

J-Hawks tipped by PV, 47-45

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BETTENDORF - Ryan Spelhaug's tip-in at the buzzer lifted Pleasant Valley past Jefferson, 47-45, Monday night at Pleasant Valley.

Jefferson erased a 10-point halftime deficit and grabbed the lead in the fourth quarter, but the J-Hawks' bid for an upset in the Class 4A substate quarterfinals fell a bucket short.

Will Carius, a 6-foot-5 sophomore, scored 22 points to lead Pleasant Valley (14-8). Spelhaug added 12 points, including a putback of Carius' off-balance shot to win the game.

"On those last plays, you just have to crash the basket and I happened to be in the right place at the right time to get that tip-in," Spelhaug told the Quad-City Times. "I just got a hand on it and was able to get it above the rim and I got a lucky roll. It was hanging on the rim a little bit and I thought 'Please drop, let's keep this season going.'"

Brandon Wiederin paced Jefferson with 13 points. Jacob Olson, the leading scorer in the Mississippi Valley Conference at 21 per game, was held to nine points.

Jefferson finished the season with a 7-15 record.

JEFFERSON (45): Olson 4 1-4 9, Cardis 3 0-0 6, J.VanOort 2 0-0 5, Wiederin 3 6-7 13, Larson 1 2-2 5, Konigsmark 2 3-5 7. Totals 15 12-18 45.

PLEASANT VALLEY (47): Bryant 2 1-1 5, Kipper 0 0-0 0, French 0 0-0 0, Carius 9 2-6 22, Stahlhut 0 0-0 0, Kardell 2 0-0 4, Spelhaug 4 3-4 12, Milam 2 0-0 4. Totals 19 6-14 47.

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Halftime - Pleasant Valley 32, Jefferson 22. 3-point goals - Jefferson 3 (Wiederin 1, J.VanOort 1, Larson 1), Pleasant Valley 3 (Carius 2, Spelhaug 1).