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## **SACHS Boys Basketball Finds Positive Signs at ONU Shootout**

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Summer is in full swing and that means its shootout season for the St. Anne Community High School boys basketball team. On June 22, 2024, the Cardinals traveled to Olivet Nazarene University (ONU) to participate in a small school shootout hosted there. The Cardinals had a 1-2 record at the shootout, beating Elmhurst Timothy Christian in the first game then dropping their next two to Dyer Illiana Christian (IN) and Bishop McNamara, respectively.

“For the most part we competed,” head coach Rick Schoon said. “I didn’t think we competed very long or for the entirety of the third game, but it was a tough one. The first two games we really battled against some really good competition. I was pleasantly surprised with how things turned out.”

After some roster turnover from last season’s team, the development of players has been very important for the Cardinals. Players from last year’s team are now learning new roles for this year’s team. The Cardinals are learning how to play as a team, affected by their chemistry.

“What we try to work on in the summer is a lot of individual skill and getting our kids more comfortable handling the basketball,” Schoon said. “We lost our point guard from last year, so now our kids are being asked to do things that they really haven’t done in the past.” These are examples of the season turnover.



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“All the kids got to be on the same page,” Schoon said. “You need kids fighting for each other out there. Our junior group knows each other really well, but mix them in with seniors like Chris [Link] and them, even though they’ve had experience together, they just need to continue to work better together.”