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The Watauga Storm 5th grade boys basketball team produced a second place this past weekend in a basketball tournament in Winston Salem, N.C.

The Storm had a dominant second half in their first game as they beat the Pilot Pride, 45-32. Trailing 21-19 at halftime, the Storm turned up the defensive pressure and converted turnovers into points including knocking down four second half three pointers.

Jaiden Bond led the team in scoring with 17 points, Andrew Freeman added eight points, Christopher Konrady had seven points, Jackson Miller had five points, and Jordan Gainey and Anderson Castle both chipped in with four points apiece.

The Storm jump out to a big lead early in its second-round game and easily defeated the Franklin Celtics, 36-21. Led by the outstanding effort of Mitchell Greene, the Storm had built a 28-12 halftime lead. Bond led the team in scoring with 11 points, but more importantly was able to dominate the glass on the offensive and defensive ends to post a double-double for the game.

The Storm also saw Konrady score 10 points, Gainey had nine points, Castle and Jackson chipped in with three points apiece. The Storm also saw big contributions on the defensive end and rebounding from Freeman and Alex Darner to help key the victory.

In the championship game, the Storm lost to a high powered team from the Raleigh area called the Royal Knights, 43-28. The Storm fell behind early, but despite numerous comeback attempts, the Knights were able to hang on and win the title.

The Storm was led in scoring by Bond with 10 points, Miller and Castle had eight points each, and Gainey had two points. The Storm, which has three second place finishes in tournaments this year, will be back in action next week in Wilkesboro.