

AN ABOVE NORMAL NORMAN:

Senior Norman Boyd proved himself an invaluable asset to the varsity team in the 2018-2019 season. In the first week of December, the *Austin American-Statesman* named Boyd the 5A Boys Basketball Player of the Week. Coach Fuentes said that he could not remember the last time a varsity Knight earned the honor, but that Boyd certainly deserved the recognition. On varsity for three years now, Boyd had this to say about his emergence as a senior: "The points have definitely gone up. I'm shooting the ball a lot more than last year because I was the only person who wasn't a senior [on the team] last year. It's pretty much the same scheme as last year, I just have a bigger role on the team." Boyd averaged 21 points and eight rebounds per game and made 43 percent of his shots from beyond the 3-point arc. He also scored a season high 42 points against San Antonio KIPP University Prep on Dec. 27. Named the District 25-5A Offensive Player of the Year and third team All-Centex by the *Statesman*, Boyd was also selected to play in the Central Texas All-Star Game. Norman received scholarship offers from Lewis & Clark, Southwestern, Millsaps, Schreiner, and Texas Lutheran. Boyd ultimately chose to attend University of Arkansas and did not accept a scholarship offer to play college basketball. Photo by Kennedy Weatherby.



Sophomore **Rob Wade**
Photo by Risa Darlington-Horta



Junior **Takai Satberry**
Photo by Risa Darlington-Horta



Junior **Jakob Broaders**
Photo by Risa Darlington-Horta



Sophomore **Charlie Pecina**
Photo by Dave Winter.



Senior **Jeremiah Ashton**
Photo by Dave Winter.



Senior **Andrew Alvarez**
Photo by Anna Bausman.



1. SHOOT IT WRIGHT: Freshman Aiden Wright jumps above three defenders to shoot a hoop at the Knights' 79-44 district-opening win at Crockett on Dec. 20. "I was driving, and I blew back the defender. I was going for a floater," Wright said. "We won cause we were an overall better team." McCallum played Crockett again on Jan. 22 and ended with a second victory, 76-41, and a series sweep. Photo by Dave Winter.

2. WERKEN DOWN THE COURT: Junior Sam Werkenthin shoots a free throw during McCallum's 40-28 victory over St. Andrews in the Don Caldwell Gymnasium on Nov. 19. McCallum won the game 40-28, with solid performances from many players, including Werkenthin. Werkenthin, who gets to the free throw line a lot because he's good at drawing fouls on drive and kick plays. "I think we're doing a lot better than people thought we would've done," Werkenthin said. "I still think we've still got a chance at going to playoffs and ... at winning district." Werkenthin was right about the playoffs. The team finished third in district and lost to San Antonio Wagner, 77-60, in the first round of the state playoffs. The T-Birds made it all the way to the 5A final before losing to Mansfield Timberview, 77-64. Photo by Anna Bausman.

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Mr. Winter's been there a lot for me; he's always been the journalism teacher, and they've paid a lot of attention to me since sophomore year. My name is pretty well known in that room. —senior Townes Hobratchsch



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Senior Townes Hobratchsch and teacher Dave Winter pose for a selfie with the rest of the Class of 2019 after the senior panoramic photo.

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FIVE ON FOUR: Junior Darius Lewis elevates for a layup attempt after driving past four San Antonio Wagner Thunderbirds in the bi-district playoff game between the two schools in San Marcos on Feb. 19. The T-birds built a 27-14 first quarter lead that held up after the Knights adjusted to the T-Birds' frenetic full-court defense. "We talked a lot about not getting behind in the first quarter, and that's exactly what happened," Coach Daniel Fuentes said. "We had 10 turnovers in the first quarter and gave up, I think, 10 fast-break points. We settled down in the second quarter, but they are a good squad and they've got a lot of speed." Norman Boyd scored a game-high 25 points in his last game in a Knight uniform. Photo by Annabel Winter.



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Wade wins one for Don Caldwell on last-second tip-in

The clock winds down as double overtime draws to a close. The Vikings lead the Knights, 57-56, after a successful layup. The Knights call a timeout with 30 seconds left on the clock. The Knights hurry the ball down the court, the energy in Don Caldwell Gymnasium at a fever pitch, and they pass the ball around up top trying to find a good shot. Finally Takai Satberry drives towards the hoop with five seconds left on the clock. His shot clangs off the backboard but on the other side Rob Wade is there to tip the ball back in. He misses the first time, and the audience gasps, but then he puts it up again, the buzzer sounds with the ball frozen in midair above the rim and then, miraculously, it sinks in as time expires. The gymnasium explodes into pandemonium as Wade's teammates and members of the student section rush the court to celebrate with Wade.

The Knights won the game on Jan. 11, 58-57, to go 3-2 in district play. Satberry led a balanced team scoring effort with 14 points. Wade and senior forward Norman Boyd scored 12 points, followed by Albert Garza with nine and Sam Werkenthin with eight.

Individual game stats and even the team's district record don't explain the true importance of the Friday night win. The game held much more meaning for the Knights than numbers can reveal. The win was especially meaningful because of the passing on the day before of longtime McCallum basketball coach Don Caldwell. The team dedicated that game and the rest of their season to him and felt great when they won for him. "Coach Caldwell was watching over us," varsity assistant coach Carlin Shaw said.

"That last second layup: that was all Coach Caldwell."

The Knights stayed close to the Vikings through the first quarter, only trailing by two at the end at 12-10 Vikings. Then Lanier extended its lead five at the half. At 23-18, the Knights were still in the game, but varsity head coach Daniel Fuentes knew in order to win, the Knights needed to bring up their energy level and their level of play. "I told them that we weren't playing with the same energy that Lanier was playing with at all," Fuentes said. "We were not playing at our level. When the guys realized that we came back and went on an 18-0 run and by the end we were playing at our level, at the McCallum level."

The game was tied at 41, and the Vikings led 50-48 win second left in the first overtime, but as time expired on the first period of extra time, Darius Lewis drove in and scored a game-saving two points to tie the game again at 50 and extend it into a second overtime, leading to Wade's big shot.

The celebration was intense and not just because it was a crucial district win. Although Rob Wade was happy with the outcome of the game, he said that he thought the Knights could have done more to prepare for the Vikings mentally. "I think we underestimated Lanier, and it messed us up," Wade said. "We fought hard even through all the bad calls and whatever happened. We're a group of fighters and we showed it."

Coach Fuentes agreed with Wade. "We're still a pretty young team. We have to take care of the ball more, that's one of the big improvements we've got to work on."

—story and photo by Gregory James.

Rob Wade celebrates with teammate Albert Garza after sinking the game-winning shot.

