

Varsity Basketball

The basketball Spartans experienced something this year that they are not used to — a losing season. The defending conference champions managed only a 4-10 record in 1995, but there is a bright side. Sparked by juniors Josh Pressley and Brooks Manley and senior Ceasar Wright, the Spartans played competitive basketball all season, scoring a major upset in their fifth game over Spartanburg Day, the conference leader.

As the season progressed, the team's growing experience and maturity began to show. The last two games were cliffhangers, and although the Spartans came away with only one win, the other two games could have gone either way.

"The team that finished the season is not the same one that hit the floor at the beginning," says Coach Boland. "Their skills have improved in all areas, and we are looking forward to coming away winners next year and the rest of the '90's."

Pressley played all over the floor, scoring inside and out, ball-hawking, and making assists. Manly showed deft inside moves and had a hot hand from the perimeter and on the foul line. Wright played solid defense and protected the ball well. Juniors Putnam, Hubbard, Middleton, and Talbot improved steadily and will make important contributions next year. CMA can look forward to a season of excitement in 1996.



Cesar Wright gets set to shoot the ball from the three point arc.



Josh Pressley finds room inside to beat the defender.



Pressley crosses over on his man, looking to set up the offense.