Daoust hits winner as Coe upsets BV



Coe rallied from a 15-point deficit and upset Buena Vista, 69-67, on a jump shot by Matt Daoust with 3.3 seconds left Saturday in an Iowa

Conference basketball game at Eby Fieldhouse.

The Kohawks (16-9, 10-4) received a first-round bye in the Iowa Conference tournament this week and will host Dubuque or Luther in the semifinals Thursday at 7 p.m

Buena Vista won the regular-season title with an 11-3 record, topping Coe and Dubuque by one game in the final standings, but the Kohawks earned a ton of momentum with Saturday's clutch victory.

Buena Vista raced to a 40-25 lead late in the first half, but the Kohawks scored the last six points of the stanza to pull within 40-31 at intermission and give themselves a chance.

Coe trailed 57-45 when they kicked things into gear with an 11-0 run to pull within 57-56. Max Schmarzo scored eight of those points for the Kohawks with two 3-pointers and another field goal.

Schmarzo made a layup to tie the game, 60-60, with 2:43 left. Matt Vonderhaar gave Coe a 67-66 edge with a 3-pointer with 53 seconds remaining.

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Cole Darrow of Buena Vista (18-7) made his first free throw with 14 seconds to go, knotting the score at 67-67, but missed his second shot. Daoust delivered his clutch bucket for a 69-67 lead and Darrow missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

JT Vonderhaar led Coe with 18 points. Schmarzo finished with 16 markers. Daoust and Matt Vonderhaar netted 12 apiece. Daoust also collected eight rebounds and six assists. Christian Fahey had eight rebounds.

Kennedy Drew paced Buena Vista with 21 points and 13 rebounds. Darrow scored 14.

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Tuesday Opening Round

No. 6 Luther at No. 3 Dubuque No. 5 Wartburg at No. 4 Central No. 1 Buena Vista, No. 2 Coe draw byes

Thursday Semifinals

Luther/Dubuque winner at Coe, 7 p.m. Wartburg/Central winner at Buena Vista, 7 p.m.

Saturday Finals

Semifinal winners at highest remaining seed

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BUENA VISTA (67): Drey 9 0-0 21, Darrow 5 4-5 14, Wuebker 2 1-2 5, Clark 1 0-0 3, Savage 4 0-0 9, Kastantin 2 0-0 5, Gallagher 3 0-0 8, Sibenaller 0 2-2 2, Juhl 0 0-0 0, Heitkamp 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 7-9 67.

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COE (69): Daoust 6 0-1 12, JT Vonderhaar 6 5-6 18, Fahey 1 2-4 4, Pyritz 1 0-0 2, M Vonderhaar 4 0-0 12, Meyer 2 0-0 5, Wadsworth 0 0-0 0, Vorba 0 0-0 0, Stix 0 0-0 0, Schmarzo 6 1-1 16. Totals 26 8-12 69.
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Halftime - Buena Vista 40, Coe 31. 3-point goals - Buena Vista 8 (Drey 3, Gallagher 2, Clark 1, Savage 1, Kastantin 1), Coe 9 (M Vonderhaar 4, Schmarzo 3, JT Vonderhaar 1, Meyer 1).