

## Patriots Boys' Basketball Gaining Momentum in the Post-Season



*The Patriots celebrating the sub-regional win over Good Hope*

For the first time since 2001, the KDS Varsity Boys Basketball team claimed an area championship with a 55-51 win over Randolph on Thursday, February 7.

KDS Coach Kenny Downs was a sophomore on that 2001 team that would go on to play in the State Final Four. This year's area title is the first for the boys' team as a 4A classification school.

Then, on Tuesday, February 12, the Varsity Boys advanced to the Northeast Regional Tournament with a thrilling sub-regional win over Good Hope. The regional tournament is the high school equivalent of the Sweet 16. The Patriots defeated Good Hope 64-62 to a packed house at home to qualify.

The Patriots will play Talladega on Tuesday, February 19 at 1:30 p.m. at Jacksonville State University.



*The Patriots are led by senior CJ Sims, seen here securing the ball at tip-off.*



*Juniors (and first cousins) Landen Harbin and Koltyn Harbin play a high energy game and are consistently among the team's top scorers. Landen is pictured above sinking critical free throws, and Koltyn is pictured at the right fighting for a lay-up against Good Hope.*



*The Patriots' pre-game ritual at half court*