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LAST TIME OUT:
The Washington and Lee men's basketball team dropped to 0-4 on the season with a pair of losses in the Carnegie Mellon Tournament over the weekend. W&L lost to Carnegie Mellon, 63-57, in the opener and then dropped a 93-73 decision to Thiel College in the consolation game. Against CMU, the Generals trailed by 10 points at the half, but fought back to take a 53-50 lead with 4:20 remaining via a 20-3 run. However, the Tartans outscored the Generals 13-3 the rest of the way to walk away with the win. W&L was led by senior guards Will Ballard and Chad Braley. Ballard totaled 13 points, while Braley added 12 points. Sophomore forward Scott Hettermann tallied 10 points. Dom Ionadi and Matt Kaitz led Carnegie Mellon with 15 points each. In the loss to Thiel, the Generals fell behind early as the Tomcats hit seven of their first eight three-point attempts en route to a 53-27 halftime advantage. W&L chipped away at the lead cutting it to 20 points (93-73) at the game’s conclusion. Thiel shot 56.5 percent from the floor (35-62) and 45.5 percent from the three-point arc (10-22). Braley led the Generals with 18 points on 7-of-16 shooting, while junior forward Bob Bustamante totaled 14 points. Sophomore guard Will Cotter noted 10 points. The Tomcats were led by A.H. Davis, who tallied 23 points and Isaiah Blanciat, who notched 15 points.

GENERALS? HOW ABOUT PRIVATE FIRST CLASS:
W&L boasts one of its youngest teams in recent memory, with just two seniors, one junior, three sophomores and six freshmen. The Generals graduated just three seniors, but lost eight players that combined for 32.4 points and 20.2 rebounds per game last season.

A DOZEN ROSES:
W&L would be better served in the early going to have a dozen roses instead of one. Team Trainer Holly Rose has been busy thus far taking care of a number of Generals who have been injured or are injured. W&L is already without the services of sophomore Ryan Small who is rehabbing a knee injury suffered last season. Senior guard Chad Braley is nursing a shoulder injury, while senior guard Will Ballard and sophomore forward Jake McAlister are both out with ankle sprains.

WELCOME BACK:
Junior forward Bob Bustamante returned to the lineup this season after missing the final eight games of last season with an ankle injury. Bustamante averaged 8.8 points and 4.6 rebounds through the first 16 games last year. Through four games, Bustamante is averaging 11.3 points, 3.8 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game. He’s shooting a team-best 48.4 percent from the floor, 42.1 percent from three and 77.8 percent from the free throw line.

HOLDIN’ THEIR OWN:
Undersized against most opponents, the Generals are still holding their own on the boards after four games. W&L is being outrebounded by just three boards in the early going and has recorded seven more offensive rebounds than its opponents (53-46).

CLIMBING THE CHARTS:
Senior guard/forward Will Ballard has been a steady player for the Generals. Ballard has scored 714 career points and is closing in on the Top 5 all-time at W&L in career steals. He claims 118 career steals and can move into fifth place all-time with 11 more thefts. Ballard trails the career leader, Mike Wenke (1975-79), by 88 steals.

STAT OF THE WEEK:
The Generals are 0-4 on the season mainly due to injuries and youth. However, those two factors have led to this week’s stat of the week. W&L is allowing its opponents to shoot 50.5 percent from the floor and 40.3 percent from three point range. The Generals are also forcing just 13.3 turnovers per game. Last season, W&L built its team on defense, allowing its opponents to shoot just 41.4 percent from the floor and 24.8 percent from three while forcing an average of 16.6 turnovers per game. The Generals won nine games in 1999-2000, six of which occurred when holding teams to 40 percent or less from the floor.