

Coe women climb into tie for 1st

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The Coe women's basketball team rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit and trimmed Wartburg, 61-59, in an Iowa Conference game at Eby Fieldhouse Wednesday night.

The victory lifted the Kohawks into a three-way tie for first place in the conference with Luther and Dubuque, all with 4-1 records. Luther suffered its first Iowa Conference loss Wednesday to Simpson.

Senior Megan Hayes scored 16 points for Coe and became the eighth player in school history with 1,000 career points. She now has 1,011 for her career.

Aleena Hobbs hit a 3-pointer to give the Kohawks a 58-56 lead with 2:21 remaining, then Mickey Hansche hit another triple to give Coe a 61-56 edge with 1:08 left to play.

Wartburg pulled within 61-59 on a 3-pointer with 39 seconds left, but that ended the scoring. The Knights missed a shot at the buzzer that could have tied the game and forced overtime.

Coe (11-5) began the second half with a 9-0 run to pull within 36-35. The Kohawks kept surging and grabbed a 46-38 lead, finishing a 20-2 run to start the second half, but Wartburg fought back with an 11-0 run for a 56-55 edge with 2:34 to go.

Hobbs and Hansche answered with their clutch 3-pointers after that.

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Hobbs finished with 16 points and eight rebounds.

The Sommer twins from Linn-Mar, Katie and Kristie, did not play for Wartburg (10-6, 1-4). They had appeared in all 15 games prior to Wednesday.

WARTBURG (59): Brown 3 2-2 9, Emrich 2 0-0 4, Kladivo 3 2-3 8, Halstead 2 2-2 7, Burrows 7 2-2 20, Me. Murphy 1 1-1 3, Mallen 0 0-0 0, Mi. Murphy 3 0-0 8. Totals 21 9-10 59.

COE (61): Hobbs 5 4-5 16, Lehman 2 0-0 4, Hayes 7 2-2 16, Wirth 2 2-3 6, Hansche 2 0-0 5, Holmes 1 0-0 3, Lynch 1 1-2 4, McCrary 0 0-0 0, Lehmann 0 0-0 0, Koolbeck 0 0-0 0, Stulken 3 1-1 7. Totals 23 10-13 61.

Halftime - Wartburg 36, Coe 26. 3-point goals - Wartburg 8 (Burrows 4, Mi. Murphy 2, Brown 1, Halstead 1), Coe 5 (Hobbs 2, Hansche 1, Holmes 1, Lynch 1).