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### **Houston County Sharks ~ State Basketball Champions**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Sharks won the 2011 Junior Varsity (JV) Wheelchair Basketball State Championship at a tournament held at Warner Robins High School on March 5. The Sharks finished the season undefeated. This team also won the 2010 and 2009 JV Wheelchair Handball State Championship. This school year is the Sharks’ best season since the Houston County Adapted Sports Program was established three years ago.

Christy Jones, Bonaire Middle School counselor, serves as the area coordinator of the program. Other coaches are Molly Griffith of Huntington Middle School, Brenda Arnett of Warner Robins High School, Ryan Brown, community coach and Rusty Basham, community coach. The team is pictured.

Jones described the tournament: “The Sharks defeated Henry County during the semi-finals. Our defense shut down the Hurricanes star player allowing him to score only six points on the day which were the only six points scored by the Hurricanes. During the championship game, the Sharks faced the Clayton County Eagles. During the first meeting in league play, the Sharks won by one point so they knew there was going to be a battle for the title. The Sharks rolled out with the mindset that they were not leaving the gym without the first-place trophy this year. Once again the Sharks defense stepped up, shutting down the main scorer for the Eagles.”

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She continued, “MinSoo Kim, Kierra Miles, and Ben Masters aggressively moved around the court causing several turnovers during the game. The Eagles double-teamed both of the Sharks high scorers Jeff Sweeney and Jeff Wiggins. This allowed the other players - Faith Bieker, David Presley, and Jordan Kozloski - opportunities to score as well. Kelley Jordan and Deyonce Williams pulled down several key rebounds and provided aid to their teammates to help assist them during scoring drives. When the final buzzer sounded the Sharks defeated the Eagles 28 to 18 capturing the State JV Title.”

Jones concluded with, “The Sharks remain undefeated this school year. We hope to continue our winning year during the upcoming football season as well. Our first schedule will begin March 19, 2011. Coach Arnett, Coach Griffith and I are very proud of how hard all of our players worked to win these titles!”

The following students are members of the championship team:

- Kierra Miles, Bonaire Middle School;
- Tristan Phillips, Eagle Springs Elementary;
- MinSoo Kim, Houston County High;
- Kelley Jordan, Houston County High;
- Deyonce Williams, Northside Elementary;
- Jordan Kozloski, Quail Run Elementary;
- Ben Masters, Warner Robins High;
- Jeff Wiggins, Warner Robins High;
- Jeff Sweeney, Warner Robins High;
- David Presley, Warner Robins High; and
- Faith Bieker, Warner Robins Middle School.

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