

Glenwood ended North Scott's two-year reign as the Class 4A state champion and now gets a chance to win a title of its own.

Sophomore Jenna Hopp put together an impressive statistical line to lead four scorers in double figures as the top-ranked Rams built a big lead early en route to a 61-48 semifinal victory.

Hopp did a little bit of everything for her team, finishing with 14 points, 10 rebounds, three assists, three steals and two blocks. Madison Camden and Abby Hughes each scores 11 points and Emma Hughes added 10 for the Rams, who will take a 21-3 record into the championship at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in search of their first state title.

Sixth-ranked North Scott made it back despite losing four starters from its championship club. The Lancers turned back Mississippi Athletic Conference rival Central DeWitt in the quarterfinals, but the deep, talented Glenwood team was too much and North Scott's state tournament winning streak ended at 10. The Lancers also won the 2017 state title and finish 16-3 in what was thought to be a rebuilding season.

Kate Schermerhorn led North Scott with 15 points on 5-for-8 3-point shooting. Ashley Fountain added eight points, eight rebounds, two assists and two steals and Samantha Scott, the lone returning starter, scored six.

Glenwood ended the first half with a 12-2 run to take a 32-13 lead into the break and seemed to be firmly in control. But the Lancers did not go quietly.

They twice got to within 12 points and trailed 43-30 after Lexi Ward's free throw with 2:28 left in the third quarter. Glenwood responded quickly, running off 10 straight points in a little more than 2 minutes to end the quarter with a 53-30 lead and boosting the margin to 25 early in the fourth quarter.

Again, North Scott made a run, scoring 12 straight points on Cora O'Neill's three-point play and three 3-point baskets to slice the lead to 57-44 with 3 1/2 minutes left. But the threat died there and Camden sank four straight free throws to wrap it up.