

Warriors fall to Greensburg in championship game of sectional

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It was a season to forget for the Scottsburg Warriors as they managed only three wins in Coach Anthony Winchester's first year as head coach. Luckily, the Warriors had the perfect opportunity to do just that as they began the Sectional tournament with a clean slate. After drawing the bye, thus being moved automatically to the second round, the Warriors found themselves playing the Greensburg Pirates, with hopes of making it to the championship game.

A big boost was given to the Warriors as Tori Winchester was able to play his first game of the year. This paid dividends right away for the Warriors as they played stifling defense, but trailed by four early on. However, the Warrior defense would not allow the Pirates to extend the lead any further. Each time the Pirates would go up by more than four, the Warriors would answer, behind senior Brad Bowling who had ten points in the first quarter. He held the Warriors in the game as they trailed 17-14 after one.

The second quarter opened much more slowly as neither team could get much going. Then, a quick 4-0 run by Greensburg forced a Warrior timeout. The Warriors responded quickly out of the timeout with a big and one play allowing them to continue to hang around. Then Bowling picked up his third foul and was forced to play a bit more tentatively. The Warriors went down by six until their first three pointer of the game came from Cameron Collins as the buzzer sounded and brought them back to within three points, 30-27, at halftime.

The third picked up just like the end of the second as Collins hit another big three pointer and the Warriors took the lead on the next possession. However, Bowling picked up his fourth foul and sat the bench for much of the quarter. This did not seem to phase the Warriors though as they continued to extend their lead. Then, more misfortune took Scottsburg as Winchester went out with a knee injury. He returned shortly after and the Warriors found themselves tied at 38 headed into the final quarter. This time it was the Pirates turn to start fast as they took a quick five point lead. Then, some missed free throws by Scottsburg allowed the Pirates to extend. However, the Warriors fought back to within two points inside of two minutes left to play. Each time the Warriors would cut the lead to two, Greensburg would answer. This continued all the way to the final buzzer as the Pirates held on, ending the Warriors season, 60-56.