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Head Coach David King commented, "the boys are really playing some solid ball together right now. One of our biggest strengths is our balanced offensive attack. We're averaging 57 points as a team offensively yet we don't have a single player averaging in double-figures. We've had seven different high scorers in the past 14 games."

The team would head out for their second road-trip of the season with their nine-game win-streak at risk, traveling to Corpus Christi to compete in their next event.

ATX 2013 would face teams primarily from San Antonio and Corpus Christi but none would be able to slow down the strong inside-outside game of ATX.

ATX ran the table again, going 5-0 to secure their third consecutive championship and winning each game by an average of 16-plus points.

ATX returned home to the central Texas area, looking to win its fourth tournament championship in as many tries. ATX competed in the "Challenge of Class 2013" event which was held in Cedar Park and actually hosted by the ATX organization.

This was a 16-team field which included teams from Austin, Round Rock, Cedar Park, Pflugerville, Killeen, San Antonio and New Braunfels .

"A big part of our recent success is that we have been injury free these last six weeks," King said.

Injuries ultimately did catch up to the team as they would find themselves without starter and leading scorer, Leonard Allen for the duration of the up coming Cedar Park tournament.

However, other teammates would seize the opportunity step up and cover for the absent Allen.

ATX would go 3-0 in initial pool-play, continuing their winning ways and winning

each game by a substantial margin of victory and grabbing a top seed in one of the four pools.

Starter, and three-point specialist, Josh King, would also be unavailable for bracket games on Sunday, putting further pressure of the remaining ATX players.

ATX 2013 responded by winning their first Sunday game which vaulted them into the semi-finals against the Killeen Warriors, a long and athletic team that ATX had defeated earlier in the season. ATX came out strong, grabbing an initial five-point lead and holding the Warriors at bay through out most of the game. Unfortunately defensive specialist Jay Byrd would go down with a severely sprained ankle in the 1st half, leaving the game for good and causing ATX to go even further into its bench.

Other ATX players took the opportunity to step up, and step they did. Tanner Thrift and Andrew Hill both played strong on the boards for the duration of the game.

Aaron McDaniel would

come off the bench to score a game-high 18 points to help keep ATX out in front for the majority of the game. The contest would see ATX lead from the opening tip, only to see that lead fade in the last 2.8 seconds of regulation as Killeen would connect on a desperation 3-point shot to take a 43-42 lead, their first lead of the game.

Killeen would hold on for the dramatic win and would bring a halt to the 19-game ATX win streak. It was a great team effort by ATX that just came up a little short.

ATX 2013 will now take two weeks off to re-group and recover from their injuries.

Their next scheduled tournament is the USSSA Firecracker Open.

The team plans to close out the season with its final two road trips which include the MAYB State championships in San Antonio and the MAYB/Nationals in Wichita, Kansas.

Visit the team's website at [http://pages.suddenlink.net/atx\\_boys/ATX\\_ClassOf2013.htm](http://pages.suddenlink.net/atx_boys/ATX_ClassOf2013.htm) for pictures and to follow the teams' on-going success.

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