

Joe Hinton hospitalized before sectional semi-final game

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Former Floyd Central High School and Providence High School boys' basketball coach Joe Hinton gave fans at Paoli a scare in last Friday's sectional semi-finals.

Hinton, who is currently seventh on the states list of winningest active coaches, has amassed a 594-339 record in 44 years of coaching and just prior to tip-off of the Rams game against Eastern, Hinton collapsed in the locker room and was taken to the Orange county hospital.

He was later transferred to Floyd Memorial Hospital where he is still undergoing tests.

According to a Paoli High School Principal Jerry Stroud, Hinton is in good spirits, but the cause of his collapsing is still not known.

"A heart cath was scheduled for Monday and so far none of the tests they have done have been concerning, but they are still exploring things," Stroud said.

Hinton's wife Angie said in an e-mail that her husband seemed to be fine.

"We didn't know until the next day (Saturday) that his heart rate jumped over 200 and his defibrillator did fire to put his heart back in rhythm," Angie Hinton said. "It saved his life again, for the third time!

"He did not have a heart attack or sustain any damage otherwise. He had gone through several tests first of the year and was fine so this is the last test to complete. I will let you know how things go.

Hinton is expected to retire after finishing his fourth season at Paoli and compiling a 50-41 record including an 11-11 record this year.