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College basketball: Lady Wranglers fall in Hobbs

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HOBBS, N.M. For the second straight game, the Odessa College women's basketball team saw its opponent take control in the final moments, this time losing to New Mexico Junior College, 66-60, in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference game at New Mexico JC.

The Lady Wranglers (18-3 overall, 2-2 in conference) led by as many as 11 points during the contest, the Lady Thunderbirds began their comeback when Odessa College's center, Judith Tabala, was forced to the bench midway through the second half with her fourth foul.

Jordan McGee led New Mexico JC (9-7, 2-2) with a game-high 18 points, with Hanka Musa adding 13 in the victory.

Ali Bills led Odessa College with 13 points and Chantelle Brockett added 12 in the loss, which comes on the heels of a 54-54 defeat by South Plains last Thursday.

The game was tied, 60-60, with 1:03 remaining to play when the Lady Wranglers were called for an offensive foul that nullified the go-ahead basket. The Lady T-Birds, who finished 25-for-34 from the free throw line, then converted four free throws down the stretch to take the lead and hold on for the victory.

Odessa College returns to action at 5:45 p.m. Thursday against Howard College at the OC Sports Center.

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