



2000 PALMER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

5A State Basketball Champions

Inducted October 25, 2016

The 2000 Palmer High School Boys 5A State Basketball Championship team is considered by many to be one of the state's all-time best collections of prep talent.

The Terrors beat Rocky Mountain 65-43 in the title game after defeating defending champions Denver East, 46-44, in a thrilling semifinal game to complete a perfect season and become the first undefeated 5A state champions in Colorado history. Their average winning margin was 20 points and the team was ranked #1 prior to the start of the season all the way to its state crown.

Jamal Heard, Tommy Moore and Bobby Purify were named to the All-Tournament Team after the crushing win in the title game. Purify was named the State Tournament MVP after he scored 11 points, collected seven rebounds and made three steals in the championship game. This came on the heels of a 13 point, 11 rebound effort against East that



included a late-game steal and dunk that turned the game around for the Terrors.

The Terrors ran the 5A table by going 24-0 and routing all but three opponents before crushing Rocky Mountain in the state final before 11,910 fans. Coach Dan McKiernan commended the unique teamwork of the players as no single Terror averaged more than 12 points.

The team was made up of Julian Biglow, Jamal Heard, Bobby Purify, Seth Constant, Tommy Moore, Kenne Callum, Darren O'Connor, Luke Hendricks, Robby Johnson, Kyle Burkett, Chris Moore, Zach Wheat, Eric Moede, James Lane and Eric Trujillo.

Coach McKiernan was also named the Colorado Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations after this remarkable season.