

Saints hold off DeWitt, 51-42

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Lizzy Bailey and Hailey Deutmeyer combined for 31 points to power No.13 Xavier past DeWitt Central, 51-42, Saturday night in a Class 4A regional semifinal girls basketball game at Xavier.

The defending state champion Saints (11-11) advance to Tuesday's regional final against 10th-ranked North Scott (16-6) at Mount Vernon.

Bailey scored 16 points and Deutmeyer 15.

Xavier held a 10-point lead for almost all of the third quarter, but had to fight off Central's comeback.

The Saints' lead was only two points with four minutes left, and a slim 46-42 with one minute left.

DEWITT CENTRAL (42): Roling 1 2-2 5, Henningsen 1 0-0 2, Saunders 1 0-0 3, McNamara 3 1-2 7, Brainerd 3 5-6 11, Cornelius 2 0-0 4, Meland 2 0-0 6, Willis 2 0-0 4. Totals 15 8-10 42.

XAVIER (51): Watson 3 2-2 8, Drahozal 1 0-0 2, Deutmeyer 4 5-6 15, Dickes 1 0-0 2, Bailey 5 4-7 16, Bertsch 1 0-0 2, Joens 1 0-0 2, Breitbach 1 2-4 4. Totals 17 13-19 51.

Halftime - Xavier 30, Central 20. 3-point goals - Central 4 (Meland 2, Roling, Saunders), Xavier 4 (Deutmeyer 2, Bailey 2). Fouled out - McNamara.