



Winning

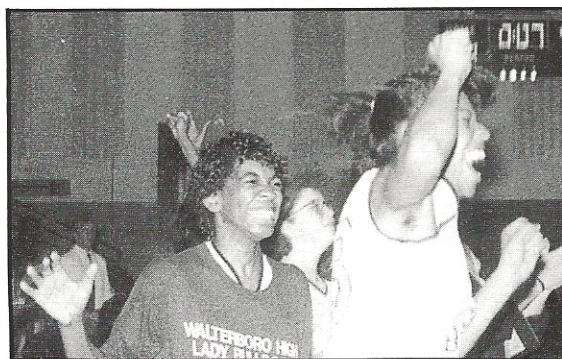
Becoming a Tradition

Over the past few years, the Lady Bulldog basketball program has begun building a winning tradition. Last year's team was no exception as it was probably the best ever. The Ladies finished with an impressive 20-4 record, the Region 6-AAAA regular season champs, and placed three players — Michelle Minton, Lounell Sweat, and Stacey Nesmith — along with Coach Marsha Coe, conference Coach of the Year, on the All-Region squad. Michelle was also chosen as the conference Player of the Year and as an All-State player. "It was a great honor to know that other people felt I had contributed enough to the team to be given such an honor," she commented.

The team, ranked high in pre-season polls, was expected by most to have a very successful season. The Ladies handled the hype well and responded by appearing invincible throughout most of the season. After an early loss, the team rebounded by winning all remaining regular season games except the last one. After being knocked out of the conference tournament in the second round, they prepared themselves for the state playoffs. In the second round, however, they were eliminated by a nationally ranked Hartsville squad on its way to the state title.

Coach Coe felt this was one of the best-all-around teams she had ever coached. She described them as "a great group of girls to work with. They did everything that was asked them and more." It was this work ethic that brought them state-wide respect and made WHS proud.

— Jason Dandridge



LISA MIDDLETON AND LA-JUANA ALLEN provide support while waiting for their chance to perform.



AFTER GRABBING a rebound, Valerie Gaston eyes the basket. Her aggressive play was a huge plus for the Ladies.