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## Orinda Academy Eagles Chase School Record



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The Orinda Academy boys' basketball team, shown here getting pumped before taking the court in mid-December, is off to its strongest start in the school's basketball program history, with a 12-4 record at press time, including taking 2nd and 3rd place trophies in the Pescadero Hoop Dreams Small School Invitational and the Geyserville Small Schools Classic, respectively.

Orinda Academy plays in the Small Schools Bridge League (SSBL), dubbed the "Bridge" league because about half of the games require one of the teams to cross a bridge. SSBL includes teams from Marin, Sonoma, and Napa as well as the East Bay cities of El Sobrante, Pleasant Hill, and Oakland.

This season the Eagles are led by "Twin Tower" co-captains, David Treas (#32) and Brandon "the beast" Davis (#30). Davis leads the league in rebounding and is, says Coach Mitch Goldman, the team's emotional leader, while senior Aubrey Love (#3) is the team's "energizer and defensive stopper," able to change the momentum of the game.

Co-captains Chris Scott (#22) and Dylan Goldman (#12), also seniors, run the offense, providing leadership and occasional clutch 3-pointers.

With this senior court leadership, Coach Goldman says that the 2008-9 Orinda Academy team may surpass the school record for season wins, currently held by the 1996-7 squad (15-6).

"I've coached almost 30 years and I've never had a team that has taken on more responsibility, worked any harder, or missed less practice time than this

group of fine men," says Coach Goldman.

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