
March 2018



CWBC Conference Tournament Champions:

After going undefeated in the month of February (see the Important Announcements section), we went to the CWBC Conference Tournament this past weekend, which was held in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and we obtained the number one seed in the tournament. We continued our winning ways as we were victorious in our three games in the tournament, finishing the regular season at 20-5, and claiming our first ever CWBC Conference Tournament Championship!

In addition to winning the Conference Tournament title, we also became the first-place Regular Season East Division Champions.

Furthermore, Kevin Bailey, Chris Rivera, Travis Smith, Sam Ballard, Akeem Hassell, and Tee Foster received All-Conference trophies.

Moreover, Chris Rivera was named the Regular Season East Division MVP. Tee Foster was named the CWBC Conference Tournament MVP. Kevin Bailey earned the East Division Coach of the Year award.

We want to take this time to thank all of our families, friends, and fans for their undying love and support. Without them cheering us on throughout the season – especially at the tournament – we would not have had such a fantastic season. We truly appreciate all of you!

Yet, our quest for championship glory does not end here. We were invited to next month's NWBA DIII National Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky. We will do our level-best to represent the greater Triangle area well, and we will do everything in our power as a team to bring home the National Championship!

Upcoming Events

National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) DIII National Tournament at Louisville, Kentucky (April 12th – April 14th).

Important Announcements

During the month of February, and prior to playing in the CWBC Conference Tournament (see the feature article), we went 6-0, improving our overall record to 17-5. We swept the Port City Spokesmen in our four games with them both at home and on the road, and we also defeated the Fayetteville Flyers.

Additionally, we have met some of our financial goals through corporate donations and our GoFundMe page. With these recent donations, we are much closer to reaching our financial budget, but we still need \$1500 to reach our goal. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Even a donation of \$10 or \$20 helps us tremendously. We also accept checks. For those who wish to give checks, make them out to Triangle Thunder, and send them to DeVonna Douglas' address (1016 Altice Dr. Raleigh, NC, 27603). Click on the link below to donate:

<https://www.gofundme.com/help-get-us-to-national-tournament>.

Important Websites:

<http://trianglethunder.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/trianglethunder/>

The Triangle Thunder is a competitive and recreational wheelchair basketball team representing the Greater Triangle Area Community. We provide opportunities for men and women with a variety of disabilities to become involved in the sport of wheelchair basketball. Our goal is to foster each participant's well-being through vigorous physical exercise, skill formation, and healthy fellowship with other persons with disabilities.

Thank you to our main sponsors! We would not be able to play the sport that we love in the city that we love without their help!



We would also like to thank and recognize our other supporters for assisting us in achieving our goals:

Stalls Medical and Adaptive Vans Inc. (We would like to take this opportunity to thank Stalls Medical for joining our team of corporate sponsors. We would also like to thank the staff there for all the time and effort they took out of their lives to help our players off the court over the years [e.g., providing new wheelchairs and equipment for us]. Their most recent act of generosity has helped us greatly in achieving our financial goals.)

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