

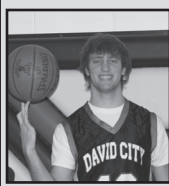
Athletes are chosen by the featured sport's coach, based on certain criteria including accomplishments, attitude, and character.

Notables

Compiled by Lukas Fricke
This month's issue features 4 seniors.



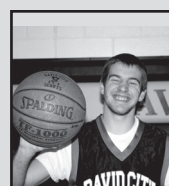
Coach Cortney Couch



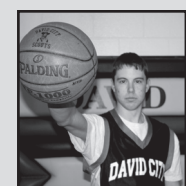
Aaron Schmid
Position:
Power Forward.
Years in basketball:
4 years
Favorite Food:
medium rare steak
with mashed potatoes



Jerade Clark
Position:
Center
Years in basketball:
4 years
Favorite Food:
chicken



Cody Thege
Position:
Center
Years in basketball:
4 years
Favorite Food:
goulash



Brian Glock
Position:
shooting guard
Years in basketball:
4 years
Favorite Food:
huge sirloin steak

Interesting Fact:

"I enjoy wearing mid-high socks with backless footwear like slippers or sandals."

Interesting Fact:

"I once saw Lucas Kastl throw a kleenex box at Fredy Castillo's head and he freaked out and tackled him into a \$500 shelf." ??

Interesting Fact:

"My job in practice was to make Aaron and Jerade mad, in order to make them play tougher."

Interesting Fact:

"I once shot 10 platypuses in one night while Aaron Schmid spotlighted them for me." ??

In Coach's Eyes

"Aaron can do everything on the basketball floor. He led our team in scoring, blocked shots, and assists. Very few players have skills to do all three of these things."

"Jerade is a force to be reckoned with inside. He averaged a double-double, which is amazing. On defense, his play in the paint allowed us to be aggressive on the perimeter."

"I've never coached a player who has worked so hard in order to succeed. For six years Cody has been coachable and tried his best to do everything I've asked him to do."

"Brian gives us an instant scoring threat coming off the bench. He makes the defense come outside to guard him. If you don't, he can make you pay, like when he led us to victory in Shelby hitting four 3's."

Sub-district win highlights new-found success

by Daulton Vodicka

It's been 15 years since the boys basketball team has won the sub-district championship. According to the players and their coach, several factors may have led to this achievement.

Obviously, fans have felt this team has had the talent to achieve this accomplishment for some time now, so what made this team reach this

point when previous teams hadn't? "I thought this season was better than last year because we played as a team way more than what we did last year," senior Jerade Clark said. Having a similar view was freshman Austin Havlena. "At practices we worked very hard and when we had to get back to the fundamentals, we focused on that to get us back on track," he said. Defense was a major factor in their success, according

to head coach Cortney Couch. "Defensively, we became the best defensive team I've coached. Last year, we gave up 53 points per game. This year, we gave up 45. That is a significant difference," he said.

It wasn't a guarantee that the Scouts would reach this point after a 2-4 start, but Couch believes a few of those early struggles led the team to the notable finish. "Many teams don't have the guts to fight back after such a discouraging start, and I think it is a testament to the mental toughness and determination of this team that we were able to put together a very good season. We may not have had the depth of talent of previous years, but our character got us through," he said. They put their focus on the team

and what we had to do, and that was easily the number one factor to our success this year."

The Scouts won the C1-5 sub-district by defeating Centennial 55-45 and went on to the district final where they faced defending C-1 state champion Hastings St. Cecilia. The Scouts lost that game, 56-42, and St. Cecilia went on to win their third straight state championship.

The Scouts are still striving to achieve future goals. "Our goal next year is to get to state. I'm sure that there will be people who will call that goal unrealistic, but every year I have to listen to people tell me that we will not be as good the next year. And every year, our boys go out and prove otherwise," Couch said.

Seniors lead team to state

by Lukas Fricke

Coach Gaylen Kamrath said describing the David City High School wrestlers this season, "The team was fun to coach. We had great team leadership from our seniors throughout the year and the state tournament." The Scouts



State medalists included (front) juniors Aaron Rerucha and Jake Schwartz and (back) seniors Tanner Wemhoff and Lucas Kastl. Photo by Lukas Fricke

finished sixth in Class C at state.

The state qualifiers were led by senior Lucas Kastl at 189 pounds and senior Tanner Wemhoff at 145 pounds, who both received second. Junior Aaron Rerucha at 152 pounds finished third, and junior Jake Schwartz at 215 secured sixth place. Sophomore Derek Worm at 160 pounds, senior Michael Buresh at 171 pounds, and junior Nathan Styskal at 125 did not place. "This team broke several records during the season; they will be remembered," Kamrath said

Many people were surprised by the Scouts at state. "I have coached at 32 state tournaments and we had several individuals improve from the year before; we surprised some people this year," Kamrath said. Wemhoff added, "We were an underdog all year long. Nobody thought we would be good."



Fighting for the rebound against defending state champion Hastings St. Cecilia, seniors Jerade Clark (40) Aaron Schmid (42), and junior Seth Behrens (12) battle in the district final. The Scouts lost, 56-42. Cecilia went on to win their third state title. Photo by Carly Buskirk

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