

Frankfort Wildcat Boy's Advance to State Semi's

It was a barrage of three-point baskets in the first quarter that gave the Frankfort Wildcats an early lead they would not relinquish in the game. The Wildcats the three seed in the Class 1A-Div II state tourney took on the six seed Crest Lancers. An early start in the fourth quarter from Frankfort, most notably sophomore, Alex Surdez who scored 11 of his 18 points in the first period, connecting on five three's for the second straight game. Those 11 points courtesy of Surdez helped give Frankfort the 20-9 at the end of the first quarter.

That lead would be stretched up to 14 points, as Frankfort went into the half with a 34-20 margin, in their favor. In the second half that 14 point would stand pat, notching Frankfort the 74-60 win, advancing them to the state semifinals on Friday. Frankfort's hot shooting was evident throughout the contest as they shot 71% from the floor (27-38), 79% from three-point land (7-9) and 72% from the free throw line (13-18).

Wildcats had only six players score on the evening with four of those accounting for a majority of the points. Senior, Jacob Broxterman lead the team with 22 points, 17 of which came in the second half of action. While Surdez finished with a career-high 18 points, earning himself the United Bank and Trust "Player to Bank On" award for the second straight game. Junior, Calahan Brown added 17 points, with senior forward, Jonathan Keating adding 12. For the Crest Lancers they did have three players score double figures but ultimately struggled to much as a team from the floor overall. Junior, Kyle Hammond the leading scorer for the Lancers lead the team with a 21 point performance. While his teammates senior, Cole Bowen and junior, Jordan Morton each added 10 points.

Crest wraps up their season with a 15-9 record overall; while Frankfort celebrates their twentieth win of the season, advancing on to the Class 1A-Div II state tournament semifinals, where they will face the two seed Fowler Goldbugs. Fowler took down the seven seed Cunningham 67-31 in their first round match and are 20-4 on the season. The game will be at 4:45pm Friday, March 9th and can be heard on 92.1 KMZA .

Wildcats have assured themselves no less than a fourth place finish at state, but are hungry to bring home it's second state title.