

State Champs!

2002 FLORIDA CLASS 4A BASKETBALL



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The Lakewood High team stands at half-court after winning the state title Saturday, the school's first. The 59-52 victory came Saturday in Lakeland against Belle Glade Glades Central.

Lakewood coach Dan Wright, right, hugs assistant coach McCarthy Church in the closing seconds of the game in Lakeland. In his 25 years as head coach, Wright had taken five teams to the final four but had never won.



LAKEWOOD'S 2001 - 2002 SEASON, GAME BY GAME

Nov. 27	Pinellas Park	W	85-43	Dec. 29	Lakeland Kathleen	L	55-59 (OT)
Nov. 28	Dixie Hollins	W	63-41	Jan. 9	Bradenton Bayshore	W	96-26
Dec. 4	Osceola	W	105-27	Jan. 11	Bradenton Southeast	W	72-44
Dec. 5	Sarasota Booker	W	100-36	Jan. 17	Dunedin	W	94-47
Dec. 7	Dunedin	W	95-44	Jan. 18	Ocala Vanguard	W	79-46
Dec. 13	St. Petersburg	W	69-43	Jan. 19	Eustis	W	64-52
Dec. 14	Palmetto	W	82-38	Jan. 23	Gibbs	W	83-51
Dec. 18	Westchester (Calif.)	L	66-73	Jan. 25	Bradenton Bayshore	W	117-33
Dec. 19	Xavieran (N.Y.)	W	75-68 (OT)	Jan. 29	Bradenton Southeast	W	87-47
Dec. 20	Oakland Tech (Calif.)	W	71-56	Jan. 31	Palmetto	W	86-59
Dec. 21	Hightower (Texas)	W	77-64	Feb. 1	Sarasota Booker	W	72-42
Dec. 26	Orlando Evans	W	69-60	Feb. 5	Northeast	W	106-33
Dec. 27	Miami Pace	W	59-58	Feb. 7	Boca Ciega	W	75-59
Dec. 28	Boca Ciega	W	60-54	Feb. 9	Largo	W	80-68

Districts

Feb. 15	Palmetto	W	95-58
Feb. 16	Dunedin	W	74-44

Regionals

Feb. 21	Naples Barron Collier	W	93-46
Feb. 26	Plant	W	71-63 (OT)
March 2	Lakeland Kathleen	W	86-54

State semifinal

March 7	Leesburg	W	59-45
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State final

March 9	Belle Glade Glades Central	W	59-52
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THE SPARTANS

No.	Name	Position	Class
00	Kory Crumbley	F	Sr.
3	George McElroy	G	Jr.
4	Sean Morrison	F	Fr.
5	Kevin Dorsey	G	Sr.
10	Maurice Robinson	G	So.
11	Mike Brown	G	Jr.
14	Dominique Welch	F	Jr.
21	Theodric Watson	C	Jr.
22	Justin Dodson	F	Sr.
23	Marcus Morrison	F	Sr.
24	Brian Ligon	C	Jr.
31	Coryon Ross	F	So.
33	Patrick Carter	F	Jr.
34	Marcus Lee	G	Jr.
44	Jesse Harms	C/F	Jr.

Coaches

Head coach	Daniel Wright
Assistant coaches	Dwight Latimore Shemari McGinty



Marcus Morrison, a star player for Lakewood, scores two of his 10 points in the 59-52 championship game Saturday against Belle Glade Glades Central. It is the Spartans' first state title.