

Different view Needed Change

Tournament win changes team's self perception

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When the men's varsity basketball

team got first place in the Leander

Tournament, it was more than just a win for senior Juwan Webster, it was a pivotal point.

"We were the first team Stony Point has had that got first place in a tournament in like ten years," Webster said.

Webster said that the team arrived at Cedar Park and started the tournament like any other, but with win after win, Webster's confidence in the team started to build as he watched them give every game their all.

Just before the final match against the Houston Christians, Webster and the team listened to a speaker and tried to get rid of the nervousness they had been carrying with them.

"Before the game, everyone was on edge because they knew this was a big game and if they won, they would win the tournament," Webster said. "We listened to music in the locker room, and then a speaker came to talk to us which really motivated the team to go out and do their best."

During the game, tension could be felt on the court, but Webster

did his best to keep the team positive.

"I was excited to be there, and I was a great motivator that kept them going," Webster said.

When the timer went off to signify that the game was done, not only did the crowd go wild, but so did the team.

Webster said he had never been more proud and felt that the team was capable of big things.

"Afterwards, we went back to the locker room and celebrated with music and food," Webster said. "Winning that tournament was a big turning point for us, and it really gave our team a needed confidence boost. We won at least seven or eight games in a row after that, which surprised most people. This tournament really changed how people viewed our basketball team as a whole, and we started to get held to a higher standard."

After scoring that win Webster says that he no longer viewed his team as regular, or ordinary.

"In the beginning of the year we started off like every other team Stony Point has had, but after winning that tournament, something changed and we weren't average anymore."