The Watauga Storm fifth grade boys basketball team won the Fourth Annual West Wilkes Whirlies Backboard Breakin Bash this past weekend in Wilkesboro.

he Watauga Storm started strong in the tournament by beating the Ashe County Lightning 36-5. The Storm got a fast start and built a commanding a 28-2 lead by halftime. Christopher Konrady led the Storm with 12 points. Jaiden Bond had eight points, Jordan Gainey had six points, Alex Darner had four points, Daylon Banks had three points, Bryce Satterfield had two points and Jackson Miller had a point.

The Storm faced a familiar foe, the Lenoir Topcats, in their second game. Despite a tight start that saw the lead change hands numerous times, the Storm gradually pulled away and built a solid lead and won the game, a 46-32. Anderson Castle led the Storm with a team-high 18 points. Konrady and Gainey each scored nine points apiece; Bond scored eight points and Mitchell Greene added two points.

The Storm wrapped up tournament play by knocking off the Alexander Cougars 42-27 in the championship game. The Storm raced out to a an early 13-1 lead backed by a stifling full court man to man press. Leading the way defensively for the Storm was Andrew Freeman who helped the Storm turnover the Cougars on multiple possessions in the first half. The Storm led 27-14 at the half, and the Storm settled the issue by outscoring the Cougars 11-2 to start the second half. The Storm built a commanding 22 point lead for its first tournament championship. The Storm was led in scoring by Gainey's 13 points. Castle and Konrady who had eight points apiece, Jake Sears chipped in with six points, Bond had four points, Banks had two points, and Austin Idol who scored a point.

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