

## Storm Finishes Second At West Wilkes

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The Watauga Storm 5th grade boys basketball team finished second this past weekend in the West Wilkes Whirlies Winter Warm-up tournament in Wilkesboro. Anderson Castle was Watauga's most

valuable player as he led the team in points, steals, and assists. The Storm defeated the Yadkin Valley Cyclones in their first game of the tournament. Watauga jumped out to an early 18-2 lead and never looked back winning, 37-15. The Storm was led in scoring by Castle with 13 points. Jordan Gainey and Christopher Konrady also chipped in with nine points and six points, respectively.

Watauga defeated the West Wilkes Whirlies 41-30 in the second round. The Whirlies, who trailed big, rallied and got within six before Konrady knocked down a huge three pointer to extend the lead back to nine points to secure the win. The Storm was lead in scoring by Castle with 14 points; Konrady had 9 points; Jaiden Bond and Andrew Freeman had six points apiece. That win also propelled the Storm into the championship game against the High Point Stars. The Storm grabbed an early 4-0 lead in the finals with their full court pressure. However, the Stars regrouped for a 22-14 halftime lead. The Stars eventually built their biggest lead at 12 in the second half before the Storm came charging back and cut the lead down to five points late in game. But the Stars hung on for a 36-28 win. The Storm was led in scoring by Castle with 13 points, Gainey had nine, and Konrady had four points.

Additional contributors to the Storms second place finish this weekend were Daylon Banks, who knocked down a jumper and added a free throw in the Yadkin Valley game, Austin Idol and Bryce Satterfield who each contributed big rebounds during the tournament, Mitchell Greene who grabbed key rebounds in the West Wilkes game and had several big steals in the High Point game, Alex Darner who knocked down a jumper and had several big rebounds in the West Wilkes game, and Jackson Miller who helped break the pressure during the tournament and had several key defensive moments during the tournament.