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Four unanswered baskets made it a 68-58 lead and the excited Beaver fans chanted the traditional "We're No. 1" while waiting for their darlings to be presented the District trophy.

Beaverton now readies for Regional action at Alma High against Lansing Catholic Central, winner of the Bath District. The Beavers are proud owners of a 21-1 record, their only loss by one point at Roscommon in January.

"We've got seven kids who all do a good job," said Johnston, whose team shot extremely well — 31 of 57 from the floor for 54 per cent. The Blue Jays had 43 per cent.

The only hot Jay was Jim Salisbury, who matched Durkee's 24 points, including 12 in the third quarter when his team was making a strong bid for an upset. Shepherd bowed out with a 13-9 record and probably a bright future. It had three juniors and two freshmen as starters this season.

"We expected a zone press from them," said Shepherd coach Russ Stowers. "They've lived by the press. They've used it all four games we scouted them. We wanted them to press because then we were going to run on them. I don't think they wanted that."

"We outrebounded them in the first half," said Stowers, "but they had the boards in the second half. They made those four straight baskets in the fourth quarter and that was it."

"We were tired. We usually have real strong fourth quarters. I don't think we lost our poise for being so young."

Beaverton began as though it would blow the Blue Jays off the court with leads of 8-0 and 10-2. Durkee scored twice on drives and Mike O'Brien, Sroufe and Jeff Roehrs also helped in the fast start.

Durkee went to the bench with two early fouls and Shepherd took advantage, rallying on two baskets by sharpshooter Dave Cashen and three by guard Bill Porter to cut the margin to two at the quarter. Ken Neighbors' three baskets kept the Beavers ahead.

O'Brien scored six straight points to put the Beavers up 28-20 in the second stanza, but Shepherd, led by Salisbury, suddenly pulled into a 27-27 tie.

Beaverton had to hit 11 of 14 shots in the third quarter just to keep Shepherd from pulling well ahead. The Jays still went up by four on three occasions, mainly on Salisbury's rampage, but Beaverton fought back with all five



IT'S MINE-- Shepherd guard Bill Porter cradles a rebound despite opposition by Beaverton's Ken Neighbors during Saturday night's District finale at Coleman. Watch-

ing is the Beavers' Mike O'Brien. Beaverton won 71-64 to move on to the Alma Regional against Lansing Catholic Central.