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as a team, which was huge.”

One of the victories during the South Hadley winning streak was a 62-60 victory at Frontier Regional in the Western Mass. Class B semifinals on February 13. Five days later, they squeaked out a 58-57 win over Pittsfield in the Class B finals at Holyoke Community College.

“When I interviewed for this job 16 years ago, they asked me why I wanted to do it,” Dubuc added. “I said, I wanted to be coaching the South Hadley girls’ when they do something. We’ve won two Western Mass. titles, and we’ve been to the state finals three years in a row, and we finally won one. I’m just so proud of every single player on this team, along with my coaching staff.”

South Hadley advanced into the state finals for the third consecutive year following home wins against Mount Greylock, 61-41, in the round of 32, West Bridgewater, 80-28 in the sweet 16, and Southwick, 54-34, in the Elite 8. They also posted a 59-49 victory over Millis High School in the semifinal game, which was held at Worcester State University on March 11.

Frontier (21-4), who made their first appearance in the state finals since 1988 and second overall, posted a 67-62 non-league victory at South Hadley at the end of January.

The only senior listed on the Lady Tigers varsity roster is Sofie Quinn, who’s a tri-captain, along with junior Kate Phillips (9 points), and Dean.

Phillips and Dean, who combined to score 750 points this season, will most likely be 1,000-point scorers by the time their outstanding high



Taylor Bullough splits the defense.

school basketball careers wraps up in March of 2027.

Quinn, who’s a reserve player, is planning to play for the women’s soccer team at MCLA next fall. Her younger sister, Simone, who’s a sophomore, was also a member of the varsity basketball team this winter.

“It just feels amazing to win the state title as a senior,” said Sofie Quinn, who’s a four-year varsity basketball player. “I just love all the girls on this team.”

The Lady Rams’ other double-digit scorers in the Division 4 state finals were junior Taylor Bullough and sophomore Olivia Athas, who scored 10 points apiece.

“We’ve lost here the last two years,” Athas said. “Our main goal this season was to win the state championship title, and we were finally able

to accomplish it. We’ve been playing basketball together forever and it just feels great.”

Frontier, who held a slim 15-14 lead at the end of the opening quarter, only scored two points during the second stanza.

Junior Ryley McMahon scored all six of her points during that eight-minute span, which helped the Lady Tigers build a 27-17 halftime lead.

South Hadley’s largest lead of the contest was 32-19 with 3:49 left in the third quarter following an old fashion three-point play by Phillips.

Frontier finished the third quarter with a 9-0 run.

A Dean driving lay-up gave the Lady Tigers a 40-30 lead in the middle of the final quarter.

With 2:50 left in regulation, the Red Hawks were

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only trailing by four points (40-36) following a put-back basket from senior Macy DeMaio, which was her only points of the game.

A little more than a minute later, Dean buried a 3-pointer from the left side pushing the lead to seven points. Then an Athas coast-to-coast lay-up



Olivia Athas looks for a shot.

gave the Lady Tigers a 45-36 advantage with 1:25 remaining.

Following a lay-up from Frontier junior Skyler Steele, who finished with a game-high 19 points, Bullough hit a 3-pointer from the right corner and Dean added a free throw.

After a missed shot by the

Red Hawks, Dean dribbled out the final seconds and tossed the ball into the air before celebrating with her teammates.

Unlike the past two seasons, the long bus ride back to South Hadley High School was very enjoyable for the members of the Lady Tigers basketball team.



Ryley McMahon reaches out to grab a loose ball.

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Kate Phillips takes the long jumper.



Cara Dean goes for the layup.



Simone Quinn backs out of the pressure.

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- 1. Inclined to do
- 4. Sketches
- 10. Book of Chronicles (abbr.)
- 11. Atomic #58
- 12. Dorm official
- 14. Small Eurasian deer
- 15. Southern constellation
- 16. Workers’ groups
- 18. Former
- 22. Excellent
- 23. Romance language related to Spanish
- 24. Reference
- 26. Equally
- 27. Dirty towels
- 28. A cargo (abbr.)
- 30. Ammunition
- 31. You get one in summer

CLUES DOWN

- 34. Slang for trucks with trailers
- 36. Swiss river
- 37. Exchange rate
- 39. British School
- 40. College teacher
- 41. Foreign Service
- 42. Horse gear
- 48. Cost to fly
- 50. A salt or ester of boric acid
- 51. Mocking
- 52. One who bird-watches
- 53. Concluding passage
- 54. A major division of geological time
- 55. Sodium
- 56. A way to produce
- 58. Soak
- 59. Laughed loudly and harshly
- 60. Affirmative

- 19. Tropical fruit
- 20. Hot fluid beneath the earth’s crust
- 21. James __, painter
- 25. Popular dessert
- 29. Payment (abbr.)
- 31. Cuisine style
- 32. Genus of true flies
- 33. City in western France
- 35. Arrogance
- 38. One holding a position of command
- 41. Weekday
- 43. An evening party
- 44. Print errors
- 45. Not good
- 46. Egyptian Sun god
- 47. East German town
- 49. Olfactory property
- 56. Atomic #37
- 57. “Pollock” actor Harris

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