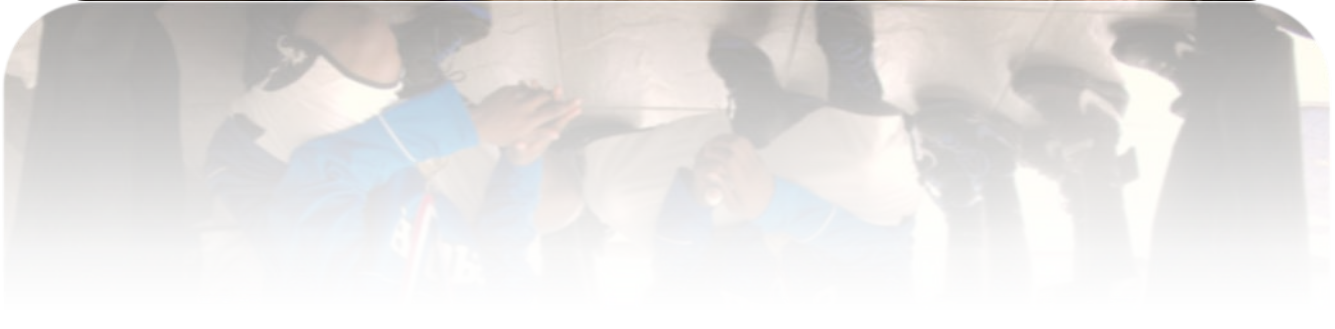


Below are the teams who sent in team pictures from 2009 AAU Nationals. This page shows the 9u Northshore Titans team that finished 2nd in D II Nationals in Orlando at Disney and the Mid City Cyclones 17u team that finished 7th at Disney in D I Nationals. The Mid City team represented with pride as they faced some of the top players in the nation with a hard-working squad whose only loss came in a tough game vs. the N.Y. Gauchos. This shows the results of home-grown teams ticking together for many years and having a disciplined system. On the next few pages you can view the same results of the 15u Southwest La. Hoops who have been together since they were 10u. They took home the 15u D II National championship in Little Rock (see news article). Congrats to all teams that played in all 2009 AAU Nationals.



Congratulations to the Southwest Louisiana Hoops 15u team and Coach Nolton Dalcourt for winning the Division II National Championship in Little Rock, Arkansas this past month. Please view the team picture and article below concerning their outstanding “run to gold”.



Southwest Louisiana Hoops wins national tourney

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There were many times, almost three years in fact, that members of the Lafayette-based SW Louisiana Hoops 15-and-under AAU basketball team wondered about the method to coach Nolton Dalcourt's madness.

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While most of the AAU teams were running up and down the floor playing the fun style of fastbreak basketball, Dalcourt spent most of the last three summers trying to mold his team into a more organized unit known more for halfcourt offensive execution than the often-chaotic transition game.

As it turned out, the proof is in the pudding, or more specifically the AAU national championship trophy that the U15 SW Louisiana Hoops team brought home from Little Rock, Ark., this week.

Dalcourt's SW Louisiana Hoops team finished off a 26-6 summer season with a 6-1 national tournament record, including a convincing 75-52 win over the Louisiana Roundballers of Shreveport in the AAU U15 Division II national championship game.

"For two years, I tried to tell them that if we ever get it down, we'll be unbeatable," Dalcourt said. "They wanted to run like everybody else was doing. I want more of a controlled game out of a set offense. When we're playing well, 90 percent of our shots are layups.

"Most of these AAU teams are run-and-gun teams that aren't used to defending against set offenses. They just pick up loose balls and go. We control the tempo."

Despite bucking the idea as 13-year-olds and then 14-year-olds last summer, the team of 15-year-olds finally began to show signs of getting it several tournaments before the trip to nationals last Tuesday through Saturday.

The Hoops won their own tournament in June and also an event in Natchitoches.

"We had won many tournaments before, but it was the level that we played at in those two tournaments that really got me excited," Dalcourt said. "I told the kids that if we kept playing at that level that we'd win the national championship."

And for the most part, the team listened to a few notable exceptions.

to get to bracket play, the Hoops first had to get out of pool play. That

process began with a 69-46 win over the Memphis Flames, before losing 66-65 to the Arkansas 76ers.

"That loss turned out to be the best thing for us," Dalcourt said. "For whatever reason, they played street ball in that game and we lost by one point."

A 61-51 win over the [Arizona Sting](#) got the Hoops out of pool play and no one competed with them after that point.

The Hoops beat the Illinois T-Wolves, 63-38, the Bynam Ballers of Mississippi, 61-55, and the Crush Elite of Alabama, 50-39, to reach the finals.

"Everybody in the tournament was scared of that team from Alabama that we played in the semifinals," Dalcourt said. "They were beating one team 34-7 at the half. They were just beating teams up, and we were beating them by 19 at the half."

The team consists of sophomores-to-be from Carencro, Northside, Breaux Bridge, Teurlings Catholic, Gueydan and Washington-Marion.

"They've been playing together for three years now," Dalcourt said. "I've always told them that we don't have a starting five. The offenses that we use aren't designed for one player to be a star. They're designed to recognize what the defense is allowing us to do."

Carencro High has the biggest group on the team in Jacolby Briscoe, Jalen Nixon, Ramyron Poydras and Fred Malbrough.

Breaux Bridge has two in Travin Dural and Josh Williams. Washington-Marion has two in Josh Gray and Javandon Staves.

One is at Northside in Brandon Lard, one from Teurlings in Jazlon Dalcourt and one from Gueydan in Davante Bourque.

"They didn't name an MVP, but if they had, it would have been the Gray kid from Washington-Marion," Dalcourt said. "He's definitely a Division I talent. Everybody in the gym was watching that kid. The newspaper up there was writing stories about him."