

The final pairing is set for the Class 2A semifinals and it's one impressive group.

Third-seeded Treynor completed the quarterfinal round with a hard-fought 53-44 victory over North Linn, which stayed right with the Cardinals until the final minute.

Treynor will play second-seeded Central Decatur at 11:45 a.m. Friday, after No. 1 seed Grundy Center faces fourth-seeded and defending champion Cascade in the other semifinal matchup. Those four teams have a combined record of 93-2, so the one that emerges as the champion will have earned it.

Treynor got it done with tough second-half defense and some timely baskets by Sydni Huisman, who was limited to 14 minutes because of foul trouble but made the most of her time on the court.

After playing only three minutes in the opening half, Huisman scored seven points in the early stages of the second half to key a 13-3 run that erased a 28-26 deficit and lifted the Cardinals into a 39-31 lead.

The 5-foot-10 senior came through again in the fourth quarter after North Linn trimmed the lead to 40-39. Konnor Sudmann hit a big step-back 3-pointer for the Cardinals and Huisman followed with a basket inside for a 45-39 lead.

Treynor then sealed the deal with free throws, Tori Castle making two and Sudmann hitting six straight.

Sudmann finished with 20 points, nine rebounds, three assists, three steals and a block. Huisman scored nine points, while Kayla Chapman and Mandy Stogdill each scored six. Chapman also had nine rebounds, four assists, three blocks and three steals.

Kyle Kurt led North Linn with 14 points, Grace Flanagan scored 11 and Ellie Ware 10.

Treynor, the state runner-up two years ago, advances to its third straight semifinal with a 24-1 record. North Linn, a regional finalist for the last eight seasons, finishes 21-2 -- its ninth consecutive season with 20-plus victories.