



The Reality Of a Dream

For the last two years the varsity girls' basketball team had finished an even .500. In pre-season, Coach Marsha Coe said more than anything she wanted the team to finish with a winning record. "This was an expectation. The team knew they could do it," said Coach Coe. They did — and then some. The team posted a 14-5 overall record and a 9-4 conference record. This record placed the girls as a top seed in the conference tournament. The girls beat some of the lower seeded teams, including Stratford, and were finally placed against the second-seeded team: Wando. The Lady Bulldogs upset the Warriors. In other action in the tournament the Lady Greenwaves, the number one team, were upset by Berkeley. Thus the Bulldogs were pitted against the Stags for the conference title. The Lady Bulldogs beat the Lady Stags and won the conference. "This was only a dream; we knew we had the talent, but actually doing it was a different story," stated Coach Coe. This win assured the girls a bid to the State Playoffs. Unfortunately, the girls lost in the first round to

Conway. Coach Coe stated, "No one girl was the best on the team. Signaling one out would be impossible." She also said, "Different girls provided the necessary intensity at different times. It was totally a team effort."

Leading the team in scoring was Michelle Minton. Minton averaged 15 points a game and had an overall high of 27 points. Leatha Evens was the top rebounder with an average of 14 per game. This average placed Evens as a top rebounder in the conference. Lounell Sweat was also an outstanding rebounder for the Dogs. All three young women were selected to the second team All-Region.

With an outstanding season and young players such as Stacy Nesmith, who led the team in points, steals, and rebounding, the team expects equal success next year. Coach Coe has very high hopes for next season.



STANDING: Fredreka Ford, Beatrice Gurita, Rewa Haynes, Lawanda Aiken, Lounelle Sweat, Tarsha Campbell, Sonta Smalls, and Michelle Minton **KNEELING:** Terri Siders, Letha Evens, and Angie Elliot