

Holyoke Community College Cougars gain spot in regional playoffs

Holyoke Community College Mens basketball won their regional home game on Thursday night, defeating Mass Bay CC 72-67. The Cougars sunk a dozen three-pointers in the contest, propelling them to victory. Holyoke has won four of their past five regional matchups, shooting them up the New England regional standings.

Michael Castillo (Northampton, MA / Northampton HS) once again spearheaded the offense, tallying a double-double, as he did during the Cougars' last win. Castillo scored 18 points, including four three-pointers, and brought down ten rebounds.

Deven Rivera (Holyoke, MA / Holyoke HS) scored a season-high 14 points and dished out ten assists to earn his first double-double of the season. Rivera shot 4 for 5 from the free throw line and sank a pair of three-pointers. Jequan Rogers (Springfield, MA / Sabis HS) had 14 points and Ozzy Santos (Springfield, MA / Sabis HS) scored 12, including a trio of three-pointers.

The Cougars have a 6-5 regional record and a 6-8 overall record. They currently hold onto a playoff spot in the middle of the pack in the New England standings.