

Varsity Basketball

Sometimes it has to be enough to play for the love of the game, the shared experiences with your teammates, and meeting the challenge of getting individually or collectively better. The Spartans found themselves playing bigger, deeper, more experienced competition throughout the season. The result was a record of one win and 13 losses. However, they did save the best for last with a 67-50 win over the Governor's School.

Coach Horn stressed throughout the season that there is a difference between losing and being a "loser". He and Coach Darby were proud of the way the players competed until the very end of each game and how they stuck together, kept good attitudes, and enjoyed each other's company.

Some individual highlights of the season were Point Guard Romani Susewell's averaging 31 points per game for the last four games.

Forward Ian Benton showing how much he meant to the team defensively when, after he got injured, the opposing teams' scoring average went up. Center Matt Waldsmith keeping his cool while constantly battling players bigger than him in the paint. Shooting Guard Andre Cooper's three-point hot streaks and left-handed drives to the basket. Guard Ashondre Moore starting out buried on the bench, but persevering and earning a starting spot at the end of the season, and posting a double-double (points and rebounds) in his last game. Forward Ilan Efraimovich maturing as a player and cracking the starting line-up.

Andrew Miller showing his high basketball IQ and playing several different positions as a part-time starter.

Coach Horn and Coach Darby also want to recognize the contributions of Ignacio Chamon, Aaron Pratt, Yizhi Shi and Franklin Tutt who stuck with the team throughout the season, while playing important roles in practice and games. A special acknowledgement for Noah Woody who joined the basketball team immediately upon the conclusion of his wrestling season.

Most Outstanding Offensive Player - Romani Susewell of Columbia, South Carolina

Most Outstanding Defensive Player - Ian Benton of Lilburn, Georgia

Coaches Award - Andre Cooper of Moncks Corner, South Carolina

Coaches Award - Matt Waldsmith of Anderson, South Carolina

Most Improved - Ashondre Moore of Barnwell, South Carolina

A special thank you to Managers Jaylen Evans and Ruhi Patel, Stat Keepers Aiden Haase and Paul Sinadinos, and Bookkeeper Colby Johnson.



Row (Left to Right): Ashondre Moore, Yizhi Shi, Andrew Miller, Aaron Pratt, Noah Woody, Romani Susewell, Ignacio Chamon

Row (Left to Right): Coach Ron Horn, Ian Benton, Franklin Tutt, Matt Waldsmith, Ilan Efraimovich, Andre Cooper, Jaylen Evans, Coach Darby

