

Marquette Catholic of Bellevue used its quickness on the perimeter to get past tournament rookie Clarksville and into the Class 1A semifinals.

Lizzy Parker's 19 points led the way as Marquette rallied from an early deficit to a 62-49 victory that sends the Mohawks to the semis for the third time in seven state tournament appearances.

Macey Kramer and Miranda Peters each scored 14 points for the winners, while Teona Richman and Tori Michel took care of business around the basket. Richman grabbed 13 rebounds and scored seven points. Michel came up with 12 rebounds -- eight on the offensive end -- and contributed four points.

After trailing by five points early, Marquette took control with a 12-0 run that erased Clarksville's final lead and put the Mohawks up 29-19 late in the first half. All five baskets in that burst were layups, three of them after steals.

Clarksville responded with seven straight points to cut the lead to three at halftime, but the Mohawks quickly re-established themselves at the start of the third quarter. Parker, a 5-foot-4 senior, buried a 3-pointer and Michel scored twice inside to make it 36-26 and the lead was never below six after that.

Kori Wedeking's 20 points and 11 rebounds led Clarksville, the only team among the 40 in this week's event that played in the state tournament for the first time. Janet Borchardt added 14 points for the Indians and Chloe Ross scored 11.

Marquette will take a 22-2 record against top-ranked Newell-Fonda at 1:30 p.m. Friday. Clarksville finishes 20-3, but with only one senior in the starting lineup, the Indians should contend for another state tourney berth next season.