Marion girls make 4A state tourney

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ELDRIDGE – Caitlyn Smith scored 18 points to lead the seventh-ranked Marion girls basketball team to a 48-40 win over No. 6 North Scott in a Class 4A regional final Tuesday at North Scott.

Smith popped in four 3-pointers for the young Indians.

Marion (19-4) will face third-ranked Harlan (20-2) in a state tournament quarterfinal game at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2 in Des Moines.

Chloe Rice added 11 points for Marion.

Olivia Schmidt scored 15 points to lead North Scott, which finished 18-5.

MARION (48): Knapp 0 1-2 1, Rice 5 1-1 11, Smith 5 4-5 18, Wright 2 0-0 6, Laube 2 0-2 4, Willette 2 0-0 5, Herold 0 1-2 1, Sade 1 0-0 2, Jordan 0 0-0 0.

Totals 17 7-12 48.

NORTH SCOTT (40): R.Rucker 2 3-4 9, K.Rucker 3 1-3 7, Loussaert 1 1-2 3, Bogner 0 0-0 0, Schmidt 6 2-2 15, Van Blaricom 0 0-0 0, Moeller 2 0-0 6, Claussen 0 0-0 0. Totals 14 7-11 40.

Halftime – Marion 27, North Scott 25. 3-point goals – Marion 7 (Smith 4, Wright 2, Willette), North Scott 5 (R.Rucker 2, Moeller 2, Schmidt).