

Glen Oaks up next for Bossier

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Bossier head basketball coach Jeremiah Williams is very familiar with Glen Oaks, his team's quarterfinal opponent Tuesday night in the Class 3A playoffs.

Two years ago, the Bearkats rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat the Panthers 53-49 in the second round of the Class 4A playoffs. Bossier went on to win the state title.

In 2009, Bossier downed Glen Oaks 45-43 in the Class 4A semifinals before losing to Salmen in the title game.

"We know we're going to have to be ready for a good team," Williams said. "Coach (Harvey) Adger has been there forever. We're going to have to be playing our best. But if we do what we're supposed to do we'll be fine."

Bossier (29-3), the top seed in 3A, defeated No. 17 Rayville 58-42 in the second round Friday in Rayville. Glen Oaks (20-11), the No. 9 seed, defeated No. 25 West Feliciana 59-52.

Bossier had trouble putting Rayville away. The Bearkats led by eight at the half and extended it to 10 in the third quarter.

But a Hornets run cut the lead to 38-34 going into the fourth. That was Rayville's last gasp, however.

Williams said some poor shooting by the Bearkats in the first three quarters was one reason the game was close. That changed in the fourth.

"We made shots we're supposed to make," he said. "To Rayville's credit, they kept it ugly. I think that was part of their game plan. It gave them a chance to be successful.

"That fourth quarter we came to play defense and finally hit some shots and some free throws that gave us an opportunity to pull out a win."

Devonte Hall led the Bearkats with 15 points. Tevin Robertson added 12 points and Rashard Owens 11.

Bossier is the only parish team left in the playoffs.

Louisiana New Tech at Plain Dealing, the No. 16 seed, gave No. 1 Christian Life a scare before falling 53-43 in Baton Rouge in a Class 1A second-round game Friday.

The Lions led 12-11 at the end of the first quarter and trailed just 21-19 at the half.

The Crusaders extended the lead to 36-28 after three, but the Lions fought back to within three early in the fourth.

That was as close as they could get as Christian Life made free throws down the stretch to pull away.

The District 1-1A champion Lions finished the season 12-11.