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Port St. Joe's Dustin Crews puts up a shot over a Milton Central defender during the first half Tuesday in Port St. Joe.

Port St. Joe rocks Milton Central

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PORT ST. JOE — They call it “the Dome” and it has a mean streak toward strangers.

The hardwood is brighter, the rap music is louder, and, frankly, the basketball team is better.

Port St Joe (26-6) blasted Milton Central 80-59 Tuesday behind a 31-point, seven-rebound effort from forward Seneca Chambers. The win advanced the Sharks to the 1-2A Regional final against Cottondale 7:30

p.m. Saturday.

As Chambers struggled to find an early rhythm, the Jaguars took a 7-4 advantage as Chris Villar and Lee Martin struck from behind the arc. PSJ's Isaiah Jenkins answered with three quick baskets in transition, sparking a minor spurt as the Sharks led 16-11 after one quarter.

PSJ head coach Ronald Bradley employed a full-court press to open the second quarter and a sprawling, rangy defense forced Central (23-10) into a series of turnovers.

Jenkins and forward Kyron Bailey

filled passing lanes, often preferring to leave a man open in order to fill a defensive gap, and the Sharks broke open a tight ballgame.

As Bailey was strong in the paint, setting up PSJ's transition game, Jenkins marked a 12-5 run with a fast-break basket, a 3-pointer and a sprawling dunk that brought the Dome to its feet.

Jenkins scored 16 points in the half as the Sharks took a 42-26 lead.

“We played our quickness,” Bradley