

# Our View

## Magical Rams need our support

Something magical has been taking place at Newton High School these past few months. The boys' basketball team has defied all the odds and has taken its place among the elite schools in the state ... well actually the Final Four schools in the state.

When the 2004-05 season began, few gave this undersized group of 11 much chance in one of the most powerful Class AAAAA regions in the state.

The Rams, however, refused to believe the hype of Lithonia, Douglass and Redan. Instead they put together a great regular season with players on no one's recruiting board against teams with NBA

prospects. There are no lottery picks on legendary Newton head coach Ron Bradley's bench.

After an impressive regular season, the Rams finished second in Region 2-AAAAA. They rallied in the second half to down East Coweta in the first round of the state playoffs.

In the Sweet 16 round, Newton dominated a Lowndes team with a 6-foot-9 player and a 6-8 player. In contrast, Newton's tallest player is 6-5. Saturday night in the Elite Eight round, Newton was dominant against Douglass, a bigger team the Rams have now beaten three of four times.

Thursday evening at the Gwinnett Arena another Goliath, Wheeler, waits in their path. Wheeler knocked off defending champ and NBA scout's dream South Gwinnett. If the Rams can pull off another upset, they play for the state championship Friday night.

We urge all who can make the 5:30 p.m. tip off to head up to Duluth to cheer on the Rams. We should all be proud of this team's efforts.

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Let's go Rams

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