

Stonewall shows surprising strength

After winning four games, Generals In thick of Shenandoah District contest

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After starting the season with three losses, the Stonewall Jackson boys' basketball team has collected twice the number of wins its had in the past two seasons combined.

Now at 4-4 overall and an impressive 3-1 in the Shenandoah District, the long-suffering program seems to have finally found a winning formula.

The Generals will host Page County Friday at 7 p.m.

The Panthers are currently the best team in the district with a perfect 4-0 record, but the Generals have proven thus far this season that they back

down from no one.

Stonewall found the victory against another decent district team Dec. 18 when they beat Riverheads 48-42, and then two weeks ago came out on top at Luray 56-50.

Junior point guard Colton Harlow has honed in his consistency to keep the team at a steady – no longer frantic – pace, while the emergence of post player Corey Polk is making the team multi-dimensional.

In the Shenandoah District, Stonewall has a unique opportunity: It could find itself transformed from the district's worst team to playoff contender in a single season.