

Clark boys just too much, take second title

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MAYVILLE, March 10 — No one could touch Clark County in the 19th Region Tournament.

The Cardinals blew out Bourbon County 70-34 in the opening round.

A tough Mayville team only managed to hang with the Cards for two quarters in the semi-finals, before Clark County ran out 70-51 win.

Bourbon County held together for three periods, but Clark County clamped down in the fourth period and came away with a 71-57 victory to take the 19th Region crown and a berth in the final 16.

"This is a great Clark County team that could win the state tournament," said Bourbon Coach Russ Day.

Day said his team, which finished

with 20 wins, got tired in the second half of the game.

"We played the late games in the regional tournament, and that's no excuse. We were flat in the fourth quarter," Day said.

Day said the Clark team is one of the best he has seen in the 19th Region during his years of coaching.

"They do a good job making you do things you don't want to do," Day said. Unlike the previous two tourney matchups, the Cardinals had a harder time shaking Bourbon County.

The Cardinals managed to play Clark close until about two minutes into the last period.

Down 45-40 at the 6:40 point of the fourth quarter, Bourbon County made three straight turnovers, which Clark County capitalized on for a 51-40 lead.

From there, it was no contest.

Clark took a 16-6 lead in the first quarter, when Shane Crum hit a field goal at the 2:20 mark, and held an 18-12 lead after the first eight minutes.

Bourbon County outscored the Cardinals 10-2 to open the second period and took its first lead at 22-20 on a field goal by Gary Williams at 4:25.

The two teams traded leads several times, before Robbie Fulks put Clark up 28-27 on a field goal at 1:40.

Crum nailed a field goal to make it 30-27, and the Cardinals held that advantage at the half.

Bourbon got the lead back early in the third period when Williams hit a field goal and Craig Stamper made the ball and ran it out for a layup that made the score 33-20.

David Ahrens stretched the lead to 33-30 on a field goal at the 7-minute mark.

Clark got the lead back when Dante

Gay and Crum scored six straight points for a 36-33 advantage.

Clark went up 39-35 on a layup break by Gay at 2:08. Williams responded by driving the baseline for a bucket to make it 39-37, but that was as close as Bourbon would come for the rest of the game.

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Clark, Gay 26, Fulks 10, Crum 15, Embry 4, McCoy 6, Farris 5.

Bourbon: Stamper 10, Kenney 2, C. Williams 26, Foley 5, Ahrens 16, R. Williams 1, Black 2.

Boys' Regional Wrapup

Clark eliminates Dogs in first semi-final, 70-51

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MAYVILLE, March 9 — The Bulldogs played Clark County close for the first half, but the Cardinals burst them in the second, coming away with a 70-51 win in the semi-finals of the 19th Region Tournament.

Mayville failed to get a big game from senior Jerome Turner, who scored only 13 points. Ten of those came in the first half.

Clark County's game was fueled by a 24-point night from center Shane Crum, and Dante Gay, who netted 20 points.

Terry King led Mayville with 14 points.

The Cardinal defense and fast break was instrumental in shutting down the Bulldogs, who were hurt by turnovers.

"Our players forced a couple of shots and did not run their offense," said Bulldog Coach Doug Hines.

"We lost our composure. Very seldom do you come back against a team as talented and coached as well as Clark County," Hines said.

Clark jumped out to an early lead and never trailed, taking a 47-10 lead on a shot by Gay and Robbie Fulks. Mayville never got closer than two

points in the first quarter, but that was in the opening minutes. Turner hit a shot at the 6:25 mark to make it 4-2.

Yves Embry put the Cardinals up 8-4 with a field goal at 4:10, and a shot by Fulks made it 10-4.

Crum stretched the lead to 14-7 with a bucket.

A free throw by Brad Morton with 42 seconds left and a shot by Terry King at the buzzer closed out scoring, with Clark County leading 14-10 after the first eight minutes.

In the second quarter, Clark jumped to a 19-12 lead, before Mayville responded with five straight on a 3-pointer by Turner and a field goal by Terry Moore.

Fulks nailed a jump shot to make the score 21-17, and two free throws by Gay gave the Cardinals a 23-17 lead.

Turner hit a 3-pointer to close the score to 23-20, but Gay answered with a pointer of his own to make it 26-20.

Mayville added two more when Bennett poked up a loose ball and put it in with 1:00 remaining in the half.

Clark County held the ball for the last shot on its possession, but Turner broke the play up inside the 16-second mark, and Clark took the 29-20 lead at the breakers.

In the third quarter, Clark began to bury the fading Mayville squad. After exchanging buckets in the opening minutes, Clark outscored Mayville 21-8 and held a 47-30 advantage with about a minute remaining, when Crum hit a

field goal.

Jerry King hit the last shot of the quarter with about 20 seconds remaining, and Clark County led 47-33 after three.

Clark was relentless with late free throws as the fourth quarter dragged on for Mayville.

The Cardinals took a 50-33 lead, before Mayville mounted a comeback.

Jerry King scored two straight buckets with about four minutes remaining to cut the lead to 56-45.

From there, the Cardinals put Mayville away, going up 65-45 at 2:08, when Chris McCoy sank two free throws.

Clark held two 21-point leads in the closing minutes, and Mayville conceded with about two minutes left when the shot took the floor.

Scoring
Mayville: Jerry King 6, Morton 3, T. King 14, O. Myrick 3, Turner 13, Moore 5, Bennett 2, Ju King 3, T. Myrick 3.

Clark: Gay 20, Fulks 14, Crum 21, V. Embry 2, McCoy 4, Farris 2, Lapette 1, Gibson 1, J. Embry 2.

Clark gives, takes away as Bourbon stops Indians

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MAYVILLE, March 9 — The court gives, and the court takes away. In the end, the court gave Bourbon County a

little more than it took in the semi-finals of the 19th Region Tournament.

The Cardinals came away with an 85-81 win in double overtime against Montgomery County.

"It was a great game to win," said Bourbon Coach Russ Day. "We had some good things happen too."

As far as the give and take goes, Montgomery County, down two points, led the game 71-71 on two Larry Tiller free throws, with 15 seconds left in regulation to send the game overtime.

"Bourbon County had a game-winning layup by Casey Williams — Montgomery County, down two points, led the game 71-71 on two Larry Tiller free throws, with 15 seconds left in regulation to send the game overtime.

In the second overtime, Montgomery County had an 81-77 lead when Tiller sank two free throws at 1:03 remaining. The Indians saw that slip away in the last minute as Bourbon scored the next eight points for the win.

Montgomery Coach Russ Hines managed to be philosophical about the loss, choosing to see only the positive aspects of the Indians' 2-6 season.

"In a few days the sun will come up and we'll think about the positive things."

"We're just glad to be here," said Hines, whose teams have managed 20 wins in the past three years. However, Montgomery lost in the consolation game two years ago, and dropped in the semi last year.

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"If you look at the door long enough, it will open," Hines said.

Even though Montgomery appeared poised to blow the game out, the Indians could never quite shake Bourbon County.

Montgomery took an 8-0 lead when Larry Tiller made a slam dunk at the 5:45 mark of the first period.

Bourbon County legged its first points when David Ahrens nailed two free throws at 5:29 to make it 8-2.

The Cardinals fought back to within three at 13-10, and managed a 17-17 tie at the end of the period.

The two teams played even in the second quarter. After Montgomery took a 23-19 lead on a Chris Clemens tip in at 6:19, Bourbon County countered a drive that put it on top 26-20 when Craig Foley ran out a layup at the 4:00 mark.

Bourbon took a 30-27 lead, before Clemens knotted it at 30-30 on a 3-point shot at 3:30.

Bourbon scored the next four for its largest lead of the game, but Montgomery County came back with four of its own to make the score 34-34 at halftime.

Montgomery County outscored the Cardinals 12-4 in the first four minutes of the third period, taking a 46-38 lead on two free throws by Tiller at 3:53, but the Indians could not hold the lead.

Tiller hit the lineup at 3:29 on his fourth foul and the Indians' scoring was cooled off.

Bourbon came back with 14 straight points. In the drive, Williams netted two free throws at 3:02 to give Bourbon a 47-46 edge. The drive culminated in a 3-point play by Williams to give Bourbon a 50-46 lead.

Nicky Martin finally broke the ice for Montgomery when he hit two free throws at 4:20 to make it 50-48.

Martin put the Indians up 51-50 when he netted a 3-pointer off a Montgomery steal.

The Tribe climbed back on top 55-54 at the end of the third period.

In the fourth, Bourbon took a 58-53 lead on a free throw by Jeff Stamper and a 3-pointer by Ahrens.

Montgomery answered by going up 64-60 at the 4:30 mark.

But the two teams were even at 71-71 by the end of the quarter.

The first overtime was marked by low scoring, with each team managing only four points.

Vincent Kenney fouled out of the Bourbon lineup at 5:52, and Montgomery County decided to hold for the last shot on its possession with the score tied at 73-73.

However, the Tribe coughed the ball up, and Fley went to the line with

59 seconds left to make two free throws for a 75-73 Bourbon advantage.

Montgomery County tied it at 75-75 when Williams was assessed for foul tending.

Williams' dramatic layup at the buzzer was whistled back because he was fouled as he made his way to the basket.

He missed the chance for the victory when his first free throw of the 1-point foul shot.

In the second overtime, Montgomery jumped to an 81-77 advantage

on two free throws by Tiller.

Ahrens netted two free throws at the 47 second mark to make it 81-79.

Brian Hiley missed the front of a 1- and bonus shot on Montgomery's next possession.

Ahrens ran the ball down court, put in a reverse layup and was fouled in the process. He hit his foul shot to give Bourbon a 82-81 lead with 28 seconds left.

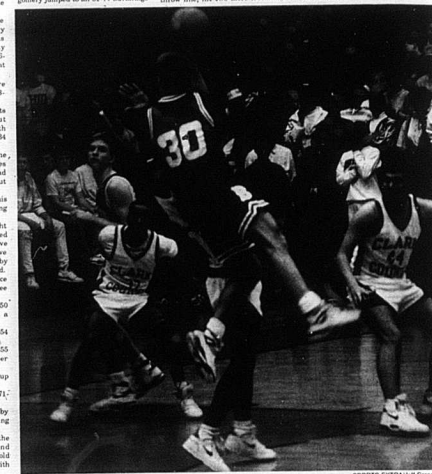
The Cardinals stole the ball from Montgomery, and Ahrens was fouled. Ahrens, who was 15 of 17 from the free throw line, hit two more free throws

for an 84-81 lead.

Martin missed a 3-pointer that would have tied the score, and Fley went to the line once more for Bourbon to hit one free throw as the Cardinals advanced to the finals.

Scoring
Montgomery: Clemens 20, Cochran 8, Tiller 25, Walker 2, Holey 2, Martin 12, McDonald 2.

Bourbon: Stamper 7, Kenney 16, C. Williams 21, Foley 5, Ahrens 30, R. Williams 4.



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David Ahrens goes up for a shot for Bourbon County in the finals against Clark County. Clark won the title game 71-57.

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