

Balanced attack, strong first half pushes Explorers past McCluer North 53-46

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ALTON - Marquette Catholic's balanced attack was too much for **McCluer North** in a 53-46 win on Friday night at Marquette Catholic.

Marquette's scoring attack against McCluer North featured four players in double figures, which has been the case for most of the season. **Reagan Snider** led the Explorers with 14 points, **Isaiah Ervin** had 13 points, **Sammy Green** had 12 points and **Jake Hall** had 11 points. **Nick Messinger** tallied 5 points to round out the Marquette scoring.

A'tavian Butler had 15 points to lead McCluer North; Jacoby ones added 10 points.

The Explorers led 20-9 at the end of one, 35-21 at halftime, then McCluer North closed to 43-30 at the end of three and kept closing the gap in the fourth quarter.

Marquette scored 20, 15, 8 and 10 points in the respective quarters, McCluer North had 9, 12, 9 and 16 points in each quarter.

“I thought we executed real well in the first half and kept them off the boards,” **Marquette Catholic head coach Steve Medford** said. “McCluer North is a pretty good

team and we did a really good job of executing our game plan. They got on the boards more in the second half and made it more difficult. It was a great win for our guys; we are getting tougher every game.”

Medford singled out point guard Sammy Green for once again having a great game.

“Sammy had four three-pointers and really brought the ball up the court well,” he said. “Reagan Snider also had a good game.”

Marquette stands 23-3 with the victory.

In two weeks, the Explorers will enter regional play and Medford said he wants to continue the momentum the team has into the post-season play.

“I am hoping we continue to improve going into the regional,” he said, excited about the Explorers’ post-season hopes.

Marquette welcomes Highland for a Tuesday night clash.

