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Wes Washpun has made a bunch of great passes for the Washington boys basketball team during his career. This time he caught one and knew exactly what to do with it.

Washpun banked in a 3-pointer at the buzzer from about 28 feet Tuesday night to lift the seventh-ranked Warriors by Iowa City West, 54-52, at the Washington gym.

Alex Carr, a terrific tailback for the Washington football team, was the quarterback on the game-winning play. Washpun was the receiver and hero.

"Alex just picked who was open," said Metzger. "We tried to pick a guy who has a good arm."

Carr rushed for more than 1,900 yards for the Washington football team last season and has a football scholarship at the University of Northern Iowa, but the 5-foot-9 senior enjoyed being the passer on this play.

"I know Alex always wanted to play quarterback," said Washpun, smiling. "He played quarterback when we were younger, growing up. It was kind of an easy thing for him, I think."

Washpun's shot caromed off the backboard from a steep angle and fell through the hoop.

"I just had a feeling it was going to go in," said Carr. "Wes has got so much heart and plays with so much intensity, I just knew that once he let it go that it was going in."

Washpun had a chance to give Washington the lead with 4.8 seconds left with a layup, but the ball slipped out of his hands and went out of bounds with the Warriors trailing, 52-51.

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Washington fouled West's Jeremy Morgan with 3.6 seconds left, but the 75 percent free-throw shooter missed the front end of a one-and-one. Cybryan Moa grabbed the rebound for the Warriors and called a timeout with 1.9 seconds left.

Oglesby hit five 3-pointers and scored 22 points for Washington (5-2, 4-1). Washpun finished with 18 points.

Dondre Alexander topped West (4-3, 2-3) with 23 points. Jacob Gylten scored 12.

Metzger was happy with the win, but not happy with his team's overall performance, citing defensive lapses and missed shots near the basket.

"There was nothing fun about our post-game talk at all," he said. "In fact, it was probably one of the harshest post-game talks I think we've been through."

IOWA CITY WEST (52): Franz 1 0-0 3, Alexander 9 3-6 23, Morgan 1 0-1 3, Lohaus 2 0-0 4, Gylten 4 3-4 12, Swank 0 0-0 0, Seyfer 0 0-0 0, Staten 1 0-0 2, Ukah 2 1-4 5. Totals 20 7-15 52.

WASHINGTON (54): Carr 2 0-0 5, Tann 0 0-0 0, Washpun 8 1-2 18, Moa 1 0-0 3, Oglesby 8 1-2 22, Hoekstra 0 0-0 0, Clark 1 0-0 2, Bredl 2 0-0 4, Todd 0 0-0 0. Totals 22 2-4 54.

Halftime -- Iowa City West 25, Washington 24. 3-point goals -- Iowa City West 5 (Alexander 2, Franz 1, Morgan 1, Gylten 1), Washington 8 (Oglesby 5, Carr 1, Washpun 1, Moa 1). Fouled out -- Bredl.