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Sharks Win State Wheelchair Basketball Championship



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County Sharks won the 2019 State Wheelchair Basketball Championship at the Macon Coliseum on March 8, 2019. The Sharks beat the Gwinnett Heat 39 to 17 in the American Association of Adapted Sports Program tournament, defending their state title. This is the Varsity Sharks' 7th basketball championship in a row in 11 school years.

The team consists of the following players:

- Tajah Battle, Lake Joy Elementary;
- Emanuel Dawson, Huntington Middle;
- Ca'ron Harris, Northside Middle;
- O'Lando Hicks, Warner Robins High;
- Jordan Kozloski, Houston County High;
- Annabelle Putman, Perry High;
- Gavin Siens, Bonaire Middle;
- Elianna Stevens, Feagin Mill Middle; and
- Jacob Stevens, Houston County High.

Christy Jones, orthopedic impaired teacher, is the area coordinator of the program. In addition to Jones, the Sharks coaches are: Adapted PE Specialists Stephen Roberson and Tracy Fendley; Anna Henry, Langston Road Elementary teacher; Melissa Ring-Hartman, Northside High teacher; and Community Coaches Jeff McDaniels, Ben Masters and Ryan Brown.

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In 2008, the Houston County Board of Education approved adding this adapted sports program to offer students with physical disabilities the opportunity to play wheelchair basketball, football and handball. The sports are sanctioned by the Georgia High School Association.

The Sharks will be recognized at the May 14 Board of Education monthly meeting. For more information, please contact Jones at 478-396-2022. Further information may also be found online at www.adaptedsports.org/.

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