



THE HOOP SCOOP

League Highlights: This Season's Milestones

Great Falls Select Shines in FCYBL Competition

After a grueling 14-week season, intense playoffs, and a thrilling championship weekend, Great Falls Basketball's participation in the Fairfax County Youth Basketball League (FCYBL) came to an exciting close on March 9th. Competing against some of the best teams in Northern Virginia, Great Falls Select teams demonstrated incredible skill, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout the season.

The FCYBL is a highly competitive, community-based league designed to elevate youth basketball talent across Northern Virginia. FCYBL offers a structured and developmental pathway for young athletes. This year, the FCYBL supported an impressive 149 Boys teams and 86 Girls teams across 5th–8th grades.

Great Falls proudly fielded 11 Select teams this season, with (7) Boys teams and (4) Girls teams competing across various divisions. These teams represented our community with passion and determination, taking on some of the best competition in the region

Boy's Teams

Great Falls B5-D2 Barletta
Great Falls B6-D1 Harper**
Great Falls B6-D2 Chaikin
Great Falls B7-D1 Armah
Great Falls B7-D3 Wisniewski
Great Falls B8-D1 Wilson**
Great Falls B8-D2 Rees

Girl's Teams

Great Falls G5-D2 Long
Great Falls G6-D1 Baig**
Great Falls G7-D1 Love
Great Falls G8-D1 Alta**

A huge thank you to our coaches, parents, and volunteers who made this season possible.

Your dedication to our players and the program continues to be the foundation of our success.

We look forward to another incredible season next year as Great Falls Select continues to grow and compete at the highest levels!

A special congratulations to the Great Falls players recognized for their outstanding performances:

Boys 6th Grade – Division 1

- 🏆 Most Valuable Player:
Sammy Clark (#14)
- ★ All-League Selection:
TJ Harper (#21)

Boys 8th Grade – Division 1

- ★ All-League Selections:
Dominic Laws (#11)
Lucas Wilson (#30)
Paul Balistrere (#5)

Girls 6th Grade – Division 1

- ★ All-League Selection:
Sophie Baig

FCYBL – B6-D1 Champions

Great Falls 6th Grade Boys
Coach Harper

**FCYBL – Tournament Semi-Finalists

Harper, Wilson, Alta, Baig

**Great Falls Select goes to George Mason
Having fun on and off the court! JumboTron!**



GF Hoops Wraps Up Another Exciting House League Season

With over **1,000 players**, **130+ teams**, and **650+ games**, the Great Falls Basketball House League concluded another action-packed season filled with growth, competition, and community spirit.

During the **Championship Games**, the top two teams from each division's double elimination tournament battled it out on the court, delivering some of the most intense and exciting moments of the year. See Tourney winners below. Afterwards, the **All-Star Games** provided a fun and high-energy environment for players and fans. Featuring power plays, wild cards, half-time challenges, and plenty of crowd engagement. A huge thank you to all the players, coaches, refs, and families who made this season a memorable success.

Girls 3 Champions – Davies



Girls 4/5 Champions – Fowler



Girls 6 Champions – McDermott



Girls 6 Champions – Lochhead



Boys 3 Champions – Femal



Boys 4 Champions – Carey



Boys 5 Champions – Zmuda



Boys 6 Champions – Kahn



Boys 7 Champions – Ludlow



Boys 8 Champions – Ullman



Fun Fact: The longest basketball game lasted 78 minutes (6 overtimes) Syracuse vs UConn in 2009.

HS House League: Competition, Camaraderie, and Champions

Boys 11/12 Tourney Champions – Oakes



Boys 9/10 Tourney Champions – Maxwell



Steals

William Maxwell 32

3-Pointers

Nigel Hamann 17

Free Throws

Sutherland Corbitt 14

Blocks

Adam Kerr 22

Regular Season Champion – Boys 11/12–Coblentz

Regular Season Leaders by Totals

Points:

Aidan Ryan 185

3-Pointers

Wesley Beeland 27

Rebounds

Frank Check 107

Free Throws

Aidan Ryan 16

Assists

Aidan Ryan 30

Blocks

Anderson Manset 18

Steals

James Singley 25

Regular Season Champions

Boys 9/10–Rothmeijer

Regular Season Leaders by Totals

Points

Nigel Hamann 134

Rebounds

Benny Davis 106

Assists

Ayaan Akbar 25

Senior Night at GF Hoops: A Celebration of Our Seniors

Great Falls Basketball hosted an unforgettable Senior Night, celebrating our incredible senior players and their lasting contributions to the league. The evening kicked off with the Championship Finals, setting the stage for an electric atmosphere. Then came the highly anticipated Senior Game, packed with exciting game twists, including a fan substitution for free throws!

Several seniors were recognized for their outstanding gameplay with special awards and prizes

Will Coblentz offensive player of the year
Eli Dyrud was defensive player of the year
Alex Maxwell was named the game MVP



Fun Fact: The odds of filling out a perfect March Madness bracket are 1 in 9.2 quintillion!

The 2025 Matthew Vernon Poyner (MVP) Scholarship Recipients

Great Falls Basketball is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 Matthew Vernon Poyner (MVP) Scholarship— that recognizes exceptional dedication, leadership, and commitment to our basketball program.

This scholarship is named in memory of Matthew Vernon Poyner, a beloved member of our community and former player, referee, and coach, who embodied the values of sportsmanship, service, and passion for the game. Each year, this award is given to individuals who have made a profound impact on GF Hoops, on and off the court.

🏀 Congratulations to our 2025 MVP Scholarship Recipients:

Jacob Fitzmaurice
Michael Saab
Wesley Beeland
Matthew DeVito (not pictured)



The 2025 Live Like Lilly Be Positive Award Recipients

Great Falls Basketball is proud to announce the 2025 Live Like Lilly Be Positive Award, recognizing players, coaches, and referees who exemplify sportsmanship, kindness, and positivity both on and off the court.

This award was created in memory of Lilly Kishore, a beloved player, referee, and youth coach who grew up in our program and left a lasting impact on our community. Lilly embodied selflessness, always putting others before herself and uplifting those around her. Each year, coaches, referees, board members, and grade group coordinators nominate individuals who carry on Lilly's legacy through their encouragement, leadership, and unwavering positivity. This year, we are thrilled to recognize seven outstanding individuals:

🏀 2025 Live Like Lilly Be Positive Award Recipients

Demetri Walter (B7 – Team Kerrigan)
Demir Yozgat (B5 – Team Zmuda)
Emma Gray (G6 – Team Morris)
Ethan Bambara (B7 – Team Fein)
Josie Fitzmaurice (Referee)
Kyle Armstrong (B6 – Team Nehring)
Parker Rewalt (B6 Coach, B9/10, Referee)



Great Falls Basketball Sock Drive: Spreading Warmth & Kindness



This season, Great Falls Basketball took teamwork beyond the court by sponsoring a Sock Drive to support those in need. Over the final two weekends of the season, our community came together to **donate nearly 1,000 of pairs of socks**, helping to bring warmth and comfort to those experiencing homelessness.

All donated socks were distributed through "It's From The Sole," a charity dedicated to providing socks and shoes to those in need from Washington, D.C. to New York City.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed to this effort. Your generosity not only made a difference in someone's life but also **honored Lilly's legacy** by spreading compassion, kindness, and positivity—values that she embodied every day.

Thank you, GF Hoops family, for making an impact beyond the game!

Did You Know? The first basketballs were brown, but they were later changed to orange for better visibility.