

Big-time players make big-time plays and Maggie McGraw did just that for Southeast Polk.

McGraw scored the Rams' final four points in regulation, then put up nine of her team's 10 points in overtime to help Southeast Polk outlast Ankeny Centennial 61-56 to finish the Class 5A quarterfinals.

It was the third straight overtime game in the opening round, following Dowling Catholic's three-overtime thriller over Waukee and West Des Moines Valley's extra session win over Iowa City High.

After jumping to an early 13-point lead, third-seeded Southeast Polk found itself trailing 50-47 with less than four minutes to play. McGraw's layup drew the Rams to within a point and her two free throws tied it at 51 with 2:39 remaining. Neither team could capitalize on its opportunities down the stretch, so they went to overtime to settle it and McGraw, who has signed with Iowa State, came through again.

She sliced through the Centennial defense for a layup to put her team up 54-53. Then, after Centennial regained the lead, McGraw sank two free throws to put the Rams ahead to stay and they held Centennial to a single point the rest of the way.

McGraw went 10-for-12 from the line and finished with 24 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore Grace Larkins added 15 points and another eight rebounds.

Kenna Sauer led sixth-seeded Centennial with 17 points and 12 rebounds, while Rachel Schon had a 12-point, 12-rebound double-double. Alexandria Keahna-Harris and Meg Burns also had 12 points for the Jaguars, who finish 15-8.

Southeast Polk takes a 20-3 record into its semifinal matchup with Dowling at 11:45 a.m. Thursday.