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The Dream Team -?where are they now?

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Lincolnview's 1997 state championship basketball team was honored at Saturday's boys' varsity basketball game. Pictured are (front row, from the left) Brad Mendenhall, Matt Owens, Scott Kemler, Brandon Pardon; (back) Wes Dudgeon, Chad Pollock and Frank Kill. Not pictured are Phil Duvall, Matt Frey, Kyle Rabe, Wayne Longstreth and Adam Owens.

MIDDLE POINT - Every once in a while, a good high-school basketball team comes along - and for a year, it's all anyone can talk about.

And once in a blue moon, there are teams that simply stand out -?and Lincolnview fans knew back in the early '90s that there was something special about a certain group of guys appropriately named "The Dream Team."

The year was 1993 and Lancer fans just couldn't get enough of Phil Duvall, Matt Frey, Adam Owens, Brandon Pardon, Chad Pollock, Scott Kemler, Frank Kill, Kyle Rabe, Wes Dudgeon, Matt Owens, Wayne Longstreth and Brad Mendenhall.

Simply put - the team was a cut above the rest. Fielding 11 Northwest Conference first-team players, the team compiled a 71-6 record over three seasons, and went 53-1 in their final two seasons. During the 1993-1997 seasons, Lincolnview laid claim to three consecutive Northwest Conference titles and racked up four sectional championships, two district championships and two regional championships.

And if that wasn't enough, the Lancers took home all the glory after the 1996-97 season and won the state championship title in 1997.

Since then, years have passed, and these former high-school phenoms have each carved their little niche in the path of life.

Duvall graduated from Ohio State University in 2002 and received his veterinary degree from Ross University. After a year of clinicals at Texas A & M University, DuVall is back in Van Wert and works as an associate at the Van Wert Veterinary Clinic.

Frey resides in Columbia, S.C. and is a South Carolina highway patrolman. Frey and his wife recently welcomed their first child.



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Owens graduated from Defiance College and is married to Morgan. He teaches high school science at Lincolnview. Pardon graduated from Bowling Green State University with a degree in elementary education. He is currently working as a sales consultant for Novartis Pharmaceuticals. He is married to Johanna and the couple have a son named Jackson.

Pollock is a graduate of Ohio Northern University and is a district sales coordinator for AFLAC. He is married to Augusta and the couple have a son named Greyson.

Scott Kemler graduated from Defiance College as an accounting major. He went on to receive his master's degree in business from Defiance and is married to Anna. The couple have daughter named Ella.

Kill is also a Defiance College grad with an elementary education major. Currently teaching at Lima Central Catholic, he also is a junior varsity coach there. Kill and his wife have a son named Kenyon.

Rabe graduated from Ohio State and the University of Detroit in orthodontics. Dudgeon is a graduate of Malone College and received a doctorate in exercise science at South Carolina. He is an assistant professor at the College of Charleston and is married to Christa and the couple have a son.

Longstreth is a graduate of Rhodes State College and is an Allen County Courthouse engineer. He is married to Jessica.

Mendenhall graduated from Wright State University with a major in health and physical education. He is currently teaching elementary physical education at Lincolnview Elementary. He is married to Lydia and the couple have two daughters.

The team, along with coaches Dave Evans, Mike Bute, Greg Leeth and Mike Elston, were honored at last weekend's Lincolnview varsity boys' basketball game.

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