

GCS Wins Two State Titles

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This past weekend at the ISCA Tournament in Rienzi, both the Varsity boys and Varsity girls put on strong performances and came home with our first two state titles in school history.



Our JV girls and JV boys also had good tournament performances, and both finished runner-up.

“Last weekend was a culmination of years of hard work and improvement for all our teams. Especially for our two varsity teams, I was really proud to see everything they have done for the past three years culminate in championship seasons,” said Coach Morgan.

The action kicked off Friday with a frenzy of first round games. JV boys knocked off Unity Christian (Leland, Mississippi), and Varsity boys

defeated Cornerstone Christian (Tillar, Arkansas). Both the JV girls and Varsity girls received first round byes.

Later on Friday, the Varsity girls, JV girls, and Varsity boys took down Amory Christian teams. The JV boys also matched up with Amory Christian, but despite a hard-fought game, the Eagles came up short against a stout Lion squad.

Saturday was a day of intensity as the JV boys defeated Unity Christian in an elimination game, the JV girls lost an overtime game to Amory Christian to force a second championship game, JV girls then lost to Amory Christian again, the JV boys also lost to Amory Christian again, and both Varsity squads took down Amory Christian in their respective championship games.

For the Varsity boys' championship game, Senior Jacob Phillips led the way with 15 points, while Senior Asher Hogue added 10 points.

For the girls' championship game, Senior Carley Peterson had arguably the best performance of her career, finishing with 24 points and outscoring the entire Lady Lions team all by herself.

GCS will undoubtedly have several players receive individual awards from the tournament; those will be announced next week.

Coach Troyer added, "To quote Vince Lombardi, 'We will chase perfection, and we will chase it relentlessly, knowing all the while we can never attain it. But along the way we shall catch excellence.' On Saturday we caught some excellence, and it was amazing! I am incredibly thankful for this season and these girls."

Last but not least, this past weekend caps the best year in the history of GCS basketball; the Varsity boys eclipsed last year's 39-6 record to finish this season 40-2; and our girls did the same, finishing 28-4 and improving on last year's 14-14 record.

We are very proud of all of our Eagle and Lady Eagle basketball teams. It was fun from start to finish to watch them this year. For now, it is time to put the balls and jerseys away, but I speak for everyone when I say we are already excited about next season.