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Injuries involving trans basketball player at Mass. school spark controversy



The KIPP Academy Lynn campus. Ed Wonsek for Arrowstreet, via The Boston Globe

A girls' basketball game between two Massachusetts high schools recently made national headlines after one team forfeited at halftime following a series of injuries, some of which allegedly involved a transgender player on the opposing squad.

The coach for the Collegiate Charter School of Lowell girls' basketball team forfeited the Feb. 8 game against Lynn's KIPP Academy after a third Lowell player was injured, the charter school explained in a statement.

"The bench was already depleted going into the game with the 12-player roster having four players unable to play," according to the statement. "When the coach saw three more girls go down in the first half leaving him with five players, he made the call to end the game early. The upcoming Charter School playoffs were looming, and he needed a healthy and robust bench in four days."

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According to Collegiate Charter School, the remaining players feared they'd get injured and be unable to compete in the playoffs. The school later confirmed to Boston.com that two of its injured players were hurt in plays involving the KIPP Academy player in question.