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DUBUQUE - Loras used a 14-3 run early in the second half to sprint past Coe, 81-57, Saturday and in the championship game of the Iowa Conference women's basketball tournament.

Loras (19-8) advances to the NCAA Division III tournament next week.

Megan Hayes scored 17 points and Mackenzie Reed 13 for Coe (16-11).

Katie Langmeier scored 22 points and grabbed eight rebounds for Loras.

Coe trailed 35-28 on Hayes' layup with 17:32 left in the game.

But Victoria May hit a pair of 3-pointers to spark Loras' 14-3 run that blew the game open, 49-31, with 11:47 left.

Coe never got closer than 12 points the rest of the game.

COE (57): Hayes 8 1-2 17, Reed 5 3-3 13, Breitbach 3 0-0 9, Hansche 2 0-0 4, Wirth 0 0-0 0, Halvorson 3 2-4 9, Wheelwright 1 0-0 3, Buckles 0 1-2 1, Stulken 0 1-2 1, Schneidermann 0 0-0 0, Lynch 0 0-0 0, Jipp 0 0-0 0. Totals 22-51 8-13 57.

LORAS (81): Langmeier 9 4-6 22, May 5 1-2 13, Byrne 5 0-0 11, Phillips 3 2-4 11, Cabrera 3 0-1 7, Wheeler 3 6-8 12, Bare 1 0-0 3, Obendorf 1 0-0 2, Varner 0 0-0 0, McMahon 0 0-0 0, Goode 0 0-0 0. Totals 30-55 13-21 81.

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Halftime - Loras 31, Coe 22. 3-point goals - Coe 5-20 (Breitbach 3, Halvorson, Wheelwright), Loras 8-14 (Phillips 3, May 2, Byrne, Cabrera, Bare). Rebounds - Coe 27 (Hayes 6), Loras 35 (Langmeier 8). Assists - Coe 16 (Breitbach 4), Loras 21 (Phillips 6). Total fouls - Coe 17, Loras 12. Fouled out - Reed. Technical foul - Coe bench. A - 545.