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ANNOUNCEMENT

Ormond Beach Police Athletic League Boys 7th Grade Basketball Team Wins 2014 USSSA National Championship

The Ormond Beach Police Athletic League Boys 7th Grade Travel Basketball Team wins **2014 USSSA National Championship** in Gainesville, Florida: Earlier this year the Ormond Beach PAL "Bruins" 7th Grade team finished first place in a USSSA national sanctioned qualifying event and earned a bid to compete in the national event. They also competed in the Florida's USSSA State Championships in Ft. Myers, Florida two weeks before attending nationals, finishing in 12th place overall out of 36 teams. After the state championships early departure from quarter-finals, the team knew they had to work hard to get prepared for nationals. There was no time to relax as many of the boys made their way to the gym, putting in extra work to correct mistakes made during the state championships.

The extra work paid off tremendously for the "Bruins" team during the national tournament. On the first day of the National tournament The "Bruins" played against the Flagler Fury out of Palm Coast, Florida and bragging rights on the line, we lost 62-56. # 45 Kevon McCrary and #32 Kevin Beans led the team in scoring both with 15 Points. During the second day the OBPAL team played against the Georgiana Generals of Georgia, we won 71-55. Kevin Beans scored 17 points and 10 rebounds to lead all scores for the Bruins. #2 Jahari Dorival came off the bench early to give the team a 7 point spark. #23 Rodney Rhoden, #50 DeAndre McMillian, and Kevon McCrary also scored in double figures. We also played against the #3 team in the nation, the South Florida Kings of Miami, FL, we lost 46-38. Kevon McCrary led the team with 13 points and 15 rebounds, several missed free throws in the final minutes of the game contributed to the loss. We finished 1-2 in pool play and fell into the division 2 bracket play. Bracket play began on the third tournament day. OBPAL played against GOD's Property Thunder of Georgia and won 52-50. DeAndre McMillian, #31 Troy Reeves, and #20 Avery Jamal Randolph contributed defensively to help slow

down the Thunder's offense. With this win in bracket play, they advanced to the semi-finals on Sunday.

On Championship Sunday the "Bruins" played against the North Point Youth of Palatka, Florida and won 65-42. At one point during this game we were up by 30 points. Kevin Beans lead the team with 22 points and 12 rebounds and Kevon McCrary contributed 17 points and 13 rebounds for the victory. The team advanced to the championship game.

The "Bruins" faced the Skillset Vipers of Georgia in the championship game and won the **2014 USSSA Division 2 National Championship** defeating the Vipers 65-64. Kevin Beans finished with 24 points and 11 rebounds to contribute to the win, Kevon McCrary had 13 points and 12 rebounds. Rodney Rhoden also scored in double figures and with :07 seconds left in the game, Rhoden dribbled the entire length of the court with pressure on him and scored the game winning shot with no time left on the clock. Kevin Beans received the Most Valuable Player Award, Kevon McCrary and Rodney Rhoden received All Tournament Team votes from various coaches and awards will be presented to them at a later date.

After the tournament OBPAL Athletic Specialist and Bruins team coach Avery Randolph said, "Our kids worked hard all year for this, they put in numerous hours of practicing and learning the game. These kids were able to manage extra curricular activities at school, chores at home and most important their grades to participate."

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