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The Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Men's Basketball team lost to Rock Valley College (Rockford, Ill.) 79-69 in the Division III National Championship game Saturday night in Loch

Sheldrake, N.Y.

The second place finish is the best in CCC&TI Athletics history. This year's team finished with a 29-7 record, winning the Region X and District VII tournaments.

"I'm proud of them," said Dr. Ken Boham, President of CCC&TI. "They represented the

college and the state of North Carolina well. They're No 2 in the nation, but No. 1 in our

hearts."

The Cobras came out strong, took an early lead, and maintained it early into the second half

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before Rock Valley heated up. The Eagles finally came to life offensively and outscored the Cobras 55-37 in the final stanza.

Rock Valley (29-5) shot 67% percent from the floor in the second half. They were 6-10 from the three-point line.

The Cobras were led by Lawrence Jackson, who had 21 points and 9 rebounds. Also

leading the way were Dre McDowell with 14 points and 4 assists, and TJ Wilson with 10

points and 8 rebounds.

Jackson, a freshman from Rocky Mount, N.C., was named to the D-III National Championship All-Tournament Team.