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DUBUQUE - Nic Uhlir scored 13 points as No. 8 Linn-Mar was able to grind out a 44-37 win Tuesday night at Dubuque Senior.

The Lions (8-1, 6-0 MVC Valley Division) shot out to a 12-0 lead but then went cold as Senior gradually worked back into the game.

Linn-Mar led 27-23 after three quarters and was able to pull away in the final eight minutes.

Luke McDonnell led Senior (6-3, 4-2) with a game-high 16 points.

Linn-Mar hosts No. 1 Iowa City West on Friday night.

LINN-MAR (44): Uhlir 4 3-6 13, Murphy 0 0-0 0, Noble 4 0-1 8, Bohannon 2 4-4 9, Klostermann 0 0-0 0, Tichy 1 0-0 2 Halupnik 1 4-4 7, Schmidt 1 0-1 2, Brandt 0 3-6 3. Totals: 13 14-22 44.

DUBUQUE SENIOR (37): Masic 1 0-0 2, Hermsen 0 0-0 0, Noel 1 0-0 3, Psihoyos 1 0-0 3, Blackman 1 1-2 4, Humpal-Griffin 1 3-4 5, Davis 2 0-1 4, McDonnell 4 8-10 16. Totals: 11 12-17 37.

Halftime: Linn-Mar 20, Dubuque Senior 15. 3-point goals: Linn-Mar 4 (Uhlir 2, Bohannon, Halupnik), Dubuque Senior 3 (Noel, Psihoyos, Blackman).