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**Sharks ~ 2011 State JV Football Champions**



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Sharks won the 2011 Junior Varsity Wheelchair Football State Championship. The Sharks are pictured with their trophy and banner the team was presented for winning the tournament.

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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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 Sharks have also won the 2011 and 2010 Junior Varsity Wheelchair Handball State Championships. Next year the team moves up to varsity.

Jones described the action: "The Sharks rolled into Athens on April 30, 2011, looking for blood. They hoped to avenge their one defeat last year during the championship game against Muscogee County. Admittedly the Sharks were riding on a winning streak that stretches back to the beginning of the school year. At the start of the day the Sharks record was 22 wins 0 loses and at the end of the day it was 24 wins and 0 loses! During the first round of play, the Sharks faced the Northeast Georgia Renegades. They got off to a slow start allowing the Renegades to score first; however, Kelley Jordan (HOCO) was not going to allow that to stand. She began firing her teammates up and pushing them to do their best with her spirited cheers and great defense. The Sharks went on to defeat the Renegades 41 to 20.

During the championship game the Sharks were ready and, they were not leaving Athens without the first place trophy. The Sharks defense took over not allowing the Clayton Eagles to score during the 1<sup>st</sup> half. Jordan Kozloski may have been one of the smallest players on the field but she played like a giant bursting through the Eagles offensive line time after time to sac the quarterback. MinSoo Kim (HOCO), Faith Bieker (HOCO), and Kierra Miles (BMS) stepped up their defensive play as well not allowing the Eagles to get a first down during the first 20 minutes on the game. The Sharks offense was not going to let the defense out shine them. They didn't allow one turn over during the game! Jeff Sweeney (15 points) (WRHS), Jeff Wiggins (2 points) (WRHS), Ben Masters (6 points) (WRHS), Kelley Jordan (6 points) (HOCO) and Jordan Kozloski (12 points) (QRE) came through for the Sharks while David Presley (WRHS) showed his leadership on and off the court helping set up many of the plays. Deyonce Williams (NES) masterfully used his chair setting many key blocks opening up holes for his teammates to push through during the scoring drives. The Sharks defeated the Clayton Eagles 14 to 41 capturing their third state title this year!"

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