

# *Rice holds off Christ the King in CHSAA "AA" Intersectional title*

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The lead was shrinking. The momentum was shifting. And Christ the King was threatening with six minutes left in the fourth quarter of Sunday's CHSAA "AA" Intersectional championship game.

So Rice coach [Maurice Hicks](#) called timeout and stared at senior guard [Durand Scott](#).

"I told him he had to take the game over," Hicks said. "This is Durand's team. It was time for him to handle his business."

The [Miami](#)-bound Scott scored six of his game-high 27 points after that, leading Rice to a 67-58 win at [Fordham's Rose Hill Gym](#) and helping Hicks become the first CHSAA coach to win six city titles.

"I needed to hear that," Scott said. "After that, I was more confident. I just kept trying to play with composure."

The Raiders (22-3) played well from the outset, taking a 29-22 halftime advantage and going up 13 in the third quarter. However, CK (25-4) stormed back behind sophomore [Corey Edwards](#), who scored 10 fourth quarter points.

Edwards' 3-pointer brought the Royals within five, 52-47, prompting Hicks to call the timeout. The 5-10 guard scored again moments later, but Scott responded with a jumper.

CK closed to 59-58 with just over a minute to play, but Scott responded with a floater to make it 61-58.

[Jermaine Sanders](#) added 11 points for Rice, which faces the PSAL "AA" champion in the state Federation tournament at [Glens Falls](#) on March 28