

It's Not How Big You Are, It's How Big You Play

Waiting for the whistle to blow, each player holds their position, ready to defend their goal. A whistle sounds off and the action begins. The ball passes from hands back and forth so quickly it creates a blurred image for their main target. Sounds of sneakers squeaking, balls dribbling, and fans cheering in unison fills the walls of the gym. This season's most intense game was on a cold Friday night against the Saints' longtime rival the Moody Blue Devils. While cold air whipped around outside, adrenaline on the basketball court kept each players' blood pumping and focused on making a shot. Point after point, they kept lining up. It was a close game and the crowd was impatient for a winning score. "When a game goes like that, you have to really focus on your speed. Once you find an opening, you have to be fast and take it. There isn't

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time for weighing options. We were just trying to keep them from getting the ball back," said

Christopher McCugh. The referee blew his whistle. There was a foul on Moody so St. Clair was awarded a free throw. Mason Anderson was chosen to take the shot. He balanced his feet and threw the ball. As it soared through the air, the crowd held their breath, waiting for it to hit net. It reached the rim, circled in, and the buzzer sounded.

The shot won the game and the boys went home with a 46-39 victory over Moody. "I know Hakeem was irritated because they kept fouling him, but Mason's shot won the game. Even though they were trying to break us down, we came out on top. It was like our statement was that we could not be broken," said Christopher McCugh.

-Caitlyn Hare