



MADISON SPARTANS BASKETBALL
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HISTORY OF EXCELLENCE

The Madison Spartans Youth Basketball Program has just finished it's 20th year of providing basketball as a youth development activity. This milestone was acknowledged by our Madison Spartans Youth Basketball 20th Anniversary Weekend Celebration.

The event weekend festivities included the Spartans Annual Award Banquet, Alumni Game, and a Invitational Madison Spartans Basketball Round Robin. The event weekend was a great time for all, past and present players. Our proud tradition and history of excellence has been built upon the outstanding success of the Madison Spartans teams over the years. As an organization, we have produced teams that compete at a very high level, and developed players with solid basketball skills, many of which have had success on the high school, college, and professional levels. During the past decade, the Madison Spartans Youth Basketball Organization has been recognized, as one of the top programs in the Country. Our boy's teams have placed consistently at State and National AAU Tournaments, with three top ten finishes. National Tournament titles also include the King James Shootout, Howard Pulley, and more.

As Program Director of the Madison Spartans Youth Basketball Program, my goals has been to promote the development of the girl's side of the program to reach parity with our boys. This goal has become a reality. In recent years, the girls can boast State and National level success. Highlights include the fourth Place AAU Division II National finish, a second place finish at the Nike Cup, and National championship wins at the North American Shootout, the All American Cage Classic, and the Rockford Midwest Championships. The young women have arrived.

Thanks to our core supporters, who have embraced the vision of this youth development activity, and share in the stability and success of the program. The Dane County Neighborhood Intervention Program, which is the host program, the Dane County Executive Office and Human Services Administration, Madison Rotary South, Prent Corp, South Madison Neighborhood Center, Genesis Development Corporation, and the hundreds of individuals and companies who have donated to our cause.

I would like to acknowledge some key individuals who have made Madison Spartans Basketball what it is today. Peter Rubin, Dennis McClain, Bob Humke, Lt. Joe Balles, Jeff Mack, Randy Sproule, Shelton Kingcade, Seneca Blue, Steven Blue, Stacy Williams, Reverend Rick Jones, Lawrence Ward, Kelly and Ernie Morgan, and a special thanks to my wife, Susan Blue.

In closing, as the organization moves into the future, we will need to embrace change and strive towards maintaining our excellence and core mission.

As we used to say in the early days, "What time is it?" The answer remains the same. IT'S SPARTAN TIME!!

Sincerely,

Stephen Blue
Director