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LCU Tops OPSU

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Goodwell, Okla.-Once again the Aggie men went into the locker room leading at halftime but failed to finish in the second half taking a heartbreaking loss to Lubbock Christian Saturday afternoon (83-68).

The Oscar Williams Field House was electric with excitement as the Aggies went into halftime with a hard-fought 41-37 lead over the 8-6 Chaparrals. OPSU shot lights-out at 62 percent from the field and 55 percent from beyond the arc after the first twenty minutes of play with senior Bill Lee leading the way. At the 10:44 mark the score was Lee 15, LCU 13; Lee had scored every point for the Aggies only missing one layup up to that point.

The second half saw a totally different Aggie team as they dropped to 33 percent shooting from the field and just 23 percent at three-point range. The Aggies held a one-point lead after five minutes, but fouls sent LCU to the line and the Chaps would gain an eight-point lead with the clock at 12:28. With just over eight minutes left Krys Randolph drained a three narrowing the Chaps' lead to five; but two consecutive Aggie turnovers followed by a foul swung the momentum in favor of the opponent and LCU came out with a 15-point victory over the Aggies.

"I was very disappointed in our effort in the second half," said OPSU Coach Jerry Olson. "I thought LCU out-hustled us after loose balls and long rebounds. We need 40 minutes of great effort." Olson added, "Bill Lee was great again; if he doesn't get the rebound, we don't get it."

Lee led the Aggies in scoring and earned his fourth double-double of the season with 20 point and 10 rebounds; Lee also grabbed three steals. Z. Jones brought in 14 points and three assists, and Krys Randolph and Dewayne Matthews each scored nine points for the Aggies.

LCU's Eli Baker also managed a double-double scoring 20 points and grabbing 12 boards. A.J. Luckey led the Chaps with 22 total points, 12 of which came

from long distance.

The Aggies drop to 1-17 with one conference win. The men travel to Texas this week to play Texas A&M International on Thursday and St. Mary's on Saturday. The team returns for another conference match-up on Feb. 6 against McMurry University.

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