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(CEDARVILLE 80, DEFIANCE 78)

(CEDARVILLE)--MARK WOMACK HIT A BASKET WITH ONE SECOND LEFT AT CEDARVILLE TONIGHT TO GIVE CEDARVILLE AN 80-TO-78 WIN OVER DEFIANCE IN THE N-A-I-A DISTRICT 22 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. THE WIN ADVANCES CEDARVILLE TO THE N-A-I-A NATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN KANSAS CITY NEXT WEEK WITH A 25-3 RECORD.

DEFIANCE, LED BY BRAD BREILHARZ' 27 POINTS, ENDED ITS SEASON AT 20-NINE. CEDARVILLE OPENED UP TO AS MUCH AN AS 11-POINT LEAD IN THE FIRST HALF, BUT MANAGED ONLY A 50-46 MARGIN AT HALFTIME AS DEFIANCE CRAWLED BACK. IN THE SECOND HALF, DEFIANCE HAD TAKEN A SIX-POINT LEAD, FORCING CEDARVILLE TO RALLY. WOMACK FINISHED WITH 23 POINTS, WHILE ERIC MOUNTS HAD 30.