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MURRAY - In their quest for a third straight Region One Championship, the Marshals took the first step toward that goal Monday in their opening game in the 4th District Tournament with a win over Community Christian Academy. The win marked their 29th straight district game win and now will wait the outcome of the Murray-Calloway game tonight at Calloway County High School to see who they will play in the District Championship game on Thursday.

The Marshals have had wins of 91-39 and 62-23 over CCA this season but the Warriors were determined not to make it that easy Monday as they took two leads over the Marshals in the early going, tying the game at 10-10 before a Marshall 11-0 run at the end of the quarter gave the Marshals a 21-10 lead. Community Christian's Cole Smith was on fire from three point range in the first quarter giving CCA nine of their 10 first quarter points.
The second quarter was all Marshall as they out-scored CCA 30 to eight taking their biggest lead of the game so far at 43-16 after a three pointer from Jamie Gilland. The Marshals out-scored CCA 41 to eight after the 10-10 tie in the first quarter to lead 51-18 at halftime.

Community Christian roared back in the third quarter to out-score the Marshals by two, getting points from Marcus Rommelman, Thomas Wade and two more three pointers from Smith, but ending the quarter still down by 31 points to the Marshals.

Drew Warnick began the fourth for the Marshals with a three for a 70-36 lead and a three from Beau Phillips put them up 73-38. Warnick and Collin Travis combined for the final six Marshall points in their 79-38 semi-final game win.

Community Christian ended their season with a 10-21 record and will not be a 4th District opponent of the Marshals next season as they move to the 2nd District.

Chase Clark led all scorers with 20 points as 13 different Marshals made it into the scoring column. The Marshals were dialed in from the free throw line hitting 24 of 27 attempts for nearly 89 percent.

They will play at 7:30 Thursday against the winner of the Murray-Calloway game for the 4th District Championship.

SCORING

Marshall: Field Goals 25/52, 3 Pointers 5/13, Free Throws 24/27, Total Rebounds 32, Fouls 15, Assists 15, Turnovers 9, Steals 26

CCA: Field Goals 14/40, 3 Pointers 7/18, Free Throws 3/7, Total Rebounds 26, Fouls 15, Assists 7, Turnovers 30, Steals 5

Marshall: Clark 20, Rentfrow 12, Wooten 7, Warnick 7, Steele 6, McCoy 6, Taylor 5, Gilland 5, Pigg 3, Phillips 3, Solomon 2, Travis 2, Nichols 1

CCA: Smith 17, Rommelman 10, Schroeder 6, Wade 3, Robinson 2

	1st	**2nd**	**3rd**
Marshall	21	30	16
CCA	10	8	18