



South Mountain YMCA Hoopsters Victorious

Maplewood, NJ March 12, 2010... South Mountain YMCA's youth basketball teams had a very successful March 6 and 7 weekend taking home one state championship and a third place finish. New Jersey YMCA Youth Basketball League travel youth basketball team programs are divided into 4 separate age and skill divisions. They are the age 12U A level teams, 12U B level teams, 14U A level teams, and the 14Under B level teams.

The state championship finals were held on Sunday March 7 at 2 locations. The B level tournament took place at the Wycoff, NJ YMCA and the A level tournament took place at the Raritan Bay YMCA in Perth Amboy. South Mountain YMCA's 14A team earned a hard fought championship in their division and the 12B team came close but ended up with a third place finish.

The 14A team coached by Jerome Miller finished their regular season with an 8-1 record. Going in to the state tournament they were the #1 seed having lost once to the #2 seed Madison. Coach Miller had his team peaking at the right time and they were able to go all the way through the winner's bracket in the double elimination tournament. The final was against their rival Madison and was won on a buzzer beater layup.

Coach Jay Brown led his 12B team to a third place finish in the tournament at Wycoff. After having a 10-2 regular season, they had high hopes for their own championship and had the #1 seed. The team fought hard losing two tough games and ended up third. Nonetheless, the 12A team had a very satisfying season at one point going 10-0 in the regular season after losing their first two games.

Also competing in the tournaments was South Mountain's 12A team. Coach Phil Rubenstein's team finished the season a 3-7 record.

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