



1992 NEW YORK STATE & FEDERATION CHAMPIONS  
26 WINS – 0 LOSSES

First Undefeated Team in Mynderse Basketball History

COACHES

Scott Smith  
Bob Nearpass  
Kevin Loucks  
Scott Johnson

CAPTAINS

Jerry Anderson  
Matt Verkey

Kevin Korzeniewski  
Bob Markel  
Jim Hilbert  
Mark Novak

Jason Markel  
Bill Grant  
Pat Prayne

Chris Herron  
Brent Same  
Mark Scalzo  
Tim Same

Kevin Nicholson, Manager

The Mynderse Academy boys' basketball team held many distinctions in 1991-92. The team was ranked first in New York State Small Schools and placed first in the Finger Lakes East. Matt Verkey, Jerry Anderson and Kevin Korzeniewski were selected to the First Team All-League and Pat Prayne was selected to the Second Team. Also, Bill Grant received Honorable Mention. Coach Smith was named the 1992 Finger Lakes East Coach of the Year.

The team's winning ways continued as they moved on to sectionals. With tremendous fan support and the haunting reminder of last year's loss to Livonia, the Blue Devils beat Perry in the Section V Class CC Championship. Next the team defeated Lyons for the State Class C qualifiers and Buffalo Riverside for the State Quarter finals. The win moved the team on to Glens Falls for the NYS Class C final four.

The first game was the most emotional game that the driving Blue Devils experienced, having to play the 1991 defending NYS and Federation Champions from Watervilet. The team managed to lead with 2 minutes to go in the fourth and final quarter when 4 free throws put the game away. With shaven heads as their trade mark and crowd support, the Blue Devils took to the court the next night against Malverne and controlled most of the game. Even when Malverne attempted a late rally, the Devils managed to seal the game and MA won its first NYS Championship. Jerry Anderson was named to the All Tournament Team and Matt Verkey was the MVP of the tournament.

The Devils ended their winning season by beating Manhattan St. Regis at the Class C NY City Federation Championship in Glens Falls the following week. The Devils finished with a 26-0 season and the distinction of being one of two teams in NYS with an undefeated record.

Coach Smith described the championship team when he said, "The members of the team worked very hard their entire lives to achieve such unprecedented success. They are a credit to their school, families, and community."