



### Military Magnet Academy

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## Media Release

### **Military Magnet girls' basketball marching toward history**

**North Charleston, SC** – One could argue the girls' basketball program at Military Magnet Academy (MMA) is one victory away from becoming a state dynasty. If the Eagles beat Denmark-Olar in the South Carolina High School League A title game on Saturday, March 4, 2023, they will have won three straight state championships.

What can't be argued is the Eagles' historical accomplishments. Thanks to their 60-46 victory over Lake View in the Lower State Finals on February 25, 2023, MMA became the first basketball team from Charleston County School District (since it consolidated) to advance to the state finals four years in a row. If they win again this Saturday, they will be the first-ever CCSD basketball team to win three straight state titles.

"I believe our players and coaches appreciate the history we have achieved for our school and the district," said head coach Danny Taylor. "However, that isn't what drives us. We believe in each other, trust each other, care for each other, and find ways to help each other improve. That spirit, that comradery, is what makes this group and this program special."

The Eagles (24-6) lived up to expectations this season. They have been number one in the state rankings at the Class A level all season and dominated the competition. They are outscoring their opponents by an average of 40.6 points. They completed another perfect record in region play, going 14-0 in Region 8-A, have won 29 league games in a row (dating back to the 2020-21 season), and captured four consecutive region championships.

Senior Kaelin Davis, the 2022-2023 South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Class A Player of the Year, leads the team in scoring (14.1) and assists (3.5) per game. Three additional players, sophomore Dream Watson, senior Chazmin Bradley, and sophomore Sabri Mitchell, are also scoring in double figures. Mitchell leads the way in rebounds (6.3 per contest), and Watson has a team-best 6.4 steals per game average. In fact, the team is averaging almost 30 steals per contest.

**2022-2023 Roster**  
Chazmin Bradley – Senior

Jataya Brown - Senior  
RyKia Jakes – Senior  
Kaelin Davis – Senior  
Morgan Richardson - Senior  
Jada Davis - Sophomore  
Sabri Mitchell - Sophomore  
De'Jamari Pugh – Sophomore  
Dream Watson – Sophomore  
JaNiha Brown - Freshman  
Da'Nariyah Williams - Freshman  
Destinee Wilson - 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Head Coach: Nathaniel “Danny” Taylor

Assistant Coaches: Courtney Reed, Melvin Cooper, Perry Smalls, and Sheldon Reed

“I would say we aren’t too bad for a middle school team,” added Taylor. “But seriously, I believe the only team that can beat Military Magnet is Military Magnet.”

Military Magnet defeated Denmark-Olar in the state finals last year, 35-20. The rematch is set for 12:00 p.m. Saturday, March 4, 2023, at USC-Aiken’s Convocation Center in Graniteville, SC. The game will be televised locally on MyTV Charleston. Ticket information is [available here](#).

#### **Additional notes**

- Military Magnet has not lost to any CCSD opponent, regardless of school size, in the past three seasons
- MMA's Class of 2023 (seniors) are a combined 112-35
- The Eagles have had one state player of the year, five players earn all-state honors, three region player of the year awards, and 17 all-region selections
- Military Magnet has three players with more than 1,000 career points (Davis – 1,600+, Bradley – 1,400+, and Jakes – 1,300+)
- MMA has lost just three games to Class A opponents in the past five seasons
- The Eagles have been the unanimous number-one team in the state rankings at the Class A level for 38 straight months

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#### **About the Charleston County School District**

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally accredited school district committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves approximately 49,000 students in 88 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.