WINNING ISN'T ALWAYS EASY!

The boys basketball team made it known that playing as a team will result in either winning or losing as a team. While hoping to win revenge, the guys wanted to play their best at every game. "Even though we didn't have a great season, I still think the two schools play better as one team than two," sophomore Arion Salley said.

Being on the team required more than teamwork. Some players held down the court with as many as two positions. "My positions on the court are point and shooting guard," junior Ohris Brown said.

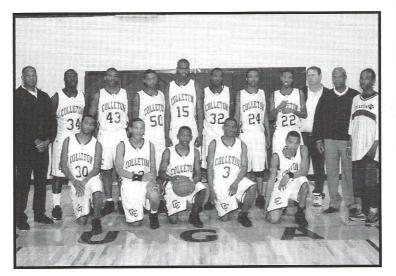
The long practices lasted anywhere from two to three hours a day and included some weekends. Before practices, a lot of running and discussing of the drills took place.

Being on the team required no particular height or weight, talent made the team. "Your hair must be nicely braided and sagging pants were not allowed around the coach," senior Marius Wiggins said.

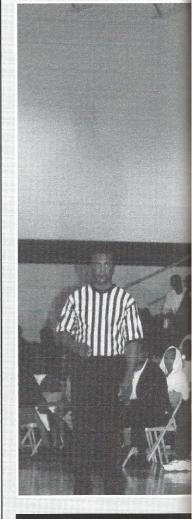
One of the biggest things that kept the team going consisted of good grades and decency.

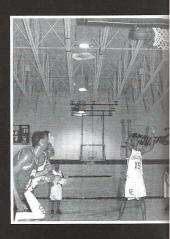
The boys really looked at Coach Lawrence as more than just a coach. He stayed on top of them and helped them become better players as well as better people. His method of coaching which included yelling, fussing, and seriousness really paid off. "I try my best to keep the boys focused and understand how important the games really are," he said.

-Ashley Fennell



From left to right: Assistant Coach Earl Robinson, sophomore Greg Varner, sophomore Joe Council, sophomore Arion Salley, senior Marius Wiggins, sophomore Timothy Kelly, sophomore Kenneth Glover, senior Cameron Bryant, assistant Tripp Padgett, Head coach Thomas Lawrence, Manager Desmond Jackson, sophomore Charles Moultrie, Junior Chris Brown, Junior Kevin Blakeney, Junior Deonte' Dicks, sophomore Eric Salley.





Hoping to add two points to the score, senior Marius Wiggins also known as "SLIM" shoots his foul shots. "I feel really well about playing on the team my last year in high school. Even though we didn't do as well as I thought we would." he said. Marius plans to continue playing basketball as he enters into college this coming fall.

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