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The Portland Wolves is a six grade basketball team that has been the most dominating teams in the city and state for the last two years. All of the players play baseball, so the Wolves have not gone to the AAU State championship tournament. The two teams that played for the 1997 AAU State Championship fell to the Wolves as a fifth grade team. This year the Wolves players recently ended their season and will not played for the 1998 Oregon State AAU title. There is a little difference this year in that the five Wolves are on three different teams that are going to the AAU state tournaments. Seth Tarver, a fourth grader is playing with Reggie Guyton's fourth grade team. Josh Tarver is playing

with Phil Hopsons fifth grade team which recently won the Oregon State AAU Championship. Zach Tarver, Robert Malone, AJ Niebergall is playing with Ollie Thierry's sixth grade AAU team. Spencer Hill, Darwin Barney, Chuck Hepner, John Parker, Harry Darling all play Baseball. The boys mentioned above also play Baseball. We Have one player that runs track D'Shawn McKenzie.

I guess people may say who are the Wolves and what makes them special? Their awesome man to man team defense, great fast breaking abilities combined with their excellent passing skills and a dominate half court game. This team is known as an unselfish team, They really move the ball around and if you work hard you will get the

ball. The Wolves like to play high school rules so that they can us their full court press and half court trap.

In closing I would like to pay tribute to Phil Hopson of the Running Bulls for winning the 5th grade AAU Championship and He plan on taking that team to the National AAU tournament that will be held in Florida this summer I know he will need some major help to from the community to achieve this goal for his group of young men. Reggie guyton and his Inner City Allstars. Reggie has three teams that he is are interring into different tournament. Duane Tyner has an 8th team call Marquis Ramone he does a nice job in get his teams into the High powered tournament. Mark Miles and John Lee of the Cisco Kids another 8th

grade team, these coaches are giving the their teams the experience of getting into some of the high powered tournaments. The problem that most teams have is money. The average cost of the local tournaments is \$160.00.

I see this as money well spent, and we as parents and coaches are proud to associated with local Businesses that share those feelings and have helped make these two seasons possible for this team of young men experience the trips and games they will remember for life.

The Wolves were coached by Dave Barney a Beaverton Dentist. His assistants were John Tarver a local insurance broker, Mike Hepner. THE COACHES AND PARENTS SINCERELY THANK THE INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES THE HAS SPONSORED AND SUPPORTED THE PORTLAND

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