

## SAMPLE #1

In a battle of what I feel are two of the top 3 teams in division four Catholic Central traveled to Fond du Lac to take on the Saint Mary's Springs Ledgers.

### **Game Recap**

The Ledgers came out strong and built a 15 point half time lead but Catholic Central answered with a 16-0 run to start the 3rd quarter. Down by 6 with two minutes to play Matt Moses scored two buckets then got a steal and an assist to tie up the game with a minute to go, Catholic Central held for one shot but couldn't get it to drop sending the game to overtime. In overtime Springs jumped out to a lead but Central chipped away and with .9 seconds to go senior Matt Smith hit two free throws to put Catholic Central up by one, clinching the win.

### **Why Catholic Central Won**

The Hilltoppers showed great composure all game long coming back from the big halftime deficit and clawing back after being down by four in overtime. They were also very opportunistic taking advantage of when Moses & Sabel had to sit down with foul trouble.

### **Why Springs Lost**

They did everything they wanted to do and more in the first half but really struggled in the second half when Moses was on the bench. They also had a tough time converting their opportunities down low all game long.

### **Standouts**

**Matt Moses, SR, Springs:** One of the state's top seniors, Moses didn't dissappoint on this night. Hit some tough outside shots some when being defended by a 6'6" defender. Does a great job elevating when he goes to the hoop and finishing his chances. Also plays very unselfish and really did a nice job setting up his teammates. Was a little too active down low battling the big guys from BCC for rebounds and got in foul trouble. A great defender he held BCC standout Rion Rayfield in check before he got into foul trouble.

**Rion Rayfield, SR, Catholic Central:** A great shooter, Rion exploded for 17 second half points and led the charge back into the game. All told he hit six three pointers in the game including one in the overtime.

**Zack Sabel, SR, Springs:** Zack is a great athlete and while undersized at 6'2" he did a great job taking on the big guys from Catholic Central down low.

**Bennett Deacon, JR, Catholic Central:** He really seemed to be what makes this team tick. In the first half he struggled with foul trouble and a couple turnovers and they were down by 15. In the second half he played strong and scored all 10 points and they pull out the win.

### **Game Ball**

My game ball goes to Matt Smith. Hustled for the loose ball as time was ticking down in the overtime period then drew the foul. He stepped up to the line and hit the two huge free throws to win the game.

### **Game Vitals**

**Halftime Score:** Springs 38 - BCC 23

**Final Score:** BCC 60 - Springs 59

**Scoring:** Springs: Moses 24, Schneider 10, Sabel 9; BCC: Rayfield 27, Smith 11, Deacon 10

**Free-Throw Shooting:** BCC: 14-23 (61%), Springs: 11-13 (85%)

## SAMPLE #2

I spent my Friday night in Waukesha for a battle of previously unbeaten. Catholic Memorial, ranked #4 in the Wishoops.net Coaches Poll, played host to #9 Waukesha South.

### ***One Sentence Game Recap***

Catholic Memorial frustrated South early with their 1-3-1 zone but South quickly recovered and was unconscious from three point land the rest of the way.

### ***Atmosphere***

I'm a big fan of smaller gyms because they seem more full and this was definitely the case. Both student sections were well attended. I could have done without Catholic Memorial's student section cheer explaining that even though they lost the game they will one day be the bosses of Waukesha South students.

### ***Why Waukesha South Won***

Shooting 63% from three point land is a good start. But more importantly was the patience on offense and working the ball around to get open shots instead of contested shots. They also did a nice job playing defense on the perimeter and holding junior standout Conor Smith in check.

### ***Why Catholic Memorial Lost***

Catholic Memorial's 1-3-1 is tough because they put the 6'8" Smith on top but where they let South get them from was the corners. They also turned the ball over a bit too much on offense and had trouble getting good looks for Smith and Butrym.

### ***Standouts***

**Eric Guth, SR, Waukesha South:** Tough point guard who handles the ball well and gives 100% hustle when he is out on the floor. Did a great job breaking the zone down with penetration and passing. A great three point shooter, his outside shot was off on this night but still took care of business from the free throw line going 10-10. Finished with 17 points.

**Patrick Butrym, JR, Catholic Memorial:** 6'5" bruiser who attacks the hoop down low as well as anyone I've seen this year. Almost plays with the intensity of a football player on offense. Had 25 points on limited touches as I felt they had trouble getting him the ball in good spots for him to score.

**Weslee Brown, SR, Waukesha South:** Talented wing player who is very athletic and hit 6 three pointers.

**Conor Smith, JR, Catholic Memorial:** Very good ball skills for a big man. Has a great outside shot, very smooth shooter.

**Dan Kratz, SO, Waukesha South:** Dan came off the bench hit 4 three pointers in the second quarter for the Blackshirts after only scoring three points in the teams previous games. Also hit an off-balanced buzzer beater from three to end the third period.

### ***Game Ball***

This was one of the better team efforts I have seen in a great while. However when a guy with 3 points all season long comes in and nails 5 three pointers you have to give him props. My gameball goes to Dan Kratz.

### ***Game Vitals***

**Final Score:** Waukesha South 80 - Catholic Memorial 67

**Scoring:** WS: Brown 20, Guth 17, Kratz 15, Brumfeld 11, Staffeldt 10; CM: Butrym 25, Smith 13, Krausert 9

**Free-Throw Shooting:** South: 11-14 (78%), Memorial: 11-14 (78%)