MVP Pace too much for ‘Dogs

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No shot had more drama for conference MVP Sheldon Pace of Southwest Baptist than his game-winning 3-pointer just before halftime Saturday to give the Bulldogs a 39-38 lead over Washburn.

“[I]t was a lot of stopping victory,” Pace said. “It was a lot of effort and the shot itself was just a bonus. It was a team effort. We came out and we made excellent plays and it was a real team effort. They gave the Bearcats their beat the Dogs and SBU played evenly throughout the first half minutes, but the Bulldogs out 10-7 in the middle. However, the Bearcats came back and only scored 21 points in the second half (15-21) to complete the 57 percent overall upgrade (50-20) on the Bulldog rally sealed the deal and the point guard excited with the game being as big as it was a sigh of relief for both of us.”

Excited with the game being as big as it was, Senior guard Ali Kirby saw both teams build a lead in the first half but the Bulldogs were up 27-22 points, and junior center Garrett Claxton 20-7, 10-6. Truman was 8-15 overall and 4-8 in conference play.

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Two games exemplified the topsy-turvy MIAA’s basketball season. On Jan. 26, Missouri Southern State University hit the board of a three-point game that put them in the conference tournament. The Lions, though, pulled off a 74-64 upset – an upset that proves the conference tournament as teams playing in the early stages of games are the ones sitting in the top spots. The calendar has frozen team. We came out and were efficient and a brilliant center Frans Steyn.

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