

Beaverton Keeps Its Cool

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CON — The Beaver fans found out something about their basketball team Saturday night when they discovered staying cool. Coach Roy Johnston's team held its composure to this week's regional final at Alma. The Pine Conference Beavers showed their poise in a 71-64 victory over Shepherd in the Class C District contest played for a packed gymnasium. "I don't let the breaks rattle us," Johnston said after the game. The Red and White clad club executed the strategy perfectly. The Beavers went right for the Beavers, going on and on. Beaverton fans thought — that its star, Doyle Durkee, might not be around who won the Jack Pine Conference individual scoring title this season. Two quick fouls before the game was half over. The Beavers didn't forget to pass the ball in the hole. The game played over everything, every possible call against the Beavers. Every bounce of the ball seemed to go in the wrong

direction.

Meanwhile, Shepherd's Jim Salisbury was practically ripping the nets off the bucket with his slide-court 18-footers.

The teams stayed two points apart most of the first half.

Then Mike O'Brien suddenly turned hot sinking a pair of field goals and two free throws and the Beavers moved out to a 28-20 lead despite Durkee's residence on the bench.

The Bluejays then waxed hot and ran off the next seven points to go ahead, 27-26, with 2:58 left in the second quarter.

The score was tied at 28 and 30 before Durkee reentered and sank a 12 footer with 10 seconds left on the clock as Beaverton nudged ahead at half-time.

... And what a whale of a shooting battle the two teams put on in the third quarter as red-headed Randy Sroufe of Beaverton took on Salisbury singlehandedly.

When the smoke cleared, Beaverton had made 11 of 16 shots in the quarter, Shepherd 12 of 18.

Sroufe, who really came on strong in the late season, made four of five field goal attempts and Salisbury five of six in that stretch.

Beaverton started pulling away with the score just 60-58 with 6:48 showing

left in the game.

Then Sroufe — who shoots an unusual type of eye-level shot which he sort of guides into the hole — made a field goal, Doyle drove, stopped and popped a 12 footer and Sroufe drove for another short jumper and the lead stood at 68-58.

This time Shepherd, which plays in the Mid Michigan B Conference, couldn't make it back.

Durkee's two free throws with 17 seconds left ended all hope.

Those two tosses tied Durkee with Salisbury for game scoring honors with 24 points. Sroufe added 19 for the Beavers while Bill Porter had 14 and Dave Cashen 13 for Shepherd.

Beaverton is now 20-1 while Shepherd ended at 13-8.

The Beavers shot a sizzling .528 for the night (31-59) while the Bluejays were .388 on 28 of 72.

The Beaverton boxscore:

Beaverton (71)				Shepherd (64)			
	B	F	P		B	F	P
Durkee	9	6-7	24	Porter	7	0-1	14
Sroufe	9	1-3	19	Zimmerman	1	0-1	2
Neighbors	4	0-0	8	Cashen	6	1-2	13
O'Brien	3	2-2	8	Eisenberger	3	3-4	9
Rohrs	4	0-0	8	Salisbury	10	4-7	24
Stubbs	1	0-0	2	Green	1	0-0	2
Garvin	0	0-0	0				
Russell	1	0-1	2				
Totals	31	9-13	71	Totals	28	8-15	64
Beaverton	18	14	24	15-71			
Shepherd	16	14	24	10-64			

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Beavers Win District Crown



MEMBERS OF the Beaverton Beavers Class C District championship team are, left to right, standing, Dave Luther, assistant coach, Brad McLean, Arlie Russell, Joe Garvin, Ken Neighbors, Barry Dull, John Schofield, Gary Gra-

ham and Roy Johnston, coach.

Kneeling, l. to r., Randy Zdrojewski, Steve Kebler, Emory Stubbs, Mike O'Brien, Doyle Durkee, Randy Sroufe and Jeff Roehrs. - photo by Guys and Dolls Photography.

Two pace Beaverton

MAN — Beaverton's top two Doyle Durkee and Randy Sroufe combined for all 15 fourth quarter points to spill Shepherd, 71-64, to the loser's side in the Class C district title game. The Beavers, now 22-1, will play in the regional Wednesday night. Durkee scored eight of his 24 points in the third period and Sroufe added seven points as the Beavers hit six of eight shots in the period with the duo taking most of the shots. The game bows out with a 13-9 record. The Beavers' victory was aided by junior Jim Salisbury's 24 points and Bill Porter adding 14 and Durkee chipping in with 13. Durkee shot 55 per cent from the field (10-18) while Shepherd notched 41 per cent. The winners hit 41 per cent from the line and the losers 30 per cent.

BEAVERTON (71)
Durkee 9-6-24; O'Brien 3-2-8; Rohrs 4-0-8; Stubbs 1-0-2; Russell 1-0-2.
71. By Quarters: 18-14-24-5-71.
SHEPHERD (64)
Zimmerman 1-0-2; Green 1-0-2; Eisenberger 3-3-9; Salisbury 10-4-24.
64. By Quarters: 16-14-24-10-64.

The Beaverton Beavers won the District Class C championship Saturday night by defeating Shepherd, 71 to 64 at Coleman.

Playing before a large crowd, the two teams fought a close battle all the way.

The Beavers took the lead in the first period, 18 to 16, but it was a standoff in the second stanza, 14 to 14. In the third quarter, the lead again saw-sawed back and forth as both quintets came up with 24 points each. The last period started out the same as the others but the relentless Beavers started pulling away with a little over six minutes to play and came out on top at the buzzer, 15 to 10.

Doyle Durkee was again the top scorer for the Beavers with 24 points even though he was in foul trouble early and spent part of the game on the bench. He was followed by Randy Sroufe who had 19. Taking top scoring honors for Shepherd was Jim Salisbury who had 24 points. He was followed by Porter with 14 and Cashen added 13.

The Beavers now play in the regional tournament in Alma. Their first contest will be tonight, Wednesday against Lansing Catholic Central at 7:30 p.m. If they win, they will play for the regional title Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
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Beaverton 71
Shepherd 64