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Miramonte falls to Sacred Heart in state semi-final 69-48

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56-41 with seven shots blocked, and Sacred Heart scored 32 points inside with Miramonte only scoring 10 points in the paint.

Senior Clair Steele and sophomore Rebecca Welsh led the Matadors, each scoring 11 points.

Despite the loss, Sopak spoke highly of his team: "It's been a great season. We were 18-2 since January 8th and lost to two top teams (Bishop O'Dowd and Sacred Heart)."

Steele, playing her last game for Miramonte, also saw the season as a success: "This was a young team (eight sophomores and freshmen). The youth stood up. Losing this game does not make it a bad season. I love this team."

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Playing a team whose nickname is "The Fightin' Irish" is never a good thing to do on St. Patrick's Day.

Connecting on only 14 of 66 (21%) shots ultimately led to Miramonte's defeat at the hands of Sacred Heart Catholic. Despite such a poor shooting performance, Miramonte only trailed by eight points, 45-37, after three quarters but the Matadors were outscored 24-11 in the final period.

Miramonte head coach Kelly Sopak pulled no punches: "They kicked our butts. They were a lot tougher than we were. We made our runs but we had too many breakdowns defensively. They played downhill and our intensity was not there."

Three statistics evidence the size advantage that Sacred Heart utilized in the game: Miramonte was outrebounded