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mind games

"Who was the prophet blinded by the enraged Juno?"

"Name the number of sides of a dodecagon."

"Who posted the 95 theses on the church at Wittenburg?"

The correct answer to these and similar questions could win a student a slot on the Academic Team.

The A-Team was selected from a field of more than 200 students who were tested in September. The first competition of the year was the qualifying round of the Winthrop Challenge, a 30-minute weekly televised show pitting teams in South Carolina against one another. Next came the James Island Bowl where the team finished in the top half of the 30 schools competing. Irmo and Conway hosted bowls in the spring.

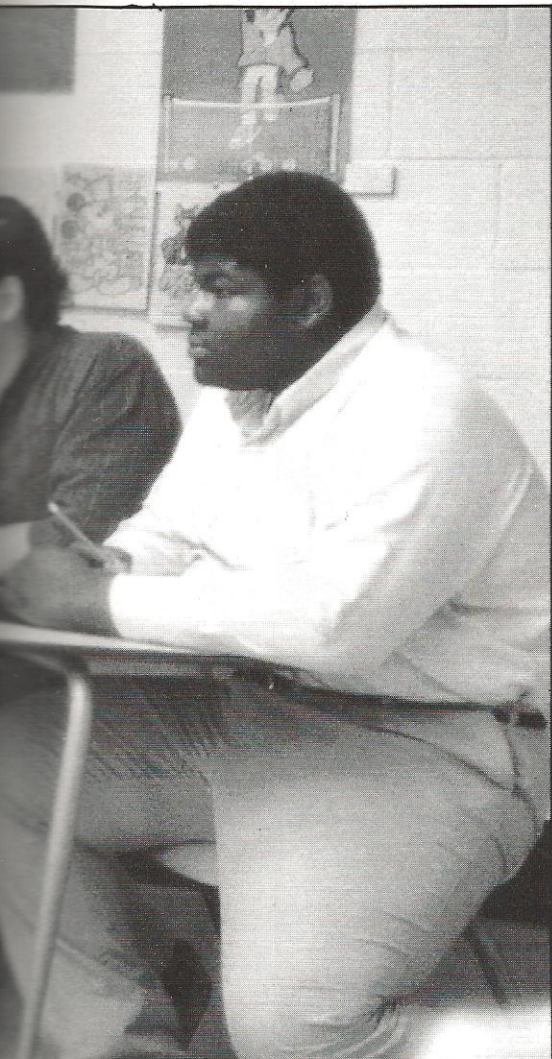
The team also competed in the Knowledge Master Open held twice a year. This competition ranks 1600 schools in the U.S. and Canada.

For the sixth consecutive year the team won the USC-Salkehatchie Bowl. Senior Donald Beliveau stated, "It's great to win. I'm going to miss the competitions next year."

The pairings saw WHS matched against some of the strongest schools in the state and against some smaller ones. Most competitions were double elimination with the opportunity to play at least four or five schools in one meet.

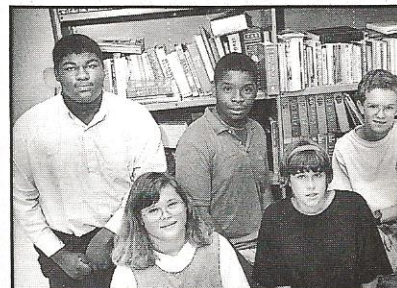
This dedicated team coached by Janis Blocker consisted of Captain Jeff Hughes, Co-captain Scott Schlessler, Jennifer Ferrari, Jason Dandridge, Angie Broach, Donald Beliveau, Mary Bass, Bucky Dyal, Tommy Duffie and Stacie Murray. The JV team included Matt McLaine, Marvin Tucker, Elizabeth Miller, Amy Harris and Wilmar Stephens.

— Roger Shepard



BUCKY DYAL, JEFF HUGHES, Donald Beliveau and Marvin Tucker reflect on a question calling for the capitols of African countries.

IN BETWEEN QUESTIONS Stacie Murray, Mary Bass, Jeff Hughes and Bucky Dyal converse with one another. Players were allowed to talk only at certain times.



J.V. TEAM MEMBERS Marvin Tucker, Wilmar Stephens, Matt McLaine, Elizabeth Miller and Amy Harris.