

## **SEASON OVER FOR LADY BEARS**

**MURFREESBORO** -- In a game that was certainly worth the price of admission, Riverdale held off a desperate Mt. Juliet comeback attempt and defeated the Lady Bears 64-63 in double overtime Thursday afternoon in the TSSAA Class AAA quarterfinals at MTSU's Murphy Center.

Riverdale, advances to the state semifinal today at 4 p.m. against Memphis Overton -- a 47-42 winner over Oak Ridge earlier Thursday. Riverdale sophomore Shacobia Barbee scored the final four points for the Lady Warriors.

Barbee finished with a game-high 26 points to lead three Lady Warriors in double figures. Natalie Lanning and Tyisha Petty had 10 points each.

Sophomore post Caya Williams scored 23 points for Mt. Juliet (32-2), while senior Carissa Peterson came off the bench and scored 18 points -- including four big three-pointers.

The Lady Warriors streaked to an early 18-5 lead, taking advantage of several Mt. Juliet floor mistakes.

Coach Chris Fryer's team rallied and outscored Riverdale 20-6 in the second quarter and took a 25-23 lead into the locker room at intermission.

The game was a see-saw affair from halftime on as both teams took turns with narrow leads. Held scoreless in the first three quarters due to fouls trouble and an active Riverdale defensive effort, senior Britt Bell scored all 10 of her points in the fourth period and overtimes. The game was tied at 48-all at the end of regulation and 54-54 following the first overtime.

Thanks to a pair of Barbee free throws with :29 seconds left, Riverdale held a three-point lead in

## **MJ falls in double OT**

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the final 10 seconds. However, needing a 3-pointer to tie, Mt. Juliet's Helen Mitchner hit a driving layup at the buzzer to leave the Lady Bears one-point short.