



Boys Basketball

East Kentwood boys basketball team completes fourth-quarter comeback in 54-51 win over Rockford

East Kentwood head coach Jeff Anama speaks to his team during a timeout of the game against Holland at East Kentwood High School on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. The Falcons beat the Dutch 64-58. (Andrew Kuhn | MLive.com)

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The East Kentwood boys basketball team found themselves down by as many as 12 points in the third quarter, but rallied in the fourth to edge Rockford 54-51.

Benjamin Hester led East Kentwood with 16 points, while teammate Isaiah Terry scored 12 points. Rockford's Casey Watters led all scorers with 18 points, and Nathan Wosnick added 12 for the Rams.

With just a one-point lead with less than a minute to go, East Kentwood forced a miss by Rockford and then hit both free throws on the other end to go up by three.

"We missed a bunch of free throws in last night's loss to Hudsonville (triple-overtime), but we were great from the line in the fourth tonight," East Kentwood coach Jeff Anama said. "That's why we won."

Though down by 12 in the third quarter, East Kentwood cut the lead to six by the end of the quarter, and outplayed Rockford in the fourth to earn the win.

East Kentwood led for most of the first half, but Rockford pulled ahead 24-23 on a 3-pointer by Jake Vancuren at the halftime buzzer. Rockford then surged to a 12-point lead that would eventually collapse.

"I felt like we controlled the first half, and Vancuren gave them momentum," Anama said. "But we got a few stops in the middle of the third and finished well.

"Just a typical East Kentwood and Rockford war."

Rockford hosts Holland West Ottawa on Tuesday, while East Kentwood hosts Grandville.

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