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GREAT CROSSING HIGH SCHOOL WARHAWKS BASKETBALL

State Champs!

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LEXINGTON—Malachi Moreno hugged Steve Page and took off running to the cheering section to celebrate with his frenzied fellow students.

Above their heads in the Rupp Arena rafters hung the 2025 State Championship banner the Warhawks had just earned. His teammates quickly joined him, raising their pointer fingers skyward to declare what is now beyond a doubt. The Warhawks are No. 1.

An emphatic breakaway dunk from Moreno in the waning seconds put an exclamation point on a dominant 4-game run at the UK Healthcare Sweet 16 as the Warhawks

held on to beat Bowling Green 71-61 championship game Saturday to win the school's first boys' basketball state championship Saturday night.

The Warhawks finish the season 35-4, with just one in-state loss, and win their first state basketball title just six years into the school's existence.

There may have been moments of doubt from fans, foes, or the press, but the team's belief never changed.

"I think I knew we'd win the moment we stepped on the court," Moreno said. Moreno was named the tournament MVP after a 24 point, 15 rebound performance in the final.

Even when electric sophomore starting point guard LJ Holman went out with an injury early in the quarterfinal, the team didn't doubt, and seasoned seniors Vince Dawson and Gage Richardson helped shepherd the Warhawks through the final three games. The team didn't lose a game after Holman took over point guard duties in December.

"Vince and Gage, they handle the ball a lot, we trust them," Warhawks Head Coach Steve Page said. "We had faith in both of them. Our faith never wavered. The kids' faith in each other and my faith in the team never wavered."

The toughest tournament



Top: Great Crossing's Malachi Moreno and Brady Orem point skyward while celebrating with their student section after winning the school's first basketball state title at Rupp Arena Saturday.

Right: The Great Crossing Warhawks hoist the UK Healthcare Sweet 16 trophy.

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in Kentucky sports saw the Warhawks win four games in 51 hours, defeating Daviess County, Cooper, Montgomery County, and Bowling Green all by at least 10 points, the last three in a 24 hour span.

Bowling Green (31-7) did not make it easy.

Dawson gave the Warhawks a 32-17 lead at halftime with a jumper after dancing all around Purples' star Deuce Bailey in the backcourt.

The Warhawks built a 24-point lead in the third quarter and looked like they were headed to a coronation, before the Purples chipped the lead down to the single digits in the final period.



"We got tired, I think, in the third quarter, but we defended so well to get a large lead," Page said.

Dawson hit a 3-point shot while being fouled and made the free throw to give the Warhawks their largest lead with 5:51 left in the third quarter, up 52-28. Dawson finished the game with 18 points and five rebounds.

By the end of the third quarter, the Purples had

halved the lead to 52-40.

Bowling Green's Kadyn Carpenter got a layup off a Warhawks turnover to cut the score to 54-48 with 5:46 remaining. Dawson responded with a turnaround jump shot in the baseline to get the lead back to eight, but the team was clearly feeling the effects of the second battle of the day.

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Storm damages Faith Baptist Church

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Faith Baptist Church suffered damage during the severe weather that swept through Scott County and much of Kentucky Sunday night.

Wind gusts of as much as 45 mph were recorded in northern Scott County, said Director Michael Hennigan of the Georgetown/Scott County Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

"The damage to Faith Baptist Church is the only significant damage reported," Hennigan. "Otherwise, a couple of small tree limbs down. There were wind gusts of 45 mph at headquarters (at the intersection of Delaplain and U.S. 25), but slower gusts of 35-45 mph farther south near the Scott-Fayette County line."

The front façade was torn off Faith Baptist Church scattering debris over a block area. The damage appeared to be limited to the building's exterior, although a full example of the damage was unavailable at press time. Faith Baptist Church is located on Pocahontas Trail.

Severe thunderstorms and a tornado watch was issued for Scott County and the surrounding area Sunday around 11 p.m. The storms lasted about three hours before passing east.



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Faith Baptist Church was damaged in a storm Sunday night.

GREAT CROSSING HIGH SCHOOL

Senior's art on display at capital

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Art by Great Crossing High School (GCHS) Senior Grace Palmerton will be moving on from its display at a national educators' convention in Louisville to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) in the capital. Palmerton applied in October last

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Coming up:
Property Transfers
Friday



Area deaths

Cecil Ross Hill, 100
Donald Lee Shepherd, 82
Dolores Ann Skees, 84

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