



# **Marquette falls to Breese Central, ends postseason run in Pinckneyville**

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**PINCKNEYVILLE – After a 21-10 season, the Marquette Catholic High School Explorers boys basketball team bowed with a close 38-34 loss to the Breese Central High School Cougars Tuesday night at the Pinckneyville Sectional.**

Pushing past **Roxana Senior High School** in overtime at the **IHSA 2A Dupu Regional Championship** last **Friday**, the Explorers headed north to face the Cougars for the second time in just 11 days.

In their past two match-ups, the difference in points at the final buzzer has been quite minimal; between two and four points separating each team.

“Breese has kind of been our nemesis this year,” **Marquette Coach Steve Medford** said after Monday’s loss, “They are definitely a good team and well-coached, but against them we always felt like we had a chance.”

Ahead by five at halftime, the Explorers headed into the third with optimism to win. However, the team took a turn and struggled due to the unwavering Cougar defense.

“ **Kohrmann**, their best guy, really showed it to us tonight and we just dug ourselves into a hole in the third period,” Medford said.

Overall, the extremely dedicated coach has nothing but kind words to say about his 2015-16 squad, commending them for their hard work all throughout the season.

“We fought hard all season and I am so proud of our guys,” he said.