Big second half sinks Saints

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Cedar Rapids Xavier gave top-ranked lowa City West a scare, but a big third quarter propelled the Trojans to a 76-56 win Tuesday night at Xavier.

West led just 32-30 at halftime before pulling away in the second half. David DiLeo scored 11 of his 16 points in the third quarter. He had four 3-point baskets. Sophomore Connor McCaffery led the Trojans with 18 points. Sophomore point guard Devontae Lane also finished with 16 points.

Mitchell Burger scored 16 of his 22 points in the first half for Xavier (8-8, 4-7 MVC). Adam McDermott finished with 17 for the Saints.

West moves to 16-0, 12-0.

IOWA CITY WEST (76): Pederson 0 2-4 2, Adcock 0 0-0 0, Parks 4 1-1 9, Henderson 2 3-4 7, Lane 6 4-6 16, Lohaus 2 0-0 4, Majors 1 0-0 2, McCaffery 7 3-4 18, Barnes 0, Di Leo 6 0-0 16, Blackhurst 0 2-2 2. Totals: 28 16-27 76

XAVIER (56): Mims 0 0-0 0, McDermott 7 0-0 17, Burger 9 2-3 22, Welch 1 0-0 2, Winker 5 0-1 10, Stulken 0 0-0 0, Classen 0 0-0 0, Otting 2 1-2 5. Totals: 24 3-5 56.

Halftime: Iowa City West 32, Xavier 30. 3-point goals: West 5 (DiLeo 4, McCaffery, Xavier 5 (Mc Dermott 3, Burger 2).