

# BGC Basketball Recap 2021-2022 Season



The 2021-22 edition of the Boys and Girls Club of Cabarrus County Basketball League came to a conclusion on Saturday March 12th with Champions in all age groups being crowned. All players and coaches worked hard every practice and as a result, the players improved on ball handling, passing, shooting and general knowledge of the game. While all teams showed improvement on offensive and defensive concepts throughout the season as well.

## PAC-12 5-6 Year Old's Co-ed

Regular Season Champion: **Wildcats** (Head Coach: Joe Plummer)

Tournament Champions: **Ducks** (Head Coach: Carina McCrary)

The Wildcats came into the tournament as the number one seed after defeating the Ducks during the regular season. In Semi-Final action, the Wildcats cruised to a victory over the 4th seeded Bruins 26-12. The second seeded Ducks faced the league's hottest team, the Huskies who was riding a 4-game winning streak into the Semi-Finals. But it was the Ducks who "quacked" by a feisty Husky team (18 to 14) and earned a rematch with regular season champions the Wildcats.



The Ducks and Wildcats squared off in a packed gymnasium at the Boys and Girls Club of Cabarrus County on Saturday March 12th. Both teams started off a little nervous, but it was the Ducks who pushed their lead out early and withstood several attempts by the Wildcats to tie the game as the final seconds ticked down. The Ducks finally secured the rebound and called timeout with just :02 remaining on the clock as the packed gym cheered. The Ducks then inbounded the basketball and ran out the clock to earn the PAC-12 Tournament Championship 16 to 14. **Congratulations to all players and coaches on an exciting and great season!**



## Big-10 7-8 Year Old's

Regular Season Champion: **Hoosiers** (Head Coach: John Heintz)

Tournament Champion: **Buckeyes** (Head Coach: Carlos Spears)

In the Boys and Girls Club most competitive division from top to bottom, upset was the key term... number four seed Buckeyes earned a trip to the Championship by defeating the first seed Hoosiers 16-7. The Spartans (most improved team from start to finish) earned a trip to the championship by using a stingy defense defeating the number two seed Boilermakers 12 to 3.

Gym 1 was rocking for the Championship game as "Rocky" was played over the speaker system. Coach Spears' team was swinging for the knockout early, but the Spartans defense was able to keep the game close in the first half. A strong offense and stingy defense in the second half propelled the Buckeyes to a Big 10 Championship 20-7. The fourth seeded Buckeyes was the lowest seed to win a championship this year... **Congratulations to all players and coaches on a tremendous season. Keep working on your game and see everyone next November.**

## ACC 9-10 Year Old's

Regular Season Champion: **Tar Heels** (Head Coach: Ranzino Davidson)

Tournament Champion: **Blue Devils** (Head Coach: Rickey Nile)

The ACC was a competitive division with lower seeds pushing the top four seeds early in the tournament. The Semi-Finals had what many consider the "game of the year" in the division. The third seeded Wolfpack (Coached by Nic Lynch) led much of the game and pushed the Blue Devils late into the fourth quarter. But it was the full court pressure of the Blue Devils and a few timely free throws that secured the Blue Devils ticket to the Championship game. The Wolfpack gave their all, but fell just short of the Semi-Final game...

**Blue Devils 33**

**Wolfpack 32**

The Tar Heels came into the tournament as the only undefeated team in the division and earned the number one seed. A tough Yellow Jacket team pushed the Heels early, but steady guard play and strong interior game was enough to propel the **Tar Heels past the Jackets 20 to 13.**

The anticipated rematch between the Blue Devils (seeking to avenge their only loss of the season) and the Tar Heels was all everyone expected. Both teams with strong guard play, strong post presence and fire power off the bench gave fans what they wanted to see. Coach Rickey Nile's Blue Devils used a half-court trap and was able to keep the taller Tar Heels off the offensive glass as the game progressed. As the final seconds ticked off the scoreboard, Blue Devils fans celebrated a Championship for their team. The Tar Heels and Coach Ranzino Davidson came up just a little short in their quest to win the Regular Season Championship and Tournament Championship.

**Blue Devils 30**

**Tar Heels 23**

#### **NBA 11-12 Year Old's**

Regular Season Champion: **Celtics** (Head Coach: Bri Smith)

Tournament Champion: **Celtics** (Head Coach: Bri Smith)

The Celtics coached by Bri Smith came into the Tournament on a roll... The fourth seeded Warriors focused on the defensive end and held the high-powered Celtics to a season low 17 points, but the Celtics defense was more stingy and held the Warriors to 9 points and earned their chance at the Tournament Championship.

The two seeded Hornets and three seeded Lakers brought back memories of the Lakers Championship teams of the 80's "Show Time" and the Hornets "Buzz" of the 90's... but it was the Lakers who were stung by the Hornets 37-29 in the Semi-Finals.

Coach Cam Sprinkle's Hornets went into the Championship game with high hopes of upsetting the regular season champions (Celtics), but an injury to one of their star players dampened the mood prior to the game. The Hornets offense was clicking, but Celtics offense was hotter. The C's used a powerful offense (driving to the basket and 3-point shooting) and added a Tournament Championship to their Regular Season Championship.

**Celtics 55**

**Hornets 38**



#### **7-9 College Girls**

Regular Season Champion: **Cardinals** (Head Coach: Stanly Haley)

Tournament Champion: **Cardinals** (Head Coach: Stanly Haley)

The 7-9 girl's division was a two-team race to the championship. The ladies showed tremendous improvement as the season progressed and the Championship game was intense from the opening tip. Neither team could solve the others defense and it was the Cardinals who grinded out a tough Championship Finals to defeat the Huskies.

**Cardinals 8**

**Huskies 6**

#### **10-12 WNBA Girl's**

Regular Season Champion: **Mercury** (Head Coach: Bri Smith)  
Tournament Champion: **Sparks** (Head Coach: Rob Williams)

In semi-final action, the Liberty used a strong defensive effort and a few timely baskets to surprise the Sparks early. The Sparks found their footing and survived a vastly improved Liberty team and earned their appearance in the WNBA Division finals 14 to 8.

Coach Bri Smith's Mercury team earned the number one seed and a bye into the Championship game. The Sparks showed they came to play early and led the Mercury throughout the first half. Both teams found scoring difficult against their opponent's defense and it was Coach Rob Williams Lady Sparks who withstood a strong effort by the Mercury and earned the Tournament Championship Friday Night on Court 1.

**Sparks 8**

**Mercury 6**

*A huge thank you to all parents, players, coaches, and all involved with the 2021-22 basketball season. It was a pleasure watching the coaches interact with the players and watching the players progress throughout the season -*

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