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■ Hartford Public's Keith Kendall, right, who had 19 points, gets his shot above Holy Cross-Waterbury's Christopher Matthews.

Camby's foul trouble doesn't stop HPHS

Holy Cross-Waterbury became victim No. 24 Thursday night, learning that Hartford Public is a good team without Marcus Camby and a great team with him.

Camby, a 6-foot-11 center, spent nearly 12 of the first 16 minutes on the bench in foul trouble. But with Keith Kendall scoring 19 points and Michael Thompson 18, the second-seeded Owls defeated Holy Cross 97-62 in a CIAC Class LL second-round game at the HPHS gym.

The Owls (24-0), top-ranked in The Courant's coaches poll all season, will play New Milford Saturday in the quarterfinals as the quest for the school's first state title since 1961-62 continues.

"Obviously we had trouble matching up, and our kids were so focused on the big guy they forgot about everyone else," Cross coach Ed Generali said. "Offensively, we were out of synch and Brian Davis [25.3 points a game] never got in the flow."

Camby, the University of Massachusetts-bound senior, picked up his second foul with 3 minutes, 45 sec-

onds left in the first quarter and didn't return until the third quarter.

"They were calling things a little close early on and I felt we might want to be careful in that respect," HPHS coach Stan Piorkowski said. "And having another game Saturday, we tried to make sure everybody was fresh."

Camby had 14 points, nine blocks and forced Cross players to change shots in midair several times. He said he was called for "touchy fouls. But this just shows that we're a team with interchangeable parts. Keith did a nice job."

"[Kendall] didn't play at all last year," Piorkowski said, "but he figured out how he can maximize his talents. He has played decent basketball in the last three or four games."

Tyrone White (13) and **Kendrick Moore** (12) were the other double-figure scorers for the Owls, who led 27-10, 47-31 and 73-46 at the breaks.

For 18th-seeded Holy Cross (13-9), Davis had 18 points and guard Derrick Gray 12.

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