



**NAAMAN FOREST RANGERS CAPTURE CHAMPIONSHIP OF
2009 AVERY AIR INVITATIONAL presented by 103.3 ESPN**

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Lucas, Texas- After the last bucket was made at Lovejoy High School gymnasium, Coach Jeff Clarkson's Naaman Forest Rangers had cut down the nets, hoisted the Championship Trophy, and loaded the bus for their short trip back home as Tournament Champions. The talented Rangers had celebrated at mid-court after a hard fought 45-36 victory over Brad Chasteen's Coppell Cowboys.

The first half of the game was all defense as both teams struggled mightily to register points. When all was said and done the Cowboys would exit to the dressing room with a 15-10 advantage. The halftime pep talks sparked the offenses as both were more efficient on their end of the court and Naaman Forest found themselves down only a single bucket entering the final stanza. The 4th Quarter was all Rangers as they converted 13 of 17 free throws down the stretch to hand Coppell a nine point defeat. Head Coach Jeff Clarkson had these thoughts on the hard earned victory. "Winning the Avery Air Invitational presented by 103.3 ESPN was a great accomplishment for our basketball program. All the teams were talented and very well coached. Our entire team was excited to take home the Championship Trophy and be a part of such a first class event."

Senior Point Guard Josh Lewis took home the Tournament MVP Trophy. Lewis averaged 14.3 points per game and orchestrated an effective and methodical floor game for his squad.

Mark Stafford, representative of 151 Sports Marketing and event promoter, had these thoughts on the first year event. First, congratulations to the Naaman Forest ball club for winning the tournament. I was very proud of the effort of all the teams and the quality play in each and every game. The games were all competitive and that is what makes a

tournament enjoyable to all our fans. I extend a big thanks to Lovejoy High School and all the individuals who made this event possible. Also, my sincere appreciation to all the Sponsors, Metro Sports, and 103.3 ESPN for being a part of this tournament. I am already thinking about 2010.”

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