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Maybe the Washington Warriors should have cleared the gym Friday night and played a pickup game of 2-on-2 basketball, with Wes Washpun and Josh Oglesby facing Marcus Paige and Matt Bohannon.

That might have been a fair fight. Reality was not.

The top-ranked Linn-Mar Lions proved they were too deep, too talented and too good for the Warriors and smashed them, 80-55, in a Mississippi Valley Conference mismatch.

Paige and Bohannon scored in double figures for Linn-Mar, but so did all its other starters as Josh Montague, Ian McBrayer and Shane Benton joined the fun.

"That's why I think it's tough for teams to handle us at times," Paige said, "because you really can't focus on anyone in particular."

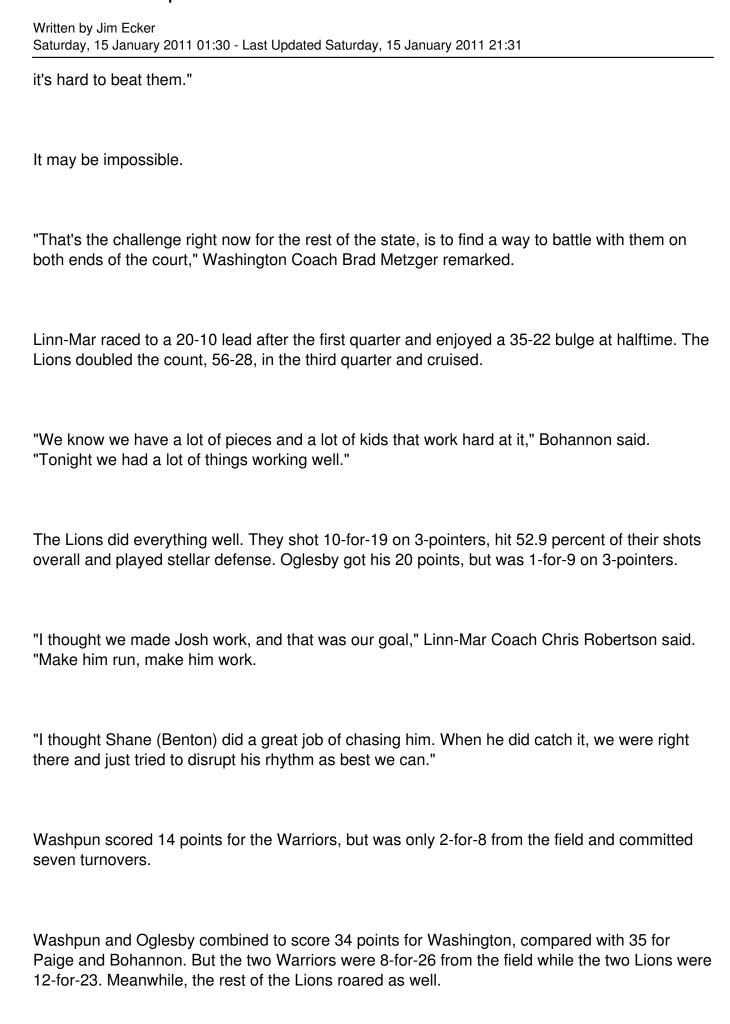
North Carolina Coach Roy Williams sat in a corner of the gym and saw Paige, his future Tar Heel, pop in four 3-pointers, score 19 points and run the show. Williams and the near-capacity crowd got to see a lot more than that, however.

Bohannon also nailed four 3-pointers and poured in 16 points, making his future University of Northern Iowa assistant coaches happy. Montague scored 13 points, McBrayer scored 12 and Benton also netted 12 for the Lions (11-0, 7-0).

"They're really good. They're solid," said Oglesby, who scored 20 points for the Warriors but struggled to do it.

"You couldn't ask for a better point guard than Marcus distributing the ball, Matt shooting the 3, and their two bigs down low (Montague and McBrayer) battling and getting rebounds. I mean,

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"Everybody can put up points, everybody defends," Montague said. "That's what we're all about."

"Tonight was a good one," Bohannon said.

Washington dipped to 7-4 overall and 5-2 in the Valley.

LINN-MAR (80): Benton 3 6-7 12, Paige 6 3-4 19, Bohannon 6 0-2 16, McBrayer 5 2-2 12, Montague 5 1-2 13, Gogg 0 0-0 0, Thul 1 0-0 2, Krusie 1 1-3 3, Soyer 0 0-0 0, Lassen 1 0-0 2, Gentzler 0 1-2 1, Lancial 0 0-0 0. Totals 28 14-22 80.

WASHINGTON (55): Carr 2 0-0 5, Washpun 2 10-14 14, Moa 2 1-2 6, Oglesby 6 7-7 20, Bredl 2 3-6 7, Tann 0 0-0 0, Todd 0 1-2 1, Hoekstra 0 0-0 0, Nash 1 0-0 2, Butterfield 0 0-0 0, Oney 0 0-0 0. Totals 15 22-31 55.

Halftime -- Linn-Mar 35, Washington 22. 3-point goals -- Linn-Mar 10 (Paige 4, Bohannon 4, Montague 2), Washington 3 (Carr 1, Moa 1, Oglesby 1). Fouled out -- Bredl.