Xavier boys hold off Waterloo East

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WATERLOO - The Xavier Saints survived a furious rally by Waterloo East in the fourth quarter Saturday night and trimmed the Trojans, 65-61, in a Mississippi Valley Conference makeup game in Waterloo.

Xavier led by 18 points, 53-35, after three quarters, but Waterloo East outscored the Saints 26-12 in the final stanza to make it exciting.

Max Techau scored 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Xavier. He hit 9 of 11 shots from the field and also blocked five shots.

Matt Mims contributed 18 points and nine assists to the victory. Jackson Joens scored 10 points, Quinn Schulte had eight points and Nolan Butkowski scored seven points.

The Saints won their fourth straight game and raised their overall record to 8-9.

Ja'Cee Clark scored 19 points for Waterloo East (6-11).

XAVIER (65): Lux 1 1-2 3, Mims 6 5-7 18, Butkowski 2 2-2 7, Joens 4 0-0 10, Q.Schulte 4 0-0 8, Moeder 0 0-0 0, Techau 9 1-1 19, B.Schulte 0 0-0 0, Johnson 0 0-0 0, Keating 0 0-0 0, Dempewolf 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 9-12 65.

WATERLOO EAST (61): Jackson 1 0-0 2, T.Nickelson 3 5-8 14, Clark 8 0-0 19, Reed 1 0-0 2, R.Nickelson 3 0-0 6, Jo.Holmes 5 2-4 15, Reyes 0 0-0 0, Ford 1 0-0 2, Ja.Holmes 0 0-0 0, Putman 0 0-0 0. Totals 22 7-14 61.

Halftime - Xavier 33, Waterloo East 20. 3-point goals - Xavier 4 (Joens 2, Mims 1, Butkowski 1), Waterloo East 9 (T.Nickelson 3, Clark 3, Jo.Holmes 3).

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