same time, St. Albert got hot from 3 and got us to commit fouls by dribble penetrating and they forced a tie. In overtime, we played well and made our free throws down the stretch. It was nice to get a win, as it has been a long time coming. However, we need to get better at recognizing when we should pound the ball inside instead of shoot from the perimeter so much. We were cold with 0 made 3s out of probably 10-15 attempts. The 4 tallest players on the court were on our team and we went away from our inside game for a while. Defensively, we never should have let them back into the game. We continually hand checked, bumped into their players, fouled jump shooters trying to block shots, didn't box out resulting in offensive rebounds and didn't talk on defense so we got burned for some layups where a simple switch would have prevented those layups. The guys just need to play with more confidence. Most of our turnovers were due to playing too passively - making long passes without attacking the defense, slowing down in transition and getting back tipped - things like that. We were very aggressive in the 1st quarter and played great. Then, for some unknown reason that aggressiveness went away for a while. We need to remember that when we attacked their defense, mostly good things happened. When we are hesitant, our opponents have been taking advantage of that all season. I hope the guys play with more confidence because when they played confidently they played very well".