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For the third time this season, Holyoke was unable to top the accurate-shooting of the Akron Rams, losing in the District 2 championship game Saturday, March 1 in Sterling.

Dragon basketball players could not have asked for a better start to the game, knocking down five shots from beyond the arc in the first quarter alone. Logan Tharp was the go-to scorer, hitting three 3-pointers en route to a 13 point quarter.

The third-ranked Holyoke team finished the first period with a 21-12 lead over the No. 1 Akron squad.



Trevor Dalton makes a strong move at the hoop Saturday in the district championship game.

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“The kids were really ready to go and focused,” coach Scott Dille said.

Once Tharp picked up his second foul late in the first quarter and Akron switched from a zone defense to man-to-man, the Dragon offense went cold. With Tharp on the bench, the Rams quickly dismantled the Holyoke lead.

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During a three-minute stretch in the second quarter, Akron outscored Holyoke 13-0 to take the lead. HHS did not lead for the rest of the match.

Dille stated that he believed the team's mentality was the biggest obstacle they faced in the game.

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