

## Park Center girls basketball brings home state title in triple overtime thriller

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In a game that will go down as one of the greatest in Minnesota high school history, Park Center High School won its first ever girls basketball state championship in the most dramatic fashion in a triple overtime thriller.

And while superstar senior Cayla McMorris scored 21 points and played outstanding defense, when it was all said and done, four freshmen and a sophomore brought the title home to Brooklyn Park with a 73-71 victory over Marshall High School. With junior all-conference forward McKenna DuBois having fouled out late in the second half, McMorris took what many believed to be a charge, but was called a blocking foul, her fifth, and turned the standout into the team's highest profile cheerleader for the remaining action. McMorris' foul came with just 20 seconds to play in regulation and with the Pirates of Park Center down two after having been down by nine with just over five minutes to go in regulation at Williams Arena on the campus of the University of Minnesota.

With Marshall's Sarah Buysse at the line and a chance to ice the game, Buysse, who had nine points, missed the front end of a one-and-one and Park Center's freshman center Mikayla Hayes pulled down the rebound and the team called a timeout with 14 seconds to play. Trailing by two, Park Center coach put the ball in another freshman's hands, point guard Danielle Schaub.

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