

# Eagles Capture State Championship

Richard Winn's Boys Basketball team capped an excellent season (24 wins, 3 losses) by winning the State AA crown in a strong win over Dorchester Academy of St. George. In the final game, the Eagles once again relied on intimidating defensive play, strong inside play, and good outside shooting to pull ahead of Dorchester and maintain the lead throughout the game. The margin of victory was only eight points (40-32), but Richard Winn was clearly in control the whole game.

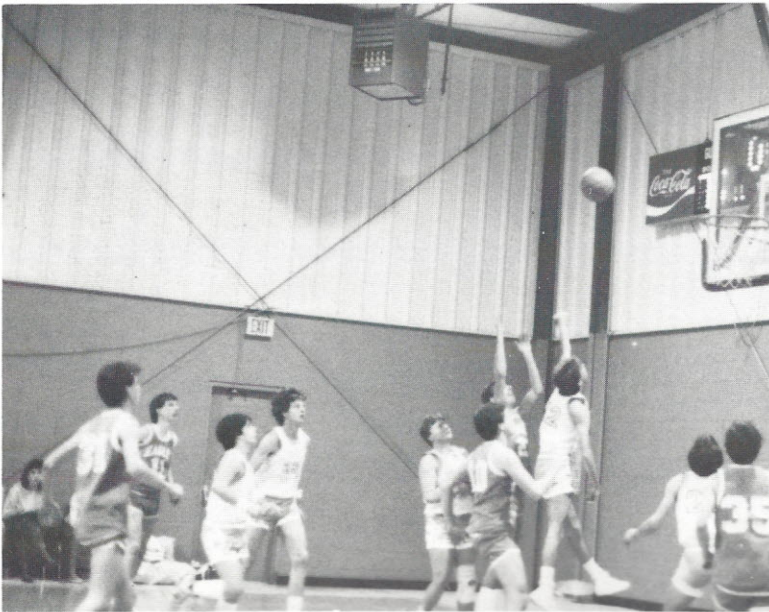
The Eagles, who advanced to State Runner-up last year, began their quest for the State championship early in the season and gained momentum as the season went on. They won the Conference regular season championship placing Scott Barefield and Chris Gaddy on the All-Conference team. With wins over Catawba and Sloan, they won the Conference Tournament. Richie Huggins and Scott Barefield were named to the All-Tournament team with Richie being named Most Valuable player.

In the State play-offs, the Eagles downed James F.

Byrnes of Florence 52-39. Byrnes had beaten RWA for the State championship last year. Our team then whipped Calhoun Academy 70-54 to advance to the finals. In this game Scott Barefield had 33 points and 12 rebounds; Chris Gaddy chipped in 10 points with 16 rebounds. Richie Huggins and Rod Wilkes contributed 14 and 7 points respectively. Stephen Clyburn always came through in clutch situations with fine board play and good defense.

In the championship game, Scott Barefield lead the offense with 16 points and Richie Huggins added 13. Scott Robinson was instrumental in the win with strong defensive play. Riochie Huggins and Scott Barefield were named to the All-State team. Scott was awarded MVP.

Eight seniors played their final game for Richard Winn. They were Scott Barefield, Stephen Clyburn, Chris Gaddy, Rob Patrick, Steve Reed, Scott Robinson, Richie Huggins, and Rod Wilkes. The team is coached by Mike Robinson and Jerry Wolff.



Richie Huggins leaps high over Catawba defenders to make this goal.

Stephen Clyburn hits from his favorite spot.

Rob Patrick and Rod Taylor get into traffic fighting for a rebound.

