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MISCELLANEOUS FACTS ABOUT TEXAS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FOR BOYS (1921-2013)

INTRO

This file includes information on **704** state high school championship teams in Texas from 1921-2013. A total of **377 boys** teams have won state titles in the UIL from 1921-2013; **285 girls** teams have won state titles in the UIL from 1951-2013; **25 girls** teams have won state titles in the Texas AAU from 1925-1950; and **17 girls** teams won state titles in the "High School Girls Basketball League of Texas" in 1939-1954. Narratives on each of these **704** teams are presented elsewhere in this website. This Miscellaneous Section presents various facts about the players from these championship teams.

NBA Stars

Many stars on Texas state basketball championship teams went on to play in the NBA with the most famous being **Shaquille O'Neal** of SA Cole in 1989. Other NBA players who led their H.S. teams to state championships were/are **Slater Martin** of 1942 & 1943 Houston Jeff Davis; **John Beasley** of 1960 Linden-Kildare; **Ken Spain** of 1964 Houston Austin; **Gene Phillips** of 1965 Houston Jones; **Dwight Jones** of Houston Wheatley in 1968-70; **Ira Terrell** of 1972 Dallas Roosevelt; **Eddie Owens** of 1973 Houston Wheatley; **Terry Teagle** of 1976 & 1977 Broadus; **LaBradford Smith** of 1985 Bay City; **Greg Ostertag** of 1991 Duncanville; **Stephen Jackson** of 1995 PA Lincoln; **Jeryl Sasser** of 1996 & 1997 Dallas Kimball; **Daniel Ewing** of 2000 & 2001 Sugarland Willowridge; **T.J. Ford** of 2000 & 2001 Sugarland Willowridge; **Kendrick Perkins** of 2001 Beaumont Ozen; **Chris Bosh** of 2002 Dallas Lincoln; and **Daniel Gibson** of 2004 Houston Jones.

FATHER & SON

The dream of every coach is to win a state championship but the ultimate dream is for that coach to win the championship with his son leading the team to victory by making the "last shot" as depicted in the movie, "Hoosiers." The "winning with my son" dream and the "winning with my son making the last shot dream" have been realized on several occasions.

Coach Ray Morris watched his son, 5'9" Sr **Eric Morris**, make two "last shots" for Shallowater in the 2004 1A final as Eric hit a 3-pointer to tie the game with 18 seconds left in regulation and then hit a floating "runner" in the lane at the buzzer of OT to defeat Argyle and win the title. Eric was the top scorer in the final with 18 points and was named MVP.

Coach C.L. Nix watched his son, 6'3" Jr **Jamie Nix**, hit two FTs to tie the game for Whitehouse in the 1978 2A final and then Jamie made another FT with one second remaining to defeat Dimmitt and win the title. A second son, 6'5" Sr **Carey Nix** was also a starter on this team.

Coach Ken Cleveland watched his son, 5'11" **Kevin Cleveland**, lead Dimmitt to two 3A state championships in 1982 over Linden-Kildare & 1983 over Van Vleck. Kevin scored 24 points in both finals, made All State Tournament both years and scored 2,728 points in four years (1979-83) to rank 29th on the all-time TX H.S. Basketball career scoring list according to Texas Basketball Magazine.

Coach Troy Hamm watched his son, 6'2" **Bryan Hamm**, a Sr, score 15 points against Troup in the 1994 2A final and Bryan was All-State tournament and All-state. His son, 6'5" **Jason Hamm**, a Jr, was All-State Tournament on the 1992 Krum state 2-A finalist.

Coach Stan Bonewitz watched his son, 6'3" Sr **Stanley Bonewitz**, score 36 points in the 1995 5A final for SA East Central against Dallas Carter. Stanley was voted the MVP of the final. He averaged 31.2 points and 10 assists per game on a team that averaged 108 ppg.

Coach Wayne Tipton watched his son, 6'0" Sr **Sam Tipton**, score 26 points for Gruver in the 1A final against Honey Grove in 1966. Sam was all-state in 1966 and All State Tournament in 1965 & 1966.

Coach Allen Simpson watched his son, 6'2" Jr **Sammy Simpson**, lead the 1986 Amarillo team to the state championship in the 5A final over Dallas Kimball. Simpson was the leading scorer on the year and was named All State Tournament.

Coach James Rogers watched his son, 6'1" Sr **Kyle Rogers**, score 42 points in the 3A final for Ferris in 1994. Kyle was All State Tournament and was named MVP of the final.

Coach **Doug Boxell** watched his son, 6'0" Jr **Lance Boxell**, lead his team to the 2A championship for Ponder in 2001. Lance had a near triple double (10 points, 10 rebounds & 9 assists) in the final & was named All State Tournament and MVP of the final. Boxell completed a "triple family double" in 2008 when he won state at Ponder with his son, **Isaiah**. Coach Boxell won state at Santo in 1990 with his son, **Zach**; with his son, Lance, at Ponder in 2001, and with his son, Isiah, at Ponder in 2008 & 2009, and thus by 2009 had won state with three different sons.

Coach **Tony Wagner**'s son, 5'8" Jr G **Kevin Wagner**, was the leading scorer for Lubbock Estacado's 2010 state 3A championship team. 5'10" Jr G **Travis Courtney** played on his father **Ronnie Courtney**'s Ft. Bend Bush's state championship team of 2010. 6'4" Sr C **Jamal Wortham** played on his father **Marcus Wortham**'s Calvert championship in 2012.

Also, there have recently been a couple of Coach-daughter combinations. Martin's Mill won its only state title in 2006 as 6'2" Soph **Jordan Barncastle** scored 25 points to help her father, Coach **Doug Barncastle**, win a state title. In 2012 5'9" Sr G **Danielle Logan** scored 36 points to help her mother, Coach **Lisa Logan**, win a state title for Sudan.

Several coaches accomplished a "double" by both playing on and coaching a state championship team. **Donnie Victorick** played (as a role player—not a star) for Snook in 1965 & 1966 and coached the BlueJays to 5 state titles in 1980-84. **Andre Boutte** was a player on the 1980 & 1981 Beaumont Hebert championship teams and won titles as a coach at PA Lincoln in 1991 & 1995 and at Beaumont Ozen in 2001. **Duane Joubert** was the top scorer for the 1991 Hardin-Jefferson championship team and later coached the 2005 Kountz state champions.

NFL STARS AT STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Several NFL stars led their teams to high school basketball championships in Texas. The first was **Malcolm Kutner** of Dallas Woodrow Wilson who led his team to the 1938 state title. Other (later) NFL stars who led their teams to championships were **Harmon Rowe** of Livingston in 1939; **L.G. Dupree** of Texas City in 1949; **Carl McAdams** of White Deer in 1962; **Rod Bernstine** of Bryan in 1983; **Hart Lee Dykes** of Bay City in 1985; **Bobby Taylor** of Longview in 1992; and **Leonard Davis** of Wortham and **Keith Davis** of Italy in 1997. In 2007 both Leonard Davis and Keith Davis were members of the Dallas Cowboys. The 1977 championship Daingerfield team included three future NFL players (**Gary Lewis**, **Darryl Lewis** and **John Rodgers**). **Tony Jones** led Grapeland to the 2A state title in 1985 before playing football at UT and in the NFL.

Other NFL players were on championship teams but were not (basketball) stars---**Gene Cockrell** of 1953 Pampa; **Harold Lewis** of 1954 Pampa; **Lester Hayes** of 1973 Houston Wheatley; **Terry Hoage** of 1978-79 Huntsville; and **Kim Phillips** of 1984 New Boston. Other NFL players played in the state tournament but were not on championship teams---e.g., **Doak Walker** of semi-finalist Dallas Highland Park in 1944; **Kyle Rote** of finalist SA Jefferson in 1947; **Junior Coffee** of 1960 & 1961 Dimmitt; **Carl Hilton** of finalist Galveston Ball in 1982; **Buddy Humphrey** of Kilgore in 1955 & **Keith & Kerry Cash** of finalist SA Holmes in 1987.

Coach Dan Montgomery notified me that he has a list of several TX H.S. basketball players who later played major league baseball (MLB). His research indicates that several played TX H.S. basketball---Nolan Ryan, Roger Clemens, Mike Hargrove, Gary Bell and Davey Johnson. Montgomery believes that at least two, Jerry Mallett of Beaumont S. Park and Michael Adams of Sinton, played MLB. Mallett played briefly in the outfield with the Red Sox and Adams presently pitches for the Texas Rangers.

Quiz on Boys' Texas State Championship Basketball Teams

from 1921-2013

from research by Dr. Billy Wilbanks

1. Of the 365 teams that have won a TX state (boys) basketball championship from 1921-2011 how many have been from Travis County (Austin) and Williamson County (Round Rock/Georgetown)?
Answer: zero

2. Name the state championship team that is closest to the Erwin Center in Austin going South? North? East? West?

Answer: South=San Marcos 31 miles; North=Little River-Academy, 53 miles; East=Thorndale, 40 miles; and West=Johnson City, 40 miles.

3. **The coach of one TX championship team played for the Milan IN team that won the Indiana state H.S. championship in 1954 as memorialized in the Movie, “Hoosiers.” Name that coach and his TX championship team.**
Ronnie Truitt, 1971 Cy-Fair
4. **Which TX high school has won the most boys state titles (10) from 1921-2010?**
Answer: Snook won 10 state titles from 1965-84 including consecutive titles from 1978-84.
5. **Which TX high school has won the 2nd most boys state titles (7) from 1921-2011?**
Answer: Two teams have won 7 titles--Buna from 1955-63 and Port Arthur Lincoln from 1981-1995.
6. **What coach has won the most boys state championships?**
Answer: Cotton Robinson of Buna with 7 from 1955-1963
7. **The Movie, “Hoosiers,” is based on the real life story of the Milan IN team which won an IN state championship in 1954 as a small school competing against the largest schools in the state. From 1921-1941 all schools in TX—regardless of size—played for one single state championship and two small schools (now they would be Class A) won the (all-class) state title. Name the two TX small schools who won state titles over all schools in the state.**
Answer: Cushing in 1936 & Carey in 1937
8. **More than 4,000 boys have played on state championship teams in TX from 1921-2011---name the player on a championship team who later (after H.S.) had the greatest basketball career?**
Answer: Shaquille O’Neal (his 1989 SA Cole Team was the 3A champion)
9. **Name the boy who holds the record for the most points scored (51) in a championship game.**
Answer: Don Stanley of Buna in 1957
10. **Which team holds the state record for the greatest victory margin (38 points) in a championship game?** Answer: Paducah beat Big Sandy 99-61, in the 1A final in 1988
11. **Which team has scored the most points (108) in a championship game?**
Answer: Houston Wheatley over Carrollton, 108-80, in 1970

12. Only 20 of the 365 boys championship games were won in Overtime & only three have gone to multiple OTs. Name the three.

Answer: Belton, 58-56, over New London in 1958 2A final in a second (sudden death) OT. (the rule requiring a 2nd OT to be sudden death was later changed.) Nazareth defeated Oakwood in 3 OTs in 1A Div. II final in 2003. McAdoo defeated Hutto 66-64 in 2 OTs in 1964.

13. Several schools have won boys and girls state championships in the same year. One school has done it three times---name that school. Answer: Buna in 1956, 1957 & 1961. Answer: Buna, 1956 & 1957 and Brock in 2002 & 2003. The complete list of boy/girl champs in the same year are: Buna, 1956; Buna, 1957; Buna, 1961; Dallas S. Oak Cliff, 1977; Morton, 1987; Abernathy, 1991; Sudan, 1995; Nazareth, 2002; Brock, 2002; Brock, 2003; and Shallowater, 2004.

14. Name the six schools that have won state championships in basketball and football in the same academic year. Answer: Dumas, 1960-61; Southlake Carroll, 1992-93; Duncanville, 1998-99; and Everman in 2002-3, Cayuga in 2009-10 and Idalou, 2010-2011.

15. Name the two schools that have gone undefeated in both basketball and football in the same season. Answer: In 1985 Houston Madison was the 5-A state champion in basketball at 40-0 and its football team was 12-0-1 losing in tie break procedure in regional. In 1948 Mt. Vernon won the 1-A state basketball championship at 30-0 and won the regional (as far as 1-A went in 1948) in football at 11-0.

16. Name the only coach to ever go undefeated in football and basketball in the same academic year? Milburn "Catfish" Smith was the coach of the undefeated Mt. Vernon football and basketball teams in 1948.