

Eagles Crush High Hopes for Basketball Season

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After winning twenty regular season games and sitting third in the state rankings for AA programs, the Heard County High School boys' basketball team saw their season come to a sudden end at the hands of the Crawford County Eagles. The Braves defeated Crawford County twice during the regular season, outscoring the Eagles (10-20) by an average score of 81-59. On February 19, the Eagles were able to put together four quality quarters and upset the Braves by a score of 76-72.

Playing their playoff game against Crawford County in Franklin, the Braves fell behind early and trailed the Eagles by the score of 11-15 at the end of the first quarter. The two teams traded baskets during the second quarter, as both the Eagles and the Braves scored twelve points in the

period. The Braves were in foul trouble from the opening quarter, when senior center Chris Franklin picked up two quick fouls and the team was forced to play less experienced players for much of the first half.

The second half was similar to the first, as Crawford County maintained their slim lead throughout. The fouls against the Braves continued to mount, and the team was forced to continue to play reserve players or risk having players foul out of the game. Junior guard Santez Emory, the team's leading scorer, finally fouled out with three minutes left in the final quarter. The Braves were unable to mount a successful comeback without Emory. The Braves walked off the court in defeat, while the Crawford County fans and players celebrated at midcourt.

The Braves entered the first round of the region playoffs with a 20-5 record and having been ranked as high as number two in the state earlier in

the season. The team also took home the trophy as champions of the Haralson County Invitational Tournament. However, some problems seem to begin surfacing toward the end of the regular season, when the

Braves lost four out of their final seven games after beginning the season with only one loss in their first eighteen games.



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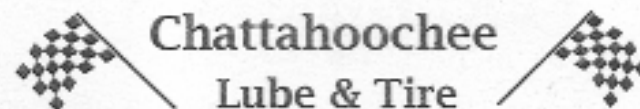
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