

0.000000 9.400000 And with that, we are live in 5, 4, 3.
9.400000 13.560000 Welcome to the Bearcatch and a podcast for
everything Scotts Club Schools.
13.560000 15.040000 Welcome back everyone.
15.040000 19.280000 Third quarter has left us behind and we're in the
home stretch of the school year.
19.280000 23.440000 We're also beginning to see all the fantastic
results of the various activities and athletics
23.440000 26.200000 having their competitions over these past few
weeks.
26.200000 28.640000 I have one such group with me here today.
28.640000 31.880000 The Scottsbluff High School Boys Basketball team.
31.880000 35.680000 Please introduce yourselves for our listeners.
35.680000 36.880000 I'm Nate Kelley.
36.880000 38.080000 I'm Rylee Meininger.
38.080000 39.600000 Scott Gullion.
39.600000 42.920000 Thank you so much for being on the show.
42.920000 43.920000 Thanks for having us.
43.920000 46.640000 Thank you for having us.
46.640000 51.680000 And this is an exciting episode for me because
while I've had guests on before from sports teams,
51.680000 56.760000 but I've never really done a full sports
intensive episode, which is great.
56.760000 62.480000 This is a fantastic opportunity for me to do that
with all of you, even though I'm
62.480000 66.560000 a wrestling person, but you guys are going to
help me through this, though, right?
66.560000 67.560000 Yeah, for sure.
67.560000 68.560000 Okay, no.
68.560000 73.560000 I promise I know what's going on, but I'd be
surprised if anyone out there doesn't know.
73.560000 78.720000 But just in case, just so people know our Boys
Basketball team captured the Class B boys
78.720000 82.560000 state title this year, which is a tremendous
accomplishment.
82.560000 88.080000 I know the question that everyone asks you is how
does it feel to win a team title, right?
88.080000 92.640000 But I'm going to go ahead and ask it again
because now all of you have had a little bit of time
92.640000 96.320000 to kind of settle down from the excitement in the
moment.
96.320000 101.360000 And there may be things that you wish you hadn't
mentioned before in those immediate interviews
101.360000 102.360000 that you did.
102.360000 105.440000 You know, like we were talking about when you
were all out of breath and stuff.
105.440000 110.280000 And I want to give you the opportunity to talk a
little bit, you know, about it now.
110.280000 115.720000 So with that, how does it feel to win the state
title?
115.720000 120.000000 I think it feels great because I think that
that's just been one of my individual goals for
120.000000 121.240000 a really long time.

121.240000 124.960000 And I think that as a team, I've kind of grown up watching sports, watching high school
124.960000 125.960000 sports.
125.960000 129.160000 And we've just dreamed of playing in the state tournament and winning one.
129.160000 132.520000 And so to see other teams win it, you know, we always think they're really cool.
132.520000 137.560000 So to win it this year, it felt great as a team and individual.
137.560000 142.200000 It felt amazing being able to win the state championship for sure.
142.200000 146.720000 All the emotions haven't really clicked in yet with me over the past couple of days ever
146.720000 147.720000 since.
147.720000 152.520000 So I think just being able to, you know, go down the Lincoln and win three games and being
152.520000 155.080000 able to push it through may a lot.
155.080000 161.000000 And how about you coach, this is your first title and the first title for us here in Scots
161.000000 163.880000 Bluff in, you know, quite a few years.
163.880000 167.680000 Yeah, to deal with these guys was awesome.
167.680000 174.240000 They're just great people, first and foremost, like I wanted it for them.
174.240000 178.400000 I didn't know if it was going to happen because it's a tough tournament.
178.400000 184.480000 And to put three games together like they did was amazing and it took, you know, great individual
184.480000 185.480000 efforts.
185.480000 190.400000 But at the same time, those guys just coming together and doing whatever was necessary.
190.400000 194.360000 And everybody that played, played a huge role in this championship.
194.360000 199.360000 And like you said, it first one since 2012 and I think before that was somewhere in the
199.360000 200.360000 50s.
200.360000 202.680000 So it's not like they just come every year.
202.680000 205.040000 So definitely soaking it in.
205.040000 207.040000 Yeah, absolutely.
207.040000 211.240000 And I think everyone's kind of gathered around and everyone's kind of soaking it in as
211.240000 218.000000 well and just trying to show how proud and I think that we all are for all of you.
218.000000 223.560000 But before we get into the tournament itself, let's maybe, you know, hit the positive button,
223.560000 228.560000 go back, rewind a little bit and thinking back, tell me about the start of the season.
228.560000 233.960000 Tell me what kind of a start you got the season off to.
233.960000 237.800000 Me personally was, it was hard at the start of the season because I was injured in football.
237.800000 242.120000 And so it took me a long time to kind of get used to like speed of the game.
242.120000 244.760000 Just get my game and my body where I wanted it to be.

244.760000 248.880000 And so that was definitely hard for me and a struggle for me.
248.880000 254.400000 But I think my teammates were really comfortable with me coming in and they're really supportive
254.400000 255.400000 of me.
255.400000 260.560000 So it helped me to start the season with them behind my back.
260.560000 263.240000 It was, it was a grind for sure.
263.240000 268.520000 Our first couple of games, getting into things like defense, knowing where we're at on the
268.520000 272.080000 defensive floor, setting things up on offense.
272.080000 277.880000 It was all just new coming in with new players, freshman Trey Clemmons, which you know helped
277.880000 281.320000 us out a lot until he got hurt in the state championship.
281.320000 285.160000 So, but it was just, you know, a constant grind for sure.
285.160000 291.960000 Yeah, like, I didn't think we got off to a great start, but every year's different.
291.960000 296.280000 And, you know, we had plenty of guys returning from last year's team.
296.280000 300.720000 They were a part of the state runner-up team, but we had plenty of guys at the same time.
300.720000 305.560000 So, new faces, some new guys stepping in at different roles, understanding what that was going
305.560000 307.680000 to take.
307.680000 313.360000 And we had a lot of improvement that needed to be made, and these guys did that throughout
313.360000 314.360000 the season.
314.360000 315.360000 Yeah.
315.360000 320.040000 And, you know, you bring up something, you know, specific when you, when you talk about
320.040000 326.040000 being injured coming off a football, that is something that I think such our school apart
326.040000 329.760000 maybe a little when you think about maybe some of the teams that we compete with on the
329.760000 331.240000 other side of the state.
331.240000 335.240000 So many of our athletes compete in multiple sports and, you know, that's something I think
335.240000 340.400000 that is kind of specific, you know, to us here in Scott's bluff.
340.400000 345.840000 And it really is a factor, you know, when you think about, you know, that preparedness and
345.840000 351.320000 not having the specialization, but yet at the same time, you know, I think it also makes
351.320000 353.480000 you well-rounded athlete.
353.480000 359.200000 So, you're talking a little bit too about, you know, having, having freshmen come on and
359.200000 365.020000 having all those things and kind of that chemistry that comes, that comes together with a team
365.020000 366.880000 and you start winning games.
366.880000 370.960000 Was there a point, you know, at some point in the season where you guys maybe thought, hey,
370.960000 371.960000 we could do this.

371.960000 374.680000 Like, I think this is possible for us.
374.680000 379.240000 Was there kind of a tipping point or something
like that for you guys?
379.240000 383.600000 I mean, even like halfway through the season, I
think it was still, it's just like class
383.600000 388.280000 view was so up in the air that we weren't, we
were confident in ourselves, but we weren't
388.280000 392.600000 just, like, expecting ourselves to win a state
championship because class view was so deep.
392.600000 396.680000 And so we weren't going to put that, like,
expectation on us, but I think that as the year
396.680000 401.760000 started to go on, we started to play better
together, we started to put, like, defense leading
401.760000 402.760000 into offense.
402.760000 406.320000 And I think that we played well against Ogallala.
406.320000 407.760000 I think we got better from that.
407.760000 410.560000 We played well against Norris and Heartland
Hoops.
410.560000 414.000000 And we realized that, you know, we were one of
those teams that were in the top one, two,
414.000000 415.000000 three.
415.000000 417.640000 And so we were confident in ourselves going to
the state championship.
417.640000 418.640000 Yeah.
418.640000 425.360000 For me, it was the first inkling, I guess I had,
that I knew that we could compete with
425.360000 431.160000 anybody was the second half against Olmoska, you
know, they're the defending champions for
431.160000 432.160000 three years.
432.160000 438.160000 And they kind of punched us in the mouth in the
first half.
438.160000 443.280000 And these guys just responded like they have for
three, four years and came back.
443.280000 444.280000 We've won the second half.
444.280000 447.560000 And that kind of told me that we had a chance.
447.560000 454.800000 And then I really knew after the Norris game at
the Heartland Classic, because, you know,
454.800000 456.960000 we had opportunities to control that game.
456.960000 459.960000 And I didn't think we shot them all that well in
that game.
459.960000 461.960000 And we're still right there in it.
461.960000 467.120000 So I knew we could beat those guys.
467.120000 474.160000 For me, mainly, I would say after our
back-to-back games against Vannington and Crete, I started noticing
474.160000 477.600000 that our team, you know, had a lot of talent for
sure.
477.600000 482.200000 You know, some of those teams out east, we don't
really usually play much.
482.200000 486.400000 So again, to play those teams this year and
getting to take the steps onto the season was
486.400000 490.600000 also a main factor to us, you know, winning the
state championship.
490.600000 494.840000 Yeah, all of those games that you mentioned, when
you think about who those opponents are,

494.840000 498.600000 all tough opponents, every single one of those teams.
498.600000 501.560000 But that's what you need, or tough wins, right?
501.560000 505.880000 Winning a title isn't easy, even though maybe you kind of just kind of made it look that way
505.880000 509.840000 a little bit during that game, right?
509.840000 520.000000 What was the hardest thing you guys think you had to overcome this season?
520.000000 525.440000 Didn't have to play defense.
525.440000 530.280000 Early on, those losses that we had early, they were tough.
530.280000 536.040000 We gave up too many points off offensive rebounds and too many mistakes.
536.040000 541.200000 We showed these guys the points they were given up because of us, more and so than the team
541.200000 544.800000 just being good offensively.
544.800000 551.240000 These guys were great the entire year and that, improving in those aspects and really putting
551.240000 553.400000 an emphasis on it.
553.400000 556.280000 The team chemistry was good all year, I thought.
556.280000 559.920000 These guys have played together since they were, you know, it's third graders.
559.920000 560.920000 Yeah.
560.920000 565.080000 I mean, Caleb Bird is not in the same class, but he's played a lot of games with them growing
565.080000 571.140000 up and, you know, really the only new face was Trey and he seemed to get right in the
571.140000 572.640000 mix pretty quick.
572.640000 576.880000 Yeah, I agree with Coach, I think the biggest thing would be rebounding defense.
576.880000 578.120000 We have kind of a smaller team.
578.120000 583.960000 We've always had like a guard-oriented team growing up and so like rebounding has always been
583.960000 584.960000 a struggle.
584.960000 589.440000 And so this year, I mean, we were putting up like a guard on the hoop so that every shot
589.440000 594.060000 was a mess and so it was just rebounding for the entire practice and it was just a dogfight
594.060000 595.060000 at practice.
595.060000 598.720000 So that helped us get a lot better and then, you know, we started to see improvement a lot.
598.720000 603.080000 Throughout the season, you know, I just remember, like, noticing it, like Caleb Bird was grabbing
603.080000 607.180000 like every single rebound, like half of it through the season and now it's just like all
607.180000 608.720000 the improvement was finally showing.
608.720000 612.860000 Well, I would agree with you on the rebound part at least.
612.860000 617.440000 I, being the wrestling person and I'm gone at wrestling tournaments all the time.
617.440000 621.400000 I don't get to watch you guys the way that I would like to but the games that I did see
621.400000 622.960000 you guys look good on the board.

622.960000 628.160000 So I think that it's definitely improvement and defense is so important.

628.160000 631.760000 You know, talk to me about your team dynamic a little bit.

631.760000 635.200000 Who are the leaders on the team and in what way?

635.200000 641.560000 I would say our senior group would all be considered leaders, especially this year.

641.560000 646.840000 Oliver and George stepping up, being able to come in the game at any given moment.

646.840000 651.160000 Nate Kelly obviously, starting since freshman year, you know, he's been, you know, a great

651.160000 658.080000 Bearcat for four good years, I would say myself and then Key and for sure, all just being

658.080000 662.480000 able to, you know, work together, growing up from such a young age to now, it's all shown

662.480000 663.480000 off for sure.

663.480000 669.960000 It was really a group that, well, I wouldn't say there was like a single main leader.

669.960000 672.800000 I mean, I think they all looked to each other.

672.800000 675.320000 They fed off of each other.

675.320000 679.120000 None of them are really loud.

679.120000 684.680000 But there were times I heard stuff that they would say to their younger guys or to their teammates

684.680000 686.280000 or whatever it might be.

686.280000 690.840000 And I thought, those guys are actually really good leaders.

690.840000 694.840000 And they're looking out for the program and not just this year.

694.840000 701.080000 So I mean, hats off to all six seniors and just the team as a whole.

701.080000 702.080000 Okay.

702.080000 705.880000 Well, who do you guys think is the most fun on the team?

705.880000 712.640000 Let me see, it's a good question.

712.640000 716.400000 I think Kobe Stromb talks the most.

716.400000 718.200000 And so that kind of keeps us entertained.

718.200000 719.200000 It's okay.

719.200000 720.200000 All right.

720.200000 726.120000 Kobe and Eric, they write Kobe and Eric's of all, they wrestle almost every bus trip we have.

726.120000 731.160000 So that keeps us entertained for a solid 30 minutes to an hour.

731.160000 737.680000 Comparatively to other years, this group was not really that fun.

737.680000 740.520000 They weren't funny.

740.520000 743.800000 They took care of business.

743.800000 747.760000 Almost every other year, we had somebody, those kind of a clown.

747.760000 751.760000 We didn't really have that this year.

751.760000 759.040000 They probably goes with those guys that they mentioned and there's probably some other funny

759.040000 760.560000 stories that I don't know about.

760.560000 766.120000 We don't want to know about, but maybe some of those younger guys are a little doofy.

766.120000 767.120000 But.
767.120000 771.760000 Well, speaking of noses to the grindstone, who's
the hardest worker on the team when no one's
771.760000 772.760000 watching?
772.760000 773.760000 Nate Kelly.
773.760000 776.960000 I mean, it's as good as that.
776.960000 777.960000 All right.
777.960000 785.360000 I think we have a lot of guys that, you know, are
hard workers based on what they do.
785.360000 789.560000 Like, for example, some of the football guys,
they'll go from football season right into
789.560000 796.360000 basketball season, and that's not easy to do, so
I just give caps off to them, for sure.
796.360000 803.800000 I got to throw George Small in there, I think, I
mean, just tough, works hard, maybe it doesn't
803.800000 807.440000 show up in basketball season.
807.440000 814.040000 I mean, it does, but his offseason work ethic is
really good.
814.040000 820.800000 Yeah, and the work ethic piece of that is so
important, which I think is probably something
820.800000 825.240000 that you guys got a little payoff for this
season.
825.240000 829.960000 So what's something that coach says all the time
that you guys now will always have stuck
829.960000 831.480000 in your head?
831.480000 832.480000 Let it fly.
832.480000 836.200000 That's a good one.
836.200000 842.560000 I was going to tell you to be careful, but that's
a good one.
842.560000 844.560000 Anything?
844.560000 853.480000 I say a lot, I mean, well, speaking of your
coach, saying a lot, I actually have a few specific
853.480000 856.960000 questions for you.
856.960000 862.560000 What do you think that this team does, that maybe
has separated it from last year's team,
862.560000 867.280000 or some of the others that kind of made the
difference this year?
867.280000 872.160000 They're chemistry, and I mean, they played
together forever.
872.160000 876.600000 They don't care who scores, you know, there's
guys that are going to be aggressive, and we
876.600000 882.680000 want those guys to be aggressive, but at the same
time, I mean, the perfect example is
882.680000 888.320000 E-size 0 for 6 or 7, or whatever he was, and
Nate's still on the passive in the ball.
888.320000 895.000000 You know, I think Nate could have easily shot
that, or I know Rylee was cutting on it, but
895.000000 897.000000 he found an E-size.
897.000000 898.000000 And Newy was going to be there.
898.000000 902.120000 I mean, it's kind of a crazy pass that he threw,
and they knew where they're, each other
902.120000 909.840000 were going to be, they didn't mind sharing the
ball, and taking the best shot possible.

909.840000 915.800000 And then I think the other thing that has really separated them is their toughness, both
915.800000 917.680000 physically and mentally.
917.680000 921.240000 There was never a game that I thought we were out of it with these guys in the last three
921.240000 923.480000 to four years.
923.480000 926.520000 They proved at time after time against good competition.
926.520000 932.280000 If we were down a half, that this was going to become a game in the fourth, and that takes
932.280000 938.360000 a lot of mental toughness, and that also takes a lot of physical toughness to compete against
938.360000 941.120000 the teams that we competed against.
941.120000 946.840000 I don't think anybody would take us if you just put the starting fives next to each other.
946.840000 952.840000 Most teams were bigger, most teams were stronger, but they didn't have as much heart as our
952.840000 953.840000 guys.
953.840000 958.960000 I think you were probably right on point with the chemistry piece.
958.960000 964.440000 When I think about watching that championship game, some of the passes were insane.
964.440000 969.320000 They looked like if you were just a spectator, they looked like they were choreographed.
969.320000 973.360000 And there were even a few that I was like, wow, I can't believe they pulled that off, but
973.360000 979.040000 that just shows the trust that's there that you, you know, you know that if someone's
979.040000 981.480000 supposed to be there, they're going to be there.
981.480000 986.520000 And I think that's something that we saw, coach, what's the moment this season that
986.520000 989.680000 made you the most proud?
989.680000 996.160000 Those guys getting a cut down their nets, you know, they earned it, they deserved it.
996.160000 998.520000 But they were, they were humble about it at the same time.
998.520000 1005.920000 Like, they've learned over time, you know, wins and losses, and just seeing them celebrate
1005.920000 1012.440000 together with the smiles on their faces was, was awesome.
1012.440000 1016.840000 So let's talk about the actual state tournament.
1016.840000 1020.960000 What's the atmosphere like playing in Pinnacle Bank Arena?
1020.960000 1024.880000 You know, I know what it's like from a spectator standpoint, but, you know, actually getting
1024.880000 1029.980000 down on the court and playing, you know, what's that like and how are you able to prepare
1029.980000 1031.480000 for that?
1031.480000 1037.960000 Well, we prepare for it by, we practice at the college because it's longer court.
1037.960000 1041.160000 There's no like wall right behind the hoop.
1041.160000 1046.520000 So we prepare by that by, you know, practicing at the college.

1046.520000 1051.480000 And the atmosphere, it's been, it's been like one of the most fun sports experiences that
1051.480000 1052.480000 I've ever experienced.
1052.480000 1057.120000 I think that being down there in the bright lights and like the whole arena is filled just
1057.120000 1061.240000 to watch a high school game that's definitely been the best experience.
1061.240000 1065.680000 And I remember my freshman year walking into the arena like so amazed by like the lights
1065.680000 1070.560000 and all the crowd and the fans and I can see it like, you know, looking at like the freshmen
1070.560000 1073.880000 as we walked in there were just like so amazed by it.
1073.880000 1078.400000 And so I think that it's just one of the best experiences that I've experienced.
1078.400000 1084.800000 I would say the experience is something that a lot of people aren't able to experience.
1084.800000 1089.980000 Being able to play, you know, where the Huskers play, especially after this year, it's
1089.980000 1093.160000 pretty awesome to do that.
1093.160000 1095.040000 Like me said, we'd practice at the college.
1095.040000 1099.040000 You get used to longer courts, shooting as well, stuff like that.
1099.040000 1102.560000 So, I mean, it translated so that was good.
1102.560000 1107.440000 I would just say that it's a great feeling being able to go down there, you know, play for
1107.440000 1108.440000 sure.
1108.440000 1117.320000 I mean, it's, it's the best like, even just getting the walk up, come through the tunnels,
1117.320000 1123.040000 like as little kids, you know, you come in and you're coming through a different area.
1123.040000 1129.360000 You don't get to see the tunnel and coming down on the court and everything's up high.
1129.360000 1135.720000 You know, these guys got to play a lot of games there, which helped.
1135.720000 1142.320000 And I think anytime you can warm up, play games and each year, these guys got to play one
1142.320000 1143.320000 more game.
1143.320000 1144.320000 Well, not this year.
1144.320000 1151.720000 This year was the same, but, you know, as freshmen, Rylee was shooting up, Nate was playing,
1151.720000 1156.040000 knocked out in the first round and then made the semi's the next year and then made the
1156.040000 1157.960000 finals the next two years.
1157.960000 1162.640000 I think those were huge keys to being able to do what we did.
1162.640000 1167.940000 But it is, it is the best for state basketball and I tell these guys every year that you never
1167.940000 1169.680000 know when you're going to get back.
1169.680000 1176.200000 We've been lucky enough to kind of make an annual trip out of it, but it's never guaranteed
1176.200000 1177.920000 so make the most out of it.
1177.920000 1183.200000 Well, and that had been something I had been thinking about or had been on my mind when,

1183.200000 1187.320000 you know, I thought about what do we want to talk about was thinking about that last year
1187.320000 1190.720000 trip to the finals and wondering like, did that help?
1190.720000 1197.160000 Did that make it, did that make this year's time easier or did it just make the stakes higher?
1197.160000 1201.800000 Like how did that, having been in the finals last year kind of come into play, was it kind
1201.800000 1206.280000 of like, okay, we know we're doing we've been here before or was it like, oh no, like we
1206.280000 1208.680000 have to get this right this time.
1208.680000 1214.800000 I think it helped and I think it was a calming that we have been there before.
1214.800000 1220.360000 I mean, these guys can speak on what they thought, but I thought it was like the year
1220.360000 1225.480000 prior was like, oh my gosh, we made it to the state finals, this can be cool.
1225.480000 1231.920000 And this year was kind of like, well, we're here again, let's get it done this time.
1231.920000 1235.040000 The vibe was different, it shoot around, I mean, these guys, they didn't celebrate as much
1235.040000 1238.840000 after the semi-finals win as they did the year before, like they were just kind of on a
1238.840000 1240.840000 mission.
1240.840000 1242.080000 But it was a calming one.
1242.080000 1246.600000 It wasn't like, man, we have to win this, otherwise, you know, we failed.
1246.600000 1249.800000 It was just like, we want to win this and we're going to get it done and do what we have
1249.800000 1251.360000 to do to get it done.
1251.360000 1254.240000 I agree with Coach, I could speak for me and Nate.
1254.240000 1258.240000 We both use it as motivation, you know, coming short last year, getting second.
1258.240000 1261.240000 It wasn't a great feeling, but it was also a great accomplishment.
1261.240000 1263.840000 We've been able to come back this year and you know, take it all.
1263.840000 1264.840000 It was great.
1264.840000 1269.560000 Yeah, I agree, last year we were just like in disbelief that we had made like the state
1269.560000 1274.960000 championship and that we were like at the best game like out of all the whole thing
1274.960000 1276.360000 we've been dream enough.
1276.360000 1279.760000 And so it was just kind of disbelief and we didn't really know how to handle it all.
1279.760000 1284.380000 And now, being able to experience it again and just like Coach said, it was just kind of
1284.380000 1288.360000 a calm vibe and we just wanted to win it and we had that motivation that we were working
1288.360000 1289.360000 for.
1289.360000 1291.360000 And so we wanted to put it all together and win one.

1291.360000 1296.920000 Yeah, it really did seem like you guys kind of came out collected and, you know, with
1296.920000 1302.680000 a job to do and, you know, ready to get it, ready to get it accomplished and it definitely
1302.680000 1304.840000 paid off, I think.
1304.840000 1309.160000 So when that final buzzer sounded, who was the first person you looked for?
1309.160000 1312.240000 Who were you ready to celebrate with?
1312.240000 1316.760000 Through all of us, all of us seniors were all hugging each other on the court before the
1316.760000 1320.560000 buzzer even went off and we were just like, I mean, we can't believe I remember sitting
1320.560000 1324.160000 on the bench when we were after cutting the NAS when we were getting our medals and we're
1324.160000 1325.160000 like, is this real?
1325.160000 1326.840000 Like this doesn't even feel real.
1326.840000 1328.080000 I couldn't even believe it.
1328.080000 1331.320000 So we were just like, I mean, I can still feel those emotions right now.
1331.320000 1335.960000 So it'll definitely be a core memory of mine.
1335.960000 1342.560000 That's, like, celebrated with our coaches because we put in so much time and effort and to do
1342.560000 1347.560000 it with such a special group was, was, was, was awesome.
1347.560000 1349.600000 They don't, I'm with Nate.
1349.600000 1350.600000 I know we're walking.
1350.600000 1353.600000 I was walking my Nate and then the tunnel and he's like, this doesn't even feel real.
1353.600000 1356.480000 And I was like, I know.
1356.480000 1360.320000 It was pretty, pretty crazy feeling and just to go through all that.
1360.320000 1364.680000 Because there's a lot and they're like, shuffling you along, like, okay, you get celebrated
1364.680000 1367.760000 there, go to the next thing.
1367.760000 1370.400000 You don't really have time to even let it soak in.
1370.400000 1375.460000 Especially for, like, myself and these two guys, I mean, they're shuffling us in the interviews
1375.460000 1379.480000 and everything else and the guys are kind of hanging out.
1379.480000 1384.040000 We didn't even get a chance to see those guys for a little bit.
1384.040000 1385.040000 Yeah.
1385.040000 1386.040000 You guys are lucky though.
1386.040000 1387.040000 You get a tradition.
1387.040000 1388.040000 Like, you get a cut down your net.
1388.040000 1389.040000 Like, that's super cool.
1389.040000 1390.920000 You know, I'm a wrestling person.
1390.920000 1392.360000 We don't have anything like that.
1392.360000 1398.060000 So, you know, they just do backflips and they slam the coach and stuff, so but it was super
1398.060000 1399.560000 cool to see the celebrations.
1399.560000 1405.560000 It was super cool to see the student section, your families, all of the people that were

1405.560000 1407.240000 there in this stand.
1407.240000 1413.200000 So thinking forward, thinking, you know, now that we've done this and this is past us,
1413.200000 1417.680000 how does this change expectations for the next season?
1417.680000 1424.960000 I don't think it changes anything for us like we are on the same goals and the process to
1424.960000 1429.040000 get there each and every year.
1429.040000 1433.000000 We're just trying to get better and play the best at the end of the year.
1433.000000 1437.680000 Now, if it ends in a championship like this year, great.
1437.680000 1443.080000 If it ends in a state runner up like last year, that was also great.
1443.080000 1450.220000 We got the most out of our guys and that's always the goal for us as coaches is to get the most
1450.220000 1456.280000 out of them and get them to play their best by the end of the year and give ourself a chance.
1456.280000 1460.120000 So that won't change.
1460.120000 1464.320000 It might from some outside perspective, thinking like we have to get back and do it again and
1464.320000 1470.080000 all that but really just soaking it all in with these guys.
1470.080000 1473.080000 And so both of you are seniors.
1473.080000 1476.520000 What plans are in store for you for your futures?
1476.520000 1481.120000 What are you after you graduate, where are you doing, where are you headed and do those
1481.120000 1482.840000 plans include basketball?
1482.840000 1487.480000 Yeah, I'm going to play at the University of Nebraska Carnegie next year and I'm going
1487.480000 1492.240000 to study business and look into sports psychology, so I'm really excited to that.
1492.240000 1493.240000 Awesome.
1493.240000 1501.100000 I'm going to attend a four-year university for basketball and then study biology.
1501.100000 1504.840000 We'll tell them what school it's down to, I'm going to have a hat soon.
1504.840000 1505.840000 Yeah, I haven't seen it.
1505.840000 1506.840000 I thought you gave me a say.
1506.840000 1507.840000 I haven't seen it.
1507.840000 1508.840000 You signed?
1508.840000 1509.840000 Possibly don't.
1509.840000 1510.840000 Hastings are WCC right now.
1510.840000 1511.840000 Okay.
1511.840000 1512.840000 Good choices.
1512.840000 1513.840000 All of them.
1513.840000 1514.840000 Yeah.
1514.840000 1515.840000 That's awesome.
1515.840000 1522.320000 So what do you guys think this championship means to the school and to our community?
1522.320000 1529.680000 I mean, I think just by the show of support, it meant a lot, and the amount of people that
1529.680000 1536.680000 have either congratulated us or showed up to watch us come into town.

1536.680000 1542.040000 I mean, yes, it was the families that have spent a lot of time, but it was also people that
1542.040000 1544.200000 come and watch every game.
1544.200000 1549.340000 And I think it means a lot to the school and the community, and I've said it multiple
1549.340000 1552.500000 times, our community is awesome.
1552.500000 1558.380000 We get support for a high school basketball team like probably no other in the state.
1558.380000 1564.060000 Our community is all in and to be able to do that was awesome.
1564.060000 1565.780000 I agree with Coach.
1565.780000 1569.660000 Everywhere I've gone so far, whether that was public, I've been told, congratulations.
1569.660000 1575.220000 So I think it just means a lot, especially for like our families and fans to see us win
1575.220000 1578.300000 and all the support that they've put in, for sure.
1578.300000 1582.600000 Yeah, I don't think it'd be as special if we didn't have the support that we do right
1582.600000 1583.600000 now.
1583.600000 1589.540000 And just being way out here West and just kind of our own little island compared to the Lincoln
1589.540000 1593.440000 Omaha schools, and after we won it, they're just, you know, congratulated us.
1593.440000 1597.220000 There's not a whole lot of teams around here that have done it.
1597.220000 1598.220000 Nope.
1598.220000 1600.380000 So it kind of means a lot to the whole panel.
1600.380000 1601.380000 Yeah, for sure.
1601.380000 1605.540000 Yeah, I would definitely agree, and I think you guys have quite the fan club, everything
1605.540000 1610.700000 from the elementary kids that get to be, you know, junior referees, and get to come to
1610.700000 1615.660000 the, and be a part of the games when you guys play all the way up to, you know, the folks
1615.660000 1619.420000 who don't even have kids in school anymore, but just, you know, that's our entertainment.
1619.420000 1623.220000 That's how they like to spend, you know, maybe a Friday or a Saturday night is coming
1623.220000 1626.580000 in over to discuss what fight school and seeing you play.
1626.580000 1631.140000 So, you know, everyone in the community, I think it was just right wanting to be right
1631.140000 1636.440000 alongside you, and we're just also, so proud of all of the accomplishments, and, you
1636.440000 1640.060000 know, just, just so glad that we were able to do this this year.
1640.060000 1645.900000 So, before we wrap up, people who listen to this regularly know that this is always something
1645.900000 1651.100000 I kind of do, but I like to ask everyone a little bit of an off-topic bonus question.
1651.100000 1656.940000 So, for this episode's bonus question since, you know, Nebraska's playing today, right?

1656.940000 1660.340000 We're in the little, you know, midst of March Madness.
1660.340000 1666.660000 My question for you guys is, how is your bracket looking about right now, and also, did you
1666.660000 1671.060000 think Nebraska would make it as far as they have?
1671.060000 1675.180000 My bracket is totally cooked, so why?
1675.180000 1678.820000 Yours and everybody else's from the south of it, but.
1678.820000 1680.420000 Is your winter still alive?
1680.420000 1681.420000 My winter is still alive.
1681.420000 1682.420000 Who's it?
1682.420000 1683.420000 Houston.
1683.420000 1684.420000 All right.
1684.420000 1685.420000 All right.
1685.420000 1687.420000 Mine's actually not that bad, honestly.
1687.420000 1691.500000 There's a couple of upsets I didn't choose, but I've Nebraska going pretty far, just because
1691.500000 1694.300000 I'm a big fan, so I have them going to the final four.
1694.300000 1695.300000 So, yeah.
1695.300000 1696.300000 I'm hoping to be Ireland today.
1696.300000 1697.300000 It's going to be a good game.
1697.300000 1698.300000 Yeah.
1698.300000 1700.300000 It's rarely disagrees, because we have to get through Houston.
1700.300000 1701.300000 Yeah, that is true.
1701.300000 1702.300000 There are reasons winning, you know.
1702.300000 1706.300000 There are reasons why I'm trying to tell you.
1706.300000 1707.300000 I did pick...
1707.300000 1713.500000 I had Nebraska until the week eight, so that was good.
1713.500000 1716.860000 I don't know about the rest of my bracket, but at least I had the Huskers going a little
1716.860000 1717.860000 bit.
1717.860000 1718.860000 Yeah.
1718.860000 1722.580000 So, I think I probably know what everybody's going to in this room is going to be doing tonight,
1722.580000 1727.140000 which is probably going to be watching that game, and, you know, I think that's pretty exciting.
1727.140000 1728.140000 So, it's a fun year.
1728.140000 1732.100000 You know, you got to play in their stadium, and now, you know, they're kind of making
1732.100000 1733.100000 history.
1733.100000 1737.540000 So, super awesome year for basketball, so there you have it.
1737.540000 1742.420000 I hope you enjoyed this title talk with our Class B boys, State Basketball Champions.
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