

It's Was All Over, But Not Quite...

Ottoville Trailed by Five with 20 Seconds to Go

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Every bit as exciting as the Semi-Final games, the Blue Jays defeated Ottoville 71-65 in the District Finals to advance to Toledo this week. Delphos took a 20-13 first quarter lead and led by 12 points in the second quarter before Ottoville got back into the game by halftime, trailing only 37-35.

Although Ottoville took short-lived leads just before the half and early in the third stanzas, Delphos answered when they had to and won the Regional berth.

Delphos took a 17-14 third stanza advantage and won the last quarter 17-16 to win the game by six points.

The Big Green was never out of the game and even had a chance to take the lead with 20 seconds remaining in the game, but were unable to capitalize on a bizarre scenario.

Tim Turnwald was fouled by Larry Geise as the Big Green trailed by five points, 64-69. However, Coach Bob Arnzen failed to put a substitute in the game within the allotted 30 seconds for Geise who had fouled out. Coach Arnzen was assessed a two-shot bench technical.

Turnwald went to the line with a one-and-one and a two shot technical. Had he converted all four of the foul shots, Ottoville would have trailed by only one point, 69 - 68, and had the ball out of bounds.

However, Turnwald missed the front end of the one-and-one and only hit one of the technical foul shots. Thus, Ottoville still trailed by four points, 69 - 65.

Delphos finished off the game with two more points to win the "for sure win" 71 - 65.