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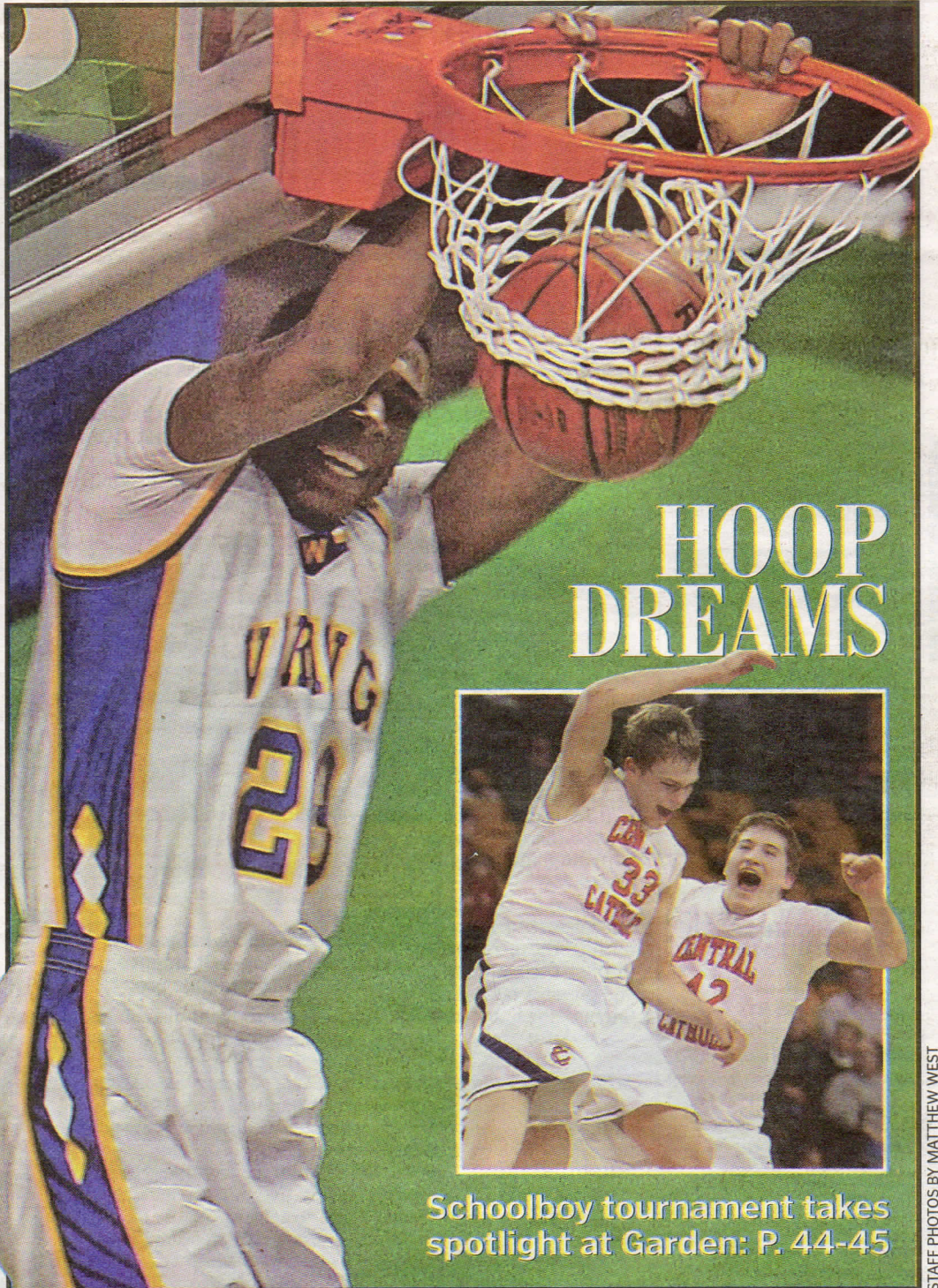
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## HOOP DREAMS

Schoolboy tournament takes spotlight at Garden: P. 44-45

Wareham's Jules Tavares dunks during a win over Bedford in a Division 3 state semifinal, while, inset, Central Catholic players celebrate their victory over Madison Park in the Division 1 semis.

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# ers keep guard up

Timely buckets by Luis Puello and Andrew Ouellette and a crucial defensive rebound by Jaycob Morales held off the Cardinals down the stretch as Central earned its second berth in the state championship game in three years with a 59-50 win at the Garden.

"It scared us, I'm not going to lie," Morales said of Desrosiers' departure. "He's a big part of our team. When he came out, we looked at each other and said we have to step it up for him. We had to do it all for him, because he does it all for us."

## BOX SCORE

**CENT. CATHOLIC 59, MADISON PARK 50**  
CENTRAL CATHOLIC — Jaycob Morales 3-1-9; Andrew Ouellette 1-0-2; Luis Puello 2-1-6; Cam Wroblewski 1-0-3; Chris Conlin 1-0-3; Jimmy Zenevitch 5-2-12; Michael Alvarez 0-1-1; Evan Sheehan 1-1-3; Carson Desrosiers 8-3-20.  
MADISON PARK — Spencer Braithwaite 5-1-11; Khayree Hudson 0-2-2; Jamill Moquete 2-0-5; Tyler Pettus 2-0-6; David Stewart 1-0-2; Carlton Bennett 1-0-2; Jamal McCollum 2-3-7; David Campbell 7-1-15.

**CENT. CATH. (25-1) 22 12 15 10 — 59**  
**MADISON PARK (21-2) 13 16 15 6 — 50**

Madison Park (21-2) trailed by as much as 41-29 in the third, but a late run spurred by Spencer Braithwaite (11 points) and Jamal McCollum cut the lead to

49-44 entering the fourth.

When Desrosiers (20 points, 15 rebounds, seven blocks) left the game just 1:31 into the frame, the Cardinals appeared to be in prime position to take command. Braithwaite sank a free throw and David Campbell (15 points, nine rebounds) scored in the paint to cut the lead to 49-47, but that was as close as they got.

"We wanted to get the ball inside, and we had trouble doing that," Madison Park coach Dennis Wilson said. "We had some turnovers and then we had

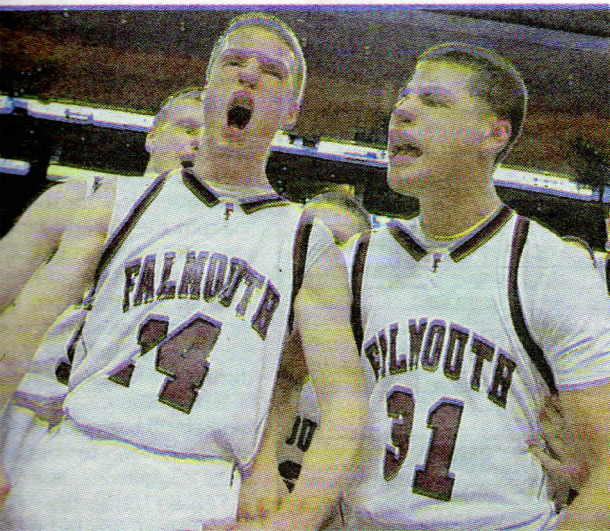
some bad shot selection, and that was a problem. Everything should have been to the basket, dunk or drive, and that wasn't the case."

The rash of turnovers and missed shots let Central (25-1) off the hook in a big way, as Puello drained a 3-pointer to extend the lead to 52-47 when Desrosiers reentered the game with 3:22 remaining.

After Ouellette hit a tough layup in transition, Morales pulled down a rebound at the other end and it was off to the free throw line for the Raiders.

"Every time we needed a rebound, a guard snuck in and grabbed it," Central coach Rick Nault said of the fourth quarter. "They kept it together. That was the key moment of the game right there. The lead never really moved."

Central opened a 22-13 lead after one quarter, but a 13-1 run by the Cardinals, fueled by eight strong points in the paint from Campbell, cut the deficit to 31-29 before a clutch 3-pointer for Chris Conlin sent the Raiders into the locker room with a five-point lead.



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**YES!** Falmouth's Alessio Tranchell and Trevor Andrews celebrate last night's win over Salem.

your leader out there. For us to pull it out, the kids believed in themselves."

After an abysmal first half for both teams, Lavin took over the game in the third. Consistently flashing to the middle of Salem's 1-2-2 zone, the 6-foot-5 junior scored 16 of his 25 points as the Clippers (20-5) emerged from the break with a 12-2 run that opened up a 26-22 lead. Lavin also pulled down 17 rebounds in a double-double effort.

"I think we just started off slow. Our shots weren't falling, and we made stupid turnovers," Lavin said. "We told ourselves it's just a basketball game — five players against five players. I knew I had to get to the middle. They were playing the 1-2-2 and I just started flashing

and getting the passes."

Stepping in at point guard for the injured Johnson was 5-7 freshman Andrew McGill, who did a terrific job of feeding Lavin and senior Nelson Baptiste (25 points). McGill also held on to the ball well under pressure from the Witches (18-7).

Baptiste hit 10-of-12 free throw attempts in the fourth as Falmouth kept Salem at arm's length.

"I'm not sure if it was a combination of wearing down and missed assignments," Witches coach Tommy Doyle said, "but we just didn't do the job defensively in the second half that we needed to do to win this game."

Junior Antonio Reyes led Salem with 22 points.

# Wareham two good

By MIKE DEL ROSSO

## DIVISION 3

Wareham fired on all cylinders to blast past Bedford, 63-49, in last night's Division 3 state semifinal at the Garden.

<b>WAREHAM</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>BEDFORD</b>	<b>49</b>

Guards Jordan Rezendes and Jules Tavares were the catalysts, providing the game-changing moment when they connected on an alley-oop in the third quarter. Rezendes threw the lob, and Tavares finished.

"(Tavares and I) try to get the alley in every game," said Rezendes, who had 20 points and four rebounds.

Early in the first quarter, Rezendes found himself with two fouls and took a seat. Tavares (16 points, five rebounds) and forward Patrick Murphy (10 rebounds) also got in foul trouble while helping to build a 10-point lead. But center Ryan Pina (22 rebounds) and others from the bench came up big.

"The bench came in and we were able to maintain that 10-point cushion, even with the three starters sitting," Wareham coach Kevin Brogioli said. "That was a big point of that game."



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**ALL TIED UP:** Wareham's Jules Tavares battles Bedford's Nicklas Nocera last night at the Garden.

Ahead by just a point at 15-14, the Vikings were struggling to put up big numbers on offense, but the defense was solid. Wareham held Bedford (17-7) to a season low in points.

"People always assume because we're one of the highest-scoring teams in the state, we don't play defense," Brogioli said. "We play defense."

Rebounding from an offensive lull, Wareham (24-1) went on a 12-point run in the second half with Rezendes back in the mix. Bedford's Michael Thorsen, who was 0-for-4 behind the arc at that point, drained a

trek with two minutes to go, and also drew two fouls from the Vikings to add two more points and bring the Buccaneers within 36-26 at the half.

In the opening seconds of the second half, Kevin Cangiano (nine points) stuck a 3-pointer to cut Wareham's lead to seven points. Wareham played a little back on its heels early in the third, but the notorious Rezendes-to-Tavares alley-oop swung the momentum back to the Vikings, where it stayed until the end.

Point guard Michael Ingram-Rubin had a game-high 21 points for Bedford.