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No Oglesby, no Washpun, no offense.

There wasn't much of anything for the Cedar Rapids Washington boys basketball team Friday night.

The Warriors scored six points in the first half and dropped their season opener to Bettendorf, 49-29, in a choppy game at the Washington gym.

Washington played in the Class 4A state tournament the last two years with Josh Oglesby and Wes Washpun leading the way, but Oglesby is playing for Iowa now and Washpun is playing for Tennessee. The Warriors struggled in their first game without them.

"It's part of growing up, part of moving forward and guys having to do more things. And that's the way it is," Washington Coach Brad Metzger remarked.

The Warriors struggled in every facet of the game. They struggled with their shooting, rebounding, ballhandling, passing and too often on defense.

Metzger used 15 players, including 11 in the first quarter, searching for production. He found little.

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Washington scored four points in the first quarter, then scored only two points in the second quarter and trailed 20-6 at intermission. It was not a slowdown, just poor basketball.

The Warriors took some wild shots, made careless passes, neglected to box out at times, missed some relatively easy shots and generally struggled to get anything done.

Jason Oney led Washington with five points. Montaves "Mo Mo" Anderson, a 5-foot-8 sophomore, gave the Warriors a little spark off the bench with four points, four rebounds and some quick moves. Oney and Anderson were the only Warriors with two field goals.

None of Washington's starters scored more than three points. Sean Bredl started and grabbed five rebounds in the first half, but sprained his ankle and did not play in the second half.

Tom Dunlavy led Bettendorf (1-0) with 10 points.

Metzger said he may continue to use a lot of players, trying to force the tempo in Washington's favor.

"Maybe we need to play a little faster, play a little harder, get people tired," he said. "The bottom line, there's a lot of parity (on the Washington team).

"We need to keep plugging away with these boys, giving them some time on the floor to get comfortable. There's a lot going on in their minds, a lot of first games for people.

"If we can play some solid defense and let our offense come around, eventually we may be able to hang around some games and get a little better as time goes on," he said.

BETTENDORF (49): Cole Clearman 4 0-0 8, Lucas Rollinger 2 0-0 5, Tom Dunlavy 4 2-3 10,

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Michael Moore 2 0-0 4, Alex Graupman 1 0-0 2, David Cribbs 1 0-0 2, Kendall Jacks 1 0-0 2, Kris Klabunde 1 1-2 3, Dylan Sortillo 3 0-0 8, Nate Nelson 0 0-0 0, Lukas Harksen 0 1-2 1, Nick Scott 0 2-2 2, Austin Bries 0 0-0 0, Jared Brown 1 0-0 2. Totals 20 6-11 49.

WASHINGTON (29): David Tann 1 0-0 3, Austin Bergstrom 0 1-2 1, Cybryan Moa 1 0-0 2, David Rosenthal 1 1-2 3, Sean Bredl 1 0-0 2, Heath Clark 1 0-0 2, Sam Bil 0 0-0 0, Jason Oney 2 0-0 5, Peter Holmes 0 2-2 2, Montaves Anderson 2 0-0 4, Paul Nash 1 0-0 2, Brock Butterfield 0 2-4 2, Jacob Kramer 0 0-0 0, Zachary Williams 0 0-0 0, Noah Burdt 0 1-2 1. Totals 10 7-12 29.

Halftime - Bettendorf 20, Washington 6. 3-point goals - Bettendorf 3 (Sortillo 2, Rollinger 1), Washington 2 (Tann 1, Oney 1).