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Rockford High School, Rockford, MI

Grand Haven boys basketball team comes from behind with strong fourth quarter to defeat Rockford 68-66 in overtime on Friday

Jonathan Van Zytveld | jvanzytv@mlive.com, February 08, 2013 9:16 p.m.

After trailing 45-31, Grand Haven outscored Rockford 29-15 in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime and sneak out a two-point victory.

Grand Haven's Sean Steffel led with 28 points, including the bucket that sent the game into overtime with six seconds in the game.

Steffel was also 2 for 2 from the line in overtime, as was Ethan Groothuis, something which Grand Haven coach Steve Hewitt said were pivotal in the game.

"Sean and Ethan's free throws were the difference in the game," he said. "They sealed it for us."

Groothuis added 17 points and six rebounds, and Ty Van Wieren had 10 points and seven rebounds.

Rockford's Casey Watters scored 15 points, Zachary Finkbeiner scored 12, and Chase Fairchild scored 10, along with his five rebounds.

"Rockford controlled the game for three quarters, and we were just able to dig down and turn them over with our pressure," Hewitt said. "We really gained some momentum and got some transition baskets and shots from the line."

Hewitt said that Grand Haven's determination was key to the win.

"I'm very proud of the kids for not letting up and playing hard in the fourth quarter," he said.

"When you get down like this against a team like Rockford, you want to try and make some things happen. We're not talking about winning, we're just talking about making it close and maybe putting some pressure on them, and that's what happened.

"It was just an exceptional win, and something that I'll remember for some time, because it was such a swing of emotion. It couldn't have been more dramatic."

Grand Haven will face Grandville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15.

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