

Varsity Basketball

The 1999 Spartan Basketball Team was a group of players with good overall height and speed, who could compete favorably with any team on their schedule. In the paint, center Alonzo Bethea was tough on defense and scored well inside with classic dunks and short jump shots. Starting point guard Jason Gethers maneuvered and protected the ball well; he scored on slashing moves to the basket and with medium range jump shots. With quick feet and hands, junior forward Darshawn Laborde led many fast breaks and often broke away to score uncontested. Wide-bodied Jimmy Welch, senior forward, showed surprising agility and jumping ability on the court. Other seniors making important contributions to this year's success were Don Gore, Vaughn Gibbs, and Laniye Edwards. The talented Spartans played an exciting brand of basketball this season.

"This was a very athletic team," said Coach Eric Boland. "It came together at the end of the season and compiled a string of five straight victories to close out the year."

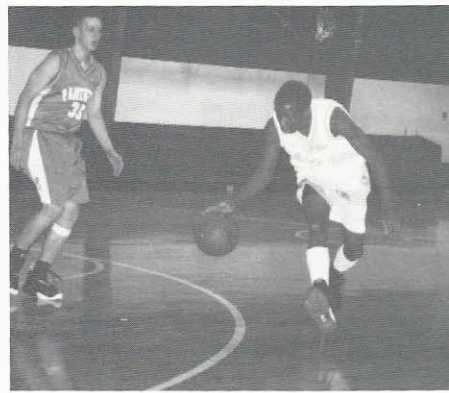


Senior Don Gore gets off a jumper in heavy traffic. Don could play almost any position effectively.



Junior forward Darshawn Laborde was always quick to the bucket and scored from a distance as well.

An outstanding ball handler, point guard Anthony Williams easily drives around his man.



Number two guard Maurice Williams shows his speed in moving toward the basket.



Senior Laniye Edwards came off the bench all season to spark the defense and add offensive punch.



Ball handling and an eye for the basket made senior Charles Hartley a reliable reserve guard.



Junior Jorge Tillman gets up high to launch a jumper from the top of the circle.



Jason Gethers pulls up to take a jump shot before the defense can get set.