



#TodayNotTomorrow

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Three time GMC Champions, Oak Hills High School Boys Basketball is nothing short of extraordinary. Headcoach, Mike Price, is on his 42nd year coaching, training, and perfecting the team for success. While not all games have been ideal, the athletes and coaches stay hopeful in order to continue their legacy at Oak Hills.

Austin Dennis, called "AD" by many, has been playing ball since the first grade. Ever since then, he's been building his way to the top. Now, a starting senior guard on the high school team, he is hopeful and bound for success for himself and his teammates. Dennis explains his optimism in a recent interview stating, "I am very confident in our team because we have worked hard during the offseason and in practice to get us ready for this season."

His teammate, Jameson "Jamo" Richmond, has been playing since the age of 7 and has continued to further his successes with the team. When asked, Richmond told me their biggest competition is themselves, "I think ourselves because we can achieve anything and the only thing holding us back is being able to react to failure the right way. If we can push each other and hold each other accountable, we will be perfectly fine."

Dennis and Richmond have been hopeful on and off the court. From 7am practices to 7pm games, they are optimistic through it all. With a close, over-time game against Turpin, Oak Hills came out on top for the first game an W this season. Both teammates

agreed that it wasn't the best game for them, but Dennis explained, "We still managed to pull out an ugly win..."

A normal Friday in the gymnasium has a jam packed student section, loud cheers and many excited parents. For this year though, the cheers are quiet and seating is vacant. The pandemic has struck numerous occasions and events -- but basketball is here to stay. While the atmosphere is different, the team is still determined to be the best.

The three-time GMC Champion Team has worked hard through the pre-season. Now mid-season, they are still pushing their way to the top in hopes to become a four-time champion. With the support and encouragement from the student body, Oak Hills Basketball is in a good position to be number one when it's all said and done.