

JUNIOR VARSITY



The junior varsity won two tournaments in the preseason and finished district with a record of 7-3. 1 Driving for the basket, sophomore Cameron Wells pushes past the L-E defense. (MPayne) 2 Checking into the game, sophomore Teverin Jackson subs in for one of his teammates. "Subbing in and out is important because it changes the way we play, which throws off the other team," Teverin said. (MPayne) 3 Huddled up during a timeout, players gather around coach Dwight McCowan as they go over plays against L-E. "During timeouts, Coach likes to draw up plays to make it easier for us to score," junior Zach Carpenter said. (MPayne)

FRESHMEN



The freshman team finished with a district record of 6-4. 1 Freshman Terrence Turner fights to get the rebound against Hooks. (THurst) 2 Dribbling down the court, freshman Ryan Pickelman looks over the defense so he can call a play. "I like being the point guard because I'm in charge," he said. (MPayne)

1 The varsity team lines up before the game to honor their country during the playing of The National Anthem. "Most teams stand by the bench during The National Anthem, but we stand across the court because it is one of our traditions," senior Trey Reynolds said. After going into double overtime the boys ended up losing by one point. (MPayne) 2 Senior Tanner Cole fist bumps the opposing coach before going out on the court to face the Trinity Warriors. "At the beginning of every game when they announce the starters we tell the other coach good luck," Tanner said. "It's just something that we have always done." The Hawks dominated the Warriors 73-60. (MPayne) 3 Shooting the extra shot, junior Coryuntae Jones gets a one and one against the Paris Wildcats. "When I get the chance to shoot a free throw, I try to take advantage of the free point," Coryuntae said. (KMcCorkle) 4 Going up for the blocked shot, senior Cross Bright makes the basket. "I pulled up and did a jump shot because I knew that they had big men down low and I had to be smart about shooting over them," Cross said. Leading the whole game Pleasant Grove won with a final score 71-48. (THurst)



DID YOU MISS...
senior Grayson Kirk listening to "Under the Bridge" by the Hot Chili Peppers before every game?



get YOUR HEAD in the GAME

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Advancing to the Area Finals the Hawks played a tough game against Brownsboro, winning 67-65.

"I was really happy we won against Brownsboro cause they beat us out of the playoffs last year," senior Cross Bright said. "I wasn't nervous— just ready to play them."

The season ended the same way it started: a loss in the Mt. Pleasant gym. In the Regional Quarter Finals, the Hawks fell short to North Lamar with a score 57-47.

"Mt. Pleasant's gym is cursed. We could not make a shot— everything kept bouncing off the rim," junior Coryuntae Jones said. "Football and volleyball both lost playoff games in Mt. Pleasant. In every sport that we play there, we end up losing."

Even though they lost the final playoff game, it was still a great season for Coach Billy Brewer, who was named District Coach of the Year.

"I couldn't ask for a better season. All the kids worked hard and pushed themselves to be better," he said. "I just wish we could have gone further."

But they might not have got as far as they did without Cross' unusual superstition. During introductions, Cross reached over and rubbed Coach Brewer's bald head before running on to the court.

"I rubbed Coach Brewer's head before every game for good luck," Cross said. "The first time I did it he pushed me away because he said his head was greasy, but I kept doing it and he couldn't out run me."

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5 Huddled up, senior Grayson Kirk listens carefully to Coach Brewer's game plan during a time out. "When the game is on the line, you have to listen to everything coach says," Grayson said. The Hawks took a tough loss, 43-66. (THurst) 6 Looking towards the action, Coach Billy Brewer directs junior Cameron Edwards on some changes to be made when he goes back onto the court. "I was explaining the game to him, and giving him a pep talk to go out there and work hard," Coach Brewer said. (THurst)

