Boys' Basketball Off To Hot Start

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Your GCS Boys' Basketball team is off to a blazing start, heading into Thanksgiving break 10-1 overall and 1-0 in TSCC play.

The team went 3-0 at home last week with a 67-43 win over Columbus Christian Monday, a 69-51 win over Hebron Christian Tuesday, and a big 72-61 win in the regular season conference opener over Amory Christian Friday.

"We came out strong in all three games last week," said Coach Morgan. "Sharp first quarters were a part of all three wins."

Junior Bonner Brownlee has led the way in scoring this season, averaging just under 20 points per game. But he is also getting a lot of



help; fellow Junior Jacob Phillips is averaging close to 14 points per contest, Junior Asher Hogue averages about 10 points per game, and Sophomore Grayson Skelton has chipped in with close to 8 points per game. The Eagles have been very balanced on offense so far.

Coach Morgan continues to stress how important defensive intensity is and how the club must work hard on defense every night. This was especially evident Monday against CCA, as the Eagles headed into halftime up 37-11 after what was described as their best defensive half this year.

"We came out with such intensity and focus, and we executed really well on defense. Our defense fed our offense Monday, and we jumped out to a big early lead," added Coach Morgan.

After the 10-1 start, the Eagles are about to enter their roughest stretch of schedule all season. The next two weeks feature several of the team's best opponents, and it will challenge the Eagles in a number of ways.

Senior Micah Ballard said, "We have really played well these past few weeks, and we have some nice wins to show for it. But the next few weeks of schedule will be very tough- several very fast and talented teams back to back to back."

After a break this week, GCS is back in action next Tuesday, December 1 at French Camp Academy. JV boys tip at 5 pm, and Varsity should tip by around 7:30.