

Treynor made sure this championship game ended on a much happier note than the last time the Cardinals played in the finals.

All-tournament captain Konnor Sudmann scored 17 points and Treynor played outstanding defense in beating Grundy Grundy Center 48-30 to win the Class 2A state championship. Treynor handed the top-ranked Spartans their first loss of the season and sent them home with a loss in championship game for the second straight year.

Treynor jumped on top early and never let up. The Cardinals made seven of their first eight shots in a building a 15-7 first-quarter lead and led by as many as 15 in the opening half.

Grundy Center drew to 31-25 on Brooke Flater's layup at the start of the fourth quarter, leaving the Spartans plenty of time for a rally. But their offense stalled -- they managed only one basket the rest of the way -- and Treynor pulled away with patient, efficient ball handling.

Mandy Stogdill's 3-pointer from the deep right corner stretched the lead to 36-25 and Treynor made the free throws it needed down the stretch to stay in control. Against an aggressive Grundy Center defense, Treynor turned the ball over only three times.

Treynor got back to the championship game after a tough 51-48 loss to Western Christian in the 2017 finals, a game in which Treynor was hurt by a charging call against Sudmann in the final seconds. The Cardinals had been unbeaten going into that one.

Stogdill finished with nine points on three 3-pointers and Kayla Chapman also scored nine for the Cardinals, who held Grundy Center to 28.6 percent shooting and closed with a 26-1 record.

Kylie Willis led Grundy Center with eight points, Hailey Wallis scored seven and Flater had six.

Grundy Center, which lost to Cascade in last year's championship game, finishes 24-1.

Chapman joined Sudmann on the all-tournament team, which also had Wallis, Alli Masters and Emma Atwood of Central Decatur and Nicole McDermott of Cascade.