

### **E.D.White 44 St. James 40 (January 23, 2001)**

The Cardinals entered the game with a record of 8-13 (0-1 in district), but pulled off a shocker by defeating the defending State Champions, in Thibodaux, by a score of 44-40.

EDW led 24-20 at the half, after shooting 10-18 in the first half. The Wildcats came out re-energized in the third quarter, and outscored the Cardinals 12-4, to take a four-point lead going into the fourth, but EDW made five-of-nine shots from the floor, and five-of-six from the FT line, in the final quarter, to claim the victory.

Gabe Garrett provided 21 points, while Beau Hebert and Ryan Dugruise each added 7 rebounds. In another important stat, St. James was only able to force the Cardinals into 13 turnovers.

St. James would not lose again until the State Finals, against Rayville. It would be EDW's last victory of the season.

### **EDW 64 Centerville 61 (January 3, 2002)**

Down by five to a very explosive Bulldog team heading into the fourth quarter, the Cardinals went six-of-seven from the floor, and nine-of-ten from the FT line in the final quarter, to complete the comeback in Thibodaux. After scoring only four points in the first quarter, EDW erupted for 26 in the second, to take a two-point lead into halftime.

Beau Hebert finished with 26 points and 12 rebounds, including shooting 12-15 from the field. Ryan Dugruise added eight assists; and Beau Cazenave gathered 13 rebounds.

### **EDW 43 Donaldsonville 42 (January 29, 2002)**

Finding themselves down by one, in Donaldsonville, with just seconds remaining, the Cardinals executed a perfect inbound play from the corner, and found a wide-open Beau Hebert under the basket, for the game-winning layup. With the win, EDW improved to 3-1 in district, and took a huge step towards securing their first playoff appearance since 1985.

Gabe Garrett poured in 17 points, to go along with 11 rebounds. Ryan Dugruise dished out eight assists.

### **EDW 62 Hannan 52 (January 17, 2003)**

The Cardinals were down 12-0, at home, to start the game, in front of a rowdy crowd that included three busloads of Hannan students. EDW slowly chipped away at the lead, and finally overtook the Hawks in the third quarter. Leading by three points heading into the fourth, the Cardinals finished 13-18 from the FT line in the quarter, to ice the game, and avenge a 23-point loss from earlier in the season.

Will Abel finished with a double-double (15 points, 10 rebounds). Clay Badeaux added 22 points and Benton Ford chipped in 13.

### **EDW 44 Morgan City 43 (January 16, 2004)**

The Cardinals' nine-game winning streak seemed to be in jeopardy, as the Tigers took a seven-point lead into the fourth quarter, in Thibodaux. EDW shot 70% in the fourth quarter, including connecting on a huge backdoor layup to finally take the lead, with just seconds to play, and keep the winning streak in tact.

Joe Stock and Blain Cazenave led the way with 14 points apiece, with Joe scoring 12 of his 14 in the fourth quarter.

### **EDW 63 St. James 55 (January 27, 2004)**

The Cardinals won for a school-record 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive time by outscoring the Wildcats 22-7 in the fourth quarter. It was the first win ever for EDW in Vacherie. A forced turnover by Daniel Naul on a St. James inbound play early in the final quarter proved to be a huge spark in allowing the Cardinals to complete the amazing comeback.

Blain Cazenave, playing in front of his 'home crowd' had one of his best career performances, finishing with 28 points and 16 rebounds. Joe Stock ended the night with 22 points, while Chris Martin pulled down 11 boards, and Ben Martin handed out eight assists.

### **EDW 67 St. Charles 64 (February 17, 2004)**

In Laplace, Clay Badeaux's three-pointer as time expired in overtime clinched a playoff spot for the Cardinals, in addition to giving them their 20<sup>th</sup> win of the season.

The game featured numerous lead changes and momentum shifts, as the district rivals battled it out in yet another one of their many hard-fought contests. Blain Cazenave led EDW with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Chris Martin finished with 19 points and six assists, while Clay added 15 points.

### **Scotlandville 69 EDW 66 (February 27, 2004)**

The Cardinals came out a little nervous at the beginning of what was the first home playoff game in school history, and fell behind 17-6 at the end of the first quarter. The Eagles led by 16 points heading into the fourth quarter, but EDW mounted a furious comeback, and cut the lead to two points with just under a minute to play. Unfortunately, the Cardinals could not make the big basket to tie the game, and Scotlandville put an end to what was a great season for EDW. The Cardinals' 26 fourth-quarter points was almost enough, but they could not overcome shooting 2-for-11 from the FT line, including 0-for-4 in the final quarter.

Blain Cazenave, who averaged a double-double for the season, ended his career by scoring 31 points and grabbing 16 rebounds. Clay Badeaux, another senior, finished with 17 points and eight assists.

### **EDW 56 Lutcher 52 (January 21, 2005)**

The Cardinals left Lutcher with a huge win to open up district play, and give new life to a team that had been struggling seemingly all year with injuries and illnesses. Down by six points to start the fourth quarter, EDW shot 10-13 from the floor, to outscore the Bulldogs 25-15 in the quarter, for the win.

The bench came up huge for the Cardinals, as two starters fouled out. Corey Legendre chipped in two big buckets late in the game, and Brian Fakier's rebound and putback of his own missed FT sealed the game.

Sophomores Ben Martin and Brett Ledet led the way. Ben finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while Brett added nine points and nine rebounds. Stephen Lefort chipped in 11 points.

### **EDW 43 St. Charles 40 (January 28, 2005)**

In yet another one of the great games between the Cardinals and Comets, EDW upped its record to 3-0 in district with the come from behind win. SCC led the Cardinals by 10 points heading into the fourth quarter, but EDW outscored their district rivals 21-9 in the quarter, to leave the Riverside gym victorious.

Once again, the Cardinal bench, which logged heavy minutes during the season because of all of the early injuries, paid huge dividends. Corey Legendre had one of his best games of his career, finishing with 9 points and 3 rebounds. Brett Cazenave scored all 11 of his points in the fourth quarter, while also contributing six rebounds.

Chris Martin ended up with seven rebounds and five assists. Brett Ledet yanked down 10 rebounds.

### **Lutcher 65 EDW 62 (February 7, 2005)**

The Bulldogs had all five starters finish in double figures, but needed a three-pointer at the buzzer from Khymest Williams, to defeat the Cardinals in a key district game. Finding themselves down by 16 points in the middle of the fourth quarter, EDW mounted an amazing comeback, and actually tied the game, only to see the Bulldogs storm the EDW gym floor after the game-winner.

Brett Cazenave finished with 22 points (12 in the fourth quarter) and 13 rebounds, while Chris Martin ended up with 18 points and 8 rebounds. For the game, Lutcher missed 20 FTs, but was able to force 18 Cardinal turnovers, to sustain their lead throughout.

### **EDW 59 Newman 46 (February 26, 2005)**

Entering the playoffs as the third-place team, the Cardinals seemed as if they were up against almost improbable odds, having to walk into the Newman gym and defeat a 24-4 Greenie team in the opening round of the playoffs. But, EDW would beat the odds this night, and shock many people who had already penciled in Newman into the second round of their brackets.

Playing in front of a standing-room only crowd, the Cardinals shot 55% in the first half to take a nine-point lead into the locker room. Newman came out in the second half and slowly began to chip away at the lead. The Greenies took their first lead of the game early in the fourth quarter, but it would be short-lived, as Chris Martin's three-pointer immediately retied the game. The Cardinals would get some big stops on defense and big buckets on offense, to outscore Newman 20-10 in the final quarter, for the upset win.

Sophomore guards Joe Stock and Ben Martin each finished with 18 points. Joe added eight assists, while Ben shot an outstanding five-of-six from behind the arc. Chris Martin pulled down 10 rebounds.

### **EDW 73 Carroll 70 (March 2, 2005)**

Following their upset win over Newman, the Cardinals hosted the visitors from Monroe before a sold-out EDW gym. EDW trailed by seven after the first quarter, but 13 points from Joe Stock in the second quarter helped the Cardinals go in at the half with a two-point lead. The Bulldogs led by three points heading into the fourth quarter, and despite three three-pointers from the Cardinals' Brett Ledet in the quarter, still led by six with just over two minutes remaining. Once again, the Cardinals made an amazing comeback, and sent the Cardinal Crazies swarming the court after a last-second Carroll three-pointer fell short, as EDW advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time in school history.

Joe finished with 22 points, including five three-pointers. Stephen Lefort added 14, while Brett Cazenave and Ledet each chipped in 11 points.

### **EDW 58 Thibodaux 57 (December 2, 2005)**

The visitors from across town jumped out to an 18-0 lead, and it seemed as if it was going to be another 'laugher' for the Tigers. But the Cardinals methodically began to cut into the lead. Thibodaux led 22-12 at the half, and by the end of the third quarter, the score was tied at 35-35. Both teams exchanged the lead and swapped big baskets throughout the fourth quarter. With the Tigers leading by one as the clock was winding down, Brett Ledet successfully put back an errant shot, and pandemonium ensued, as EDW completed yet another one of its improbable comebacks to defeat Thibodaux.

Joe Stock (14 points and 10 assists) and Brett Cazenave (14 points) paved the way for the Cardinals. Stephen Lefort added 11 points. In probably the most important stat of the night, the Tigers could only force EDW to commit 7 turnovers.

### **EDW 43 Patterson 41 (January 20, 2006)**

The Cardinals, once again, found themselves down late in the game, at Patterson, and in desperate need of another comeback. After the 'Jacks missed a potential game-winner at the end of regulation, the two teams headed into overtime, where Patterson held the lead in the final minute. After battling back to tie the game, the Cardinals' full court press allowed Brett Cazenave to come up with a huge steal with just under seven seconds remaining. After being fouled on his layup, Brett drained both of his FTs, to give the Cardinals the two-point lead, and the win. EDW improved to 2-0 in district play, and headed towards their first district title since 1985.

The Cardinals did not help their cause, shooting only 33% from the floor, 17% from behind the arc, and 59% from the FT line, but somehow found a way to win.

Cazenave provided 10 points and seven boards. Joe Stock and Stephen Lefort each scored 11 points, while Ben Martin grabbed 10 rebounds for the game.

### **Morgan City 44 EDW 42 (November 22, 2006)**

This early-season matchup between two teams expected to be very good did not disappoint, as the Tigers used a last-second steal and layup to win the championship of their tournament, in an overtime thriller.

Neither team could pull away, as the lead changed hands frequently throughout the game. The Cardinals led by three points heading into the fourth quarter, and had the chance to win at the end of regulation, but could not take advantage of their opportunities.

Ben Martin tallied 19 points in the loss. Bryson Triggs added 11 points, and Brett Ledet pulled down 7 boards. EDW did shoot 50% from the floor, and 100% from the foul line, but were forced into 20 turnovers, which ultimately proved too costly.

### **St. Thomas Aquinas 67 EDW 60 (December 9, 2006)**

The score was not indicative of just how close the game ended up being. The Falcons, who would win the Class 2A State Championship this year, maintained a significant lead throughout the game. A big run to start the fourth quarter gave STA a 19-point lead. The Cardinals then began one of their remarkable comebacks, and with a little over a minute to play, actually held the lead! However, a couple of critical turnovers cost EDW a chance to play in the SELAC Tournament finals.

Cory Adams finished with 18 points and six rebounds, while Ben Martin added 12 points and seven assists. Brian Fakier would chip in with eight points and nine rebounds.

### **EDW 56 Centerville 50 (January 4, 2007)**

This was a much-needed win for a team that had struggled in the weeks leading up to Christmas. The Cardinals trailed by two points heading into the fourth quarter, but an offensive explosion by Ben Martin stunned the Bulldog crowd, and sent EDW home with a big win against a Centerville team that would later advance to the Top 28 in Class B.

Ben poured in 17 points in the fourth quarter, including four three-pointers. He finished the game with 26 points. Cory Adams added 12 points, while Brett Ledet gathered in eight rebounds.

### **EDW 52 Franklin 50 (February 2, 2007)**

A Brett Ledet offensive putback as time expired sent the Cardinal Crazies storming onto the court, and completed yet another almost improbable comeback for EDW, keeping them in the hunt for the district title. Franklin led by 12 points at the half, and 15 points with a just a little over two minutes remaining in the third quarter. The Cardinals trimmed the lead to nine points heading into the fourth quarter.

EDW went 8-for-11 from the field in the fourth quarter, and actually held a three-point lead with just seconds remaining, until Brian Tardy nailed a three-pointer to tie the game at 50-50. The Cardinals came down and executed a play, but missed the shot, only to have Ledet snare the rebound and lay the ball in the basket, in a scene very reminiscent of the win over Thibodaux High the previous season.

Brett ended the game with 20 points and nine rebounds.

### **EDW 58 Lutcher 55 (February 27, 2007)**

Former district foe Lutcher came into the EDW gym for this second round playoff game, and gave the Cardinals everything they could handle. EDW led throughout the second and third quarters. Despite the Cardinals shooting 11-14 from the floor in the second half, numerous turnovers allowed Lutcher to hang around.

When the Bulldogs got an offensive putback from Dexter McCoil with just seconds left to play, the game was tied at 55-55. The Cardinals came down the court, and when Ben Martin was triple-teamed, he proceeded to find sophomore point guard Bryson Triggs, who drilled a three-pointer as time expired, sending the fans running onto the court, and the Cardinals into the quarterfinals.

Ben led EDW with 20 points and 6 rebounds.

### **EDW 73 Independence 59 (March 2, 2007)**

A standing-room only crowd jammed into the Independence gym to witness this rematch of the first round playoff game from last year. This year, however, was a little different, as this was a quarterfinal playoff game, and nearly the entire crowd was EDW fans!

The Cardinals jumped out to a 22-5 lead to begin the game, but the Tigers slowly began to wrestle the momentum back, and trailed EDW by just six points at the half. Independence held a one-point lead going into the fourth quarter, but the Cardinals erupted for 32 fourth quarter points to avenge last year's loss, and punch the school's first-ever ticket to the Top 28.

Ben Martin finished with 26 points (15-16 from the FT line) and six assists. Bryson Triggs ended up with 14 points. Cory Adams and Matt Hymel added 11 and 10 points, respectively. Brett Ledet grabbed 10 rebounds.

As a team, the Cardinals shot over 50% from the floor, over 50% from behind the arc, and drained 37 out of 46 FTs.

### **EDW 58 Wossman 57 (March 8, 2007)**

The Cardinals showed the fans at the Top 28 in Lafayette what many who followed them over the years had seen often – that EDW is a team that never gives up, and is capable of making some phenomenal comebacks. Trailing the Wildcats by nine points with just over three minutes remaining in the game, the Cardinals used pressure defense to force Wossman into quick shots and costly turnovers.

EDW used 10-18 shooting in the first half, to go into the locker room only trailing by one point. The Wildcats, however, began to open up the lead in small increments throughout the second half. With Wossman holding a nine point lead, it seemed as if the Cardinals' magical run would come to an end. But, after Brian Fakier's made FT with :04 left to play in the game gave EDW a one-point lead, all that was left was waiting to make sure that the Wildcat desperation shot would miss its mark. When it did, the players swarmed the floor, and the Cardinals had advanced to the State Championship game.

Ben Martin led the team with 32 points and five steals. Bryson Triggs added 10 points and Brett Ledet ended the night with eight rebounds.

### **Karr 54 EDW 51 (March 16, 2007)**

In front of approximately 7000 raucous fans, it would be the Cougars who made the plays, and their free throws, down the stretch, to win the Class 3A State Championship. Trailing throughout the entire second and third quarters, the Cardinals mounted one of their famous comebacks, scoring nine points in a row, to take a 46-43 lead with just over three minutes remaining. It looked as if they were in good shape to put Karr away, but, Alvin Bailey would drill a three-pointer to tie the game at 46-46, and EDW would never take the lead again.

Brian Fakier led the Cardinals with 12 points. Brett Ledet finished with 11 points and eight rebounds, while Bryson Triggs added 11 points, in the loss.

### **EDW 32 West St. Mary 29 (February 20, 2009)**

The Cardinals clinched second place in the district in what could only be deemed as an “ugly” win. After trailing 15-12 at the half, EDW did just enough offensively in the third quarter to have the score tied at 19 heading into the final frame.

The Rams led 29-21 with just over three minutes to play, only to see the Cardinals finish with a flurry. Bryson Triggs and Philip Lyons combined for three consecutive three-pointers in the final minute and a half, to give EDW a 32-29 advantage. WSM’s three-point attempt at the end of the game missed its mark, and the Cardinals closed out the regular season with a tremendous come-from-behind win.

Bryson led all scorers with 14 points.

### **EDW 59 Central Lafourche 58 (Decmeber 2, 2009)**

Anyone who thought that Hurricane Gustav had maybe zapped the magic out of the EDW gym was quickly proven wrong, as the Cardinals returned home after a one-year hiatus with an amazing win in the first game of the 2009 Cardinal Classic.

Philip Lyons’ turnaround desperation three-pointer banked its way into the basket just as the buzzer sounded, proving that the magic was still present in the gym that has provided so many great victories over the years.

The early-season matchup was a nip-and-tuck affair throughout, with neither team enjoying more than a three or four point lead, until the Trojans were able to pull away during the middle stages of the fourth quarter. CLHS had just beaten the Cardinals a week before, in the finals of the Morgan City Tournament. This time would prove to be different.

All hope seemed to be lost as the clock winded down, and the Cardinals could not generate any offense. Lyons seemingly had no where to go, and heaved up a turnaround shot that set off a celebration which brought back memories of the pre-hurricane days in the EDW gym.

Philip led all scorers with 22 points, while also dishing out 7 assists



### **EDW 32 Patterson 29 (January 29, 2010)**

In a pivotal district matchup, the Cardinals found themselves down 29-19 mid way through the third quarter. What they were unaware of was that the Lumberjacks were done scoring. EDW was able to hold Patterson scoreless over the final 11 and a half minutes of the game, to come away with the big win!

With a little over one minute remaining in the game, Stephen Breaux knocked down a huge three-pointer off of an inbounds play, giving the Cardinals their only lead of the game, and keeping them undefeated in district.

Charlie Bourgeois led all scorers in this defensive battle, finishing with 10 points.

### **EDW 43 Marksville 41 (March 2, 2010)**

Before a standing-room only crowd at Marksville High, the Cardinals trailed by six points at halftime, only to play some of their best basketball of the season in the second half, and advance to the State Quarterfinals for the first time since 2007.

EDW showed tremendous poise in answering two huge runs made by the Tigers, both of which ended with Marksville holding nine point advantages. The Cardinals, who shot 9-15 from the floor in the second half, clawed back in the latter stages of the third quarter, with Trey Gaidry and Charlie Bourgeois making some clutch baskets along the way, while also collecting some big rebounds.

The fourth quarter began with EDW holding a one-point lead and was back and forth the entire way. The Cardinals were able to make some big defensive stops and used 11 points from Philip Lyons in the fourth quarter alone to escape with the exciting road playoff win.

Philip led all scorers with 18 points, and finished 8-10 from the FT line.

### **EDW 53 Dunham 51 (December 18, 2010)**

The Cardinals claimed their second consecutive Ecole Classique Tournament title with an exciting victory over the Tigers in the finals.

EDW held an 11-point lead at the break, after shooting 65% from the floor in the first half. The teams seemingly switched roles in the third quarter, as Dunham scratched back and trailed by only six points heading into the fourth.

Both teams saved their best basketball for the fourth quarter, as Dunham rode the coattails of forward Zack Padgett, who was unstoppable. Padgett tallied 14 points in the fourth quarter alone and finished with a game-high 31 points. But, it came in a losing effort, as the Cardinals finished 4-5 from the floor and 7-8 from the FT line in the final quarter, to help secure the win.

Three EDW players finished in double figures, led by Ja'Dante' Frye's 18 points, while point guard Eric Bloss amazingly finished with 9 rebounds.

### **EDW 49 East Ascension 48 (January 8, 2011)**

With the Spartans holding a nine-point advantage after three quarters, it appeared as if the Cardinals were going to suffer yet another defeat to EA, having lost to them earlier in the year at the Episcopal Tournament. But, EDW was not to be denied on this day.

The Cardinals shot 11-17 from the floor in the second half, and held the Spartans to only 15 second half points to come away with an exciting and gratifying one-point win on the road.

It proved to be a huge and much-needed confidence boost for a team that had seen its share of rough times in the past few weeks. Ja'Dante' Frye scored 13 of his team high 18 points in the second half, while also pulling down 8 rebounds.

### **EDW 66 Madison 65 (OT) (March 1, 2011)**

The Cardinals made the four and a half hour bus ride to Tallulah and shocked the fourth-seeded Jaguars in front of a raucous crowd, securing a spot in the State Quarterfinals for the second consecutive year.

EDW found themselves down by seven points heading into the final quarter, but two quick steals led to easy baskets to begin the fourth quarter, and the Cardinals were on their way to overtaking Madison. Unfortunately, EDW would miss some clutch FTs late in regulation, allowing the Tigers to stay alive.

In the overtime period, a layup from sophomore Geoffrey Hebert would be the only shot the Cardinals would take; however, they would make up for their earlier FT woes by draining 6 out of 8 in overtime, to move on.

Ja'Dante' Frye enjoyed one of his best games of the season, finishing with 26 points and 11 rebounds, while going 9-12 from the field.

### **EDW 54 Vandebilt 47 (December 3, 2011)**

The Cardinals and Terriers met Saturday afternoon in the finals of the Cardinal Classic. Any time these two teams meet, it is something special, but this would prove to be no ordinary rivalry game and no ordinary Saturday afternoon. In fact, the pre-game provided one of the most memorable moments in Cardinal basketball history.

Three weeks prior to the game, EDW senior Garrett Hamilton suffered a career-ending injury during the final scrimmage before the season. Due to a ruptured spleen, Garrett stayed nearly three weeks in the hospital. The team was notified before the championship game that Garrett was being released, and that he was headed straight to the gym to watch them take on Vandy. As fate would have it, Garrett arrived just as the team formed the tunnel, to announce the starting lineups! Seeing Garrett enter the gym certainly gave everyone present goose bumps, and provided the team with a truly inspirational boost of confidence. The Cardinals played inspired ball, and claimed the tourney crown. Hayden Chadwick came off the bench to post a double-double, with 10 points and 10 boards. Scott Szush (with three big three-pointers in the first half) and Kevin Ford (11 points off the bench) also played huge in the win.

After the game, in yet another great moment, the team presented Garrett with the championship trophy. Garrett's presence with the team would serve as an inspiration for the entire season.

### **EDW 40 Donaldsonville 38 (January 13, 2012)**

With time winding down, Ja'Dante' Frye found a wide-open Scott Szush under the goal, who laid in the winning basket as the buzzer sounded, sending the Cardinal Crazies swarming onto the court and sealing a huge district win.

The Cardinals were coming off of a tough road loss at Brusly earlier in the week, and were in desperate need of a win. The Tigers had jumped out to a commanding 25-16 lead at the half, only to see EDW clamp down on defense, allowing only 13 second-half points, while chipping away at the deficit.

The Cardinals had taken the lead late in the fourth quarter, but Donaldsonville's Devon Breaux drained two clutch three pointers in the final minutes to pull his team into a tie, just before Szush's heroics.

Ja'Dante' Frye's 17 points paced EDW, and his lone assist of the night proved to be the biggest of the game.

### **EDW 63 Patterson 61 (OT) (February 7, 2017)**

The Cardinals ended the Lumberjacks 29-game district winning streak in exciting fashion as they gutted out a two-point overtime win in Thibodaux.

After trailing by as many as nine points in the second half, Patterson went on one of their patented spurts to take the lead, triggered by tough defensive pressure.

The Cardinals found themselves down by six with 2:36 left to play. However, this team was not going to be denied on this night. Led by seniors Kevin Johnson and Rafe Blades, EDW would battle back to force overtime.

Johnson would foul out early in OT, but his teammates rose to the challenge, getting some big defensive stops and knocking down some clutch free throws, to come away with a huge 2-point win.

Kevin and Rafe both finished with 17 points. Rafe also hauled down 10 rebounds, to record his third career double-double.

### **EDW 66 North Vermilion 56 (February 10, 2017)**

The Patriots flat-out embarrassed the Cardinals a few weeks earlier in Mereaux, handing them an 84-68 'beatdown', which seemed worse than the score would indicate.

To say that the Cardinals were motivated for this game in Thibodaux would be a major understatement.

EDW's defense was able to hold NV's top scorers in check, while seniors Kevin Johnson and Rafe Blades followed up their great games against Patterson a few days earlier with another huge performance.

It was a Senior Night filled with redemption, and the four seniors were able to celebrate in style, as the Cardinals completed a great week with a 10-point win.

Kevin and Rafe each finished with 26 points, marking the first time in the 2000s that EDW had two players score over 20 points in the same game. Kevin was one rebound away from a "triple double", as he finished with 9 rebounds and 11 assists. Rafe's 12 rebounds not only led the team, but gave him his second double-double of the week.

### **EDW 50 Lusher 49 (February 27, 2017)**

The Mardi Gras holidays led to this Regional Playoff game being played uncharacteristically on a Monday afternoon. The odd start time did not faze the Cardinals, as they played exceptionally well against a team that had beaten them by 10 points earlier in the season.

Leading by 11 points midway through the third quarter, EDW seemed to be cruising to an easy playoff win. But the young Lions squad would not give in. They slowly began to chip away at the Cardinals' lead, and would finally take the lead with under a minute left to play.

Finding themselves down by one, and in desperate need of a steal, EDW senior Hayden Tortorich stepped in front of a Lusher inbound pass, to give the Cardinals the ball as the clock ticked down.

In what would be the last home game of his storied career, senior Kevin Johnson drove to the goal, and was fouled with just 4.6 seconds remaining. To basically no one's surprise, Kevin would calmly drain both free throws. A last-second shot by the Lions missed its mark, and the Cardinals were on their way to the program's fifth appearance in the State Quarterfinals.

Kevin, who was deservedly selected as the district's MVP, finished with a game-high 20 points. It would be the 55<sup>th</sup> time in his illustrious career that he would lead the team in scoring.

### **EDW 35 St. Martin's 32 (December 15, 2018)**

The Cardinals were outplayed for most of the game by the host team of this mid-December tournament game. However, they found a way to stay close enough to give themselves a chance.

With only :17 left in a tie game, an errant inbound pass by St. Martin's was collected by E.D. White, which allowed the Cardinals to hold the ball for a final shot.

The set play that was called resulted in a bad pass. Senior Peyton Amedee was able to save the ball from going out of bounds under his own basket, and found classmate Erik Santiny on the right wing. After Erik, who had not attempted a shot the entire game, bobbled the ball, he heaved up a desperation three-pointer at the buzzer, which somehow went in, sending his teammates sprinting onto the court in celebration!

### **EDW 76 Destrehan 75 OT (December 30, 2019)**

In a game that was part of the Cardinal Classic, the Cardinals completed one of the most amazing comebacks in school history, against the Class 5A Wildcats.

Down by 10 points with 2:03 remaining in the game, the Cardinals found a way to force the game into overtime.

E.D.White proceeded to jump out to an early six-point lead in the extra period, only to have Destrehan knock down some big three-pointers down the stretch, to take a three-point lead in the closing seconds of OT.

The Cardinals had the ball with only :10 left in the game, and ran a set play, which resulted in a layup, to trim the Wildcat lead to one. On the ensuing inbounds, as the clock was winding down, Ethan Soignet stole the inbounds pass, and converted the layup, to give the Cardinals the lead, with only 3.2 seconds remaining!

After a Destrehan timeout, they were able to heave a shot from halfcourt, which rattled “in and out”, concluding an incredible game that unfortunately someone had to lose.

Senior Quinn Strander would finish with an amazing 35 points, including three huge three-pointers in the fourth quarter, to aid in the comeback.

### **E.D.White 35 Morgan City 34 (December 12, 2020)**

The Cardinals made the trip to Morgan City, down three starters, and only being able to dress out nine players, four of whom were freshmen.

This was a significant, confidence-building game for many of the younger, less-experienced players. It showed them that they could win, even without the services of some of their key veteran teammates.

They were able to keep the score close throughout the game.

Then, with seconds remaining in the game and Morgan City holding a two-point lead, E.D.White was able to force a Tiger turnover on a steal. Instead of calling timeout, the Cardinals advanced the ball downcourt. Mason Lawless found an open Josh Weimer in the corner, who knocked down a three-pointer at the buzzer, for yet another amazing E.D.White victory.

**E.D.White 48 Northlake Christian 46 (January 14, 2021)**

*“Sometimes it’s better to be lucky, than good.”*

Depleted by injuries and quarantines, the Cardinals were in the midst of a month-long stretch of having a limited amount of players available for practices and games.

E.D.White jumped out to a 12-2 lead after the first quarter, but the talented Northlake squad would find their footing, and aided by 18 Cardinal turnovers, took a four-point lead into the fourth quarter.

With the clock winding down, the Wolves had the ball and a one-point lead, forcing the desperate Cardinals to foul with just 6.1 remaining on the clock.

Northlake’s player, who had not missed a free throw in the game, missed both of his free throws.

Caleb Hagen was able to secure the rebound, and find Ethan Soignet, who advanced the ball downcourt, broke loose of two Wolverine defenders, and calmly drained a leaning three-pointer at the buzzer, to send the Cardinals onto the court in celebration, for a very fortunate, and in all honesty, undeserved victory.