



CHEMISTRY ON THE COURT

Words of wisdom from coach helped bring team together

The team had excellent chemistry with each other, which helped them stay positive during games that weren't in their favor.

"Well as one of my coaches always said, it's like practice how you want to play in your game. So I always just try to go as hard as I can and just try to get my teammates better, so that we can just play better in these games that we're going to play in certain teams," JV player Hank Tucker (10) said.

Pictured: The team huddles around head coach Tim DeBerry as he gives them some words of wisdom during the game against Heritage on Jan. 25. "You just got to find the one person that will lead above everybody else and just keep going and then you just get that one win and just try to build off that and just keep going forward, and keep winning and winning," JV player Hank Tucker (10) said.

THE NUMBERS COUNT...

Quick facts and stats: team totals for the season

11 players 1,366 points
 3 coaches 387 rebounds
 7 seniors 145 steals
 23 games 12 wins

source: maxpreps

PUSHING THROUGH

A rough season makes the team tougher

The season was rocky, and the team went through many ups and downs together.

"I just try to focus on doing what our team does and playing our game instead of focusing on what the other team has or whatever they have on their team. So just blocking in and focusing," Matthew Chen (12) said.

If the team was going through a hard matchup, they relied on each other to keep their heads in the game.

"Most of the time we get in a huddle without our coaches and get our stuff together then.

It's nothing the coach can do. It's really just on ourselves to do it so we just try to come together as a team and to pull through," Garrett Myers (10) said.

Knowing that the team was able to push through even the hardest times made them stronger. They were able to grow and learn from their mistakes.



ORDER ON THE COURT Covington shoots a free throw to earn extra points for his team.

Although the team lost a close game by ten points Dec. 10 against Rock Canyon, Joey Covington helped them fight through. "When I was a freshman and a sophomore the team mainly consisted of just five guys and they really ran the thing. So then once they left we had to have guys step up and take their spot. Everybody just grows into their position," Covington (12) said.

FAIRVIEW FIGHT During a tight game against Fairview on January 24, Matthew Chen (12) struggles to get the ball from his opponent. "[My favorite part of the season was] definitely playing those tight games at the beginning of the season where we went by, like, five points going over time and stuff like that. Those are always really fun," Chen said. The rambunctious crowd looked on as the team fought through a rough game. Although they suffered and were defeated, they greatly improved from last year and lost only by six points. **SLAM DUNK!**

Greg Gerhardt lands a dunk during the game against Fairview on Jan. 24. "We all really, really, really wanted to win so we played really hard, and then that dunk right there was probably the turning point. And we were really excited for that but at the end we lost, which is tough," Greg Gerhardt (12) said.



HANDSHAKES BY HEART

Special tradition builds team spirit

Right before every home game, the team lined up and each starter performed his own unique handshake with one designated player. Their handshakes were unique to the players of Monarch.

"It's kind of like a team-bonding thing that brings us together," Garrett Myers (10) said.

Some of the handshakes were more complicated than others, but somehow the designated player seemed to remember every one of them.

"It's just a way for everyone to bond and like before every game when they call it our names it's the starters. It's kind of our thing. I don't really have handshakes with many other people so it just helps you be more connected," Humphrey (Deuce) Humphrey (12) said.



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EYE ON THE BALL

Positive attitude gets team through tough games

The sound of basketballs bouncing and sneakers on hardwood filled the gym as the varsity basketball team warmed up for their big game against Fairview. Nerves were high and the large student sections from both sides waited anxiously for the game to begin. Sadly, they lost by a close six points for an end score of 46-40.

"We couldn't pull through. If we just played a little better in the middle of the game we could've won," Garrett Myers (10) said.

Although they lost, it was a close game and they played their best.

"It hurt to lose to Fairview because we had a couple of big comebacks in the fourth quarter and everybody was going wild. And then they just took it away and we were kind of [upset] after that," JV player Hank Tucker (10) said.

The team won and lost some hard games during the season and they relied on the chemistry of their team to get them through.

"We just continue to stay positive, and it helps when you have good chemistry because we know that none of us can let each other down. We always just keep staying positive," Sam Carlson (11) said.

During their practices, the team focused on improving aspects of the game they were struggling with.

"We try to have meetings before and after practice where we just talk about what we need to work on and be clear and communicate with each other, and not try to hide those emotions," Matthew Chen (12) said.

The season had its ups and downs, just like any other season. During those tough match-ups where it got down to the last few seconds, the team did what they knew how to do best: play their game.

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