

# SPORTS

## THE CHASE ENDS



Silvertown's Joseph Haugen (4) during the second half of the 5A boys state championship at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis. BRIAN HAYES / STATESMAN JOURNAL

### Silvertown falls to Wilsonville in 5A state title game

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CORVALLIS — Right before the Silvertown boys basketball team arrived at Gill Coliseum on March 12, the team received an important pep talk from former Silvertown head coach Steve Roth.

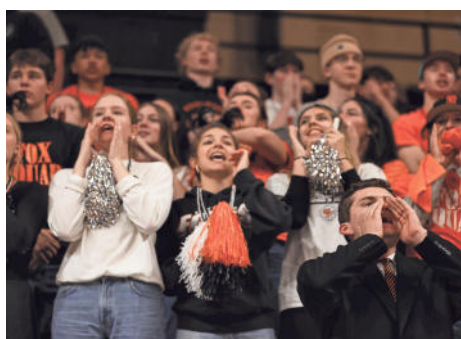
“(Roth) talked to our boys about the 2015 matchup,” current Silvertown head coach Jamie McCarty said after Thursday’s win. “It was really inspiring.”

Roth coached Silvertown to its first state title in 2015, and was replaced in 2017 by McCarty.

“Roth told me to just enjoy it,” McCarty added. “The kids worked so hard, don’t overthink things and let them create memories. But leave it all on the court. You don’t want to ever look back and say, ‘Hey, we just didn’t leave it all out there.’ So if you could say that, it’s always a win.”

Silvertown, a team comprised of nine seniors, two juniors and one sophomore, left it all on the court Saturday afternoon, but it just wasn’t enough. Wilsonville claimed the 5A State Championship with a 34-30 win.

“I think we had two pretty dang good defensive teams out there,” McCarty said after the team’s loss. “I don’t think I’ve ever witnessed a team of mine playing such a great first half.”



Silvertown's student section chants during the first half of the 5A boys state championship against Wilsonville at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis. BRIAN HAYES / STATESMAN JOURNAL

The Silvertown Foxes took an early defensive command in the first half, holding the Wilsonville Wildcats to six points in the first quarter and zero points in the second. That’s right, zero points.

Offensively, Ryan Redman-Brown and Jordan McCarty elevated the Foxes to an 11-6 lead.

“We frustrated them,” Jamie McCarty said. “I thought we had a lot of good things going, but we knew they’d get some looks as we started to go.”

Down by five heading into the third

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Silvertown's Jordan McCarty (10) attempt a three against Redmond during the second half of the 5A semifinal game. BRIAN HAYES / STATESMAN JOURNAL