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In a rough and rugged game between two rivals, defense usually ends up deciding which team wins.

That was the case for Linn-Mar in its Mississippi Valley Conference opener Friday night against rival Washington at Linn-Mar.

The Lions used a harassing man-to-man defense and some strong foul shooting down the stretch from guards Nic Uhlir and Jordan Bohannon to down the Warriors, 53-41.

Linn-Mar Coach Chris Robertson couldn't say enough about the way his team defended against a much taller Washington squad.

"Them going and winning at Bettendorf (in Washington's season opener last Saturday) was impressive and I think that got our guys' attention," Robertson said. "I thought our guys were really locked in on defensive match-ups, making (Jared) Printy work hard coming off screens.

"They have a really nice inside-outside combination," continued the Lions' coach. "I just liked the way we locked down on them defensively."

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Linn-Mar used an early spurt to grab a 15-8 lead after the first quarter. The margin grew to 20-10 when Bohannon nailed a 3-point basket midway through the second quarter.

Washington, playing with just 10 players in uniform, cut the margin to 25-20 at halftime and tied the game at 27 early in the third quarter on a tough jumper in the lane from Printy.

The Lions turned to Uhlir, who nailed a 3-point basket, then hit a pair of twos and found reserve Jason Tichy for a bucket as the lead eventually went up to five. Tichy then hit a pair of short shots to start the fourth quarter and the Lions were never headed after that point.

"We just kept grinding, like we do every day in practice," said Uhlir, who had 16 points. "We kept going, scored a few buckets, got the lead back and were able to extend it."

Tichy finished with nine points. The 6-foot-5 senior was happy he could contribute.

"I just came out and played my hardest," Tichy said. "My teammates got me the ball and I was able to put a couple in the basket."

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~~Del Mar High School basketball team defeated the San Marcos High School basketball team 41-30 on Friday, December 12, 2014. The game was held at the San Marcos High School gymnasium. The Lions' defense was the key to their victory, as they held the Warriors to a low scoring effort. The Lions' offense was led by senior guard Mike Condon, who scored 15 points. The Warriors' leading scorer was senior guard John Smith, who scored 12 points. The game was a defensive battle, with both teams committing several turnovers. The Lions' defense was particularly effective in the second half, as they held the Warriors to a record low of 10 points. The Lions' victory was a significant one, as it marked their first win of the season. The Warriors' loss was a disappointing one, as they had been undefeated in their previous games. The game was a hard-fought one, with both teams playing to the best of their ability. The Lions' defense was the key to their victory, and they will look to continue this strong performance in their upcoming games. The Warriors' offense was held in check throughout the game, and they will need to improve their scoring ability if they are to become a competitive team. The game was a great one to watch, and it was a testament to the hard work and dedication of both teams. The Lions' victory was a well-deserved one, and they will be looking to build on this success in the weeks ahead. The Warriors' loss was a tough one, but they will be looking to bounce back in their next game. The game was a great one, and it was a testament to the hard work and dedication of both teams.~~