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## *The Hoop*

For the boys' varsity basketball team this was a year of re-organization. The season started off with a new coach, Benjamin Mitchell. Coach Mitchell took over the reins as coach after the departure of former coach, Ace Collins.

The team started the year off with high hopes. The team won its first game against Ruffin by a twelve-point margin.

"We are just trying to stay competitive this season, but it would be nice to win," said Coach Mitchell.

As the season progressed, the Dogs were hit hard after losing five key players because of personal and

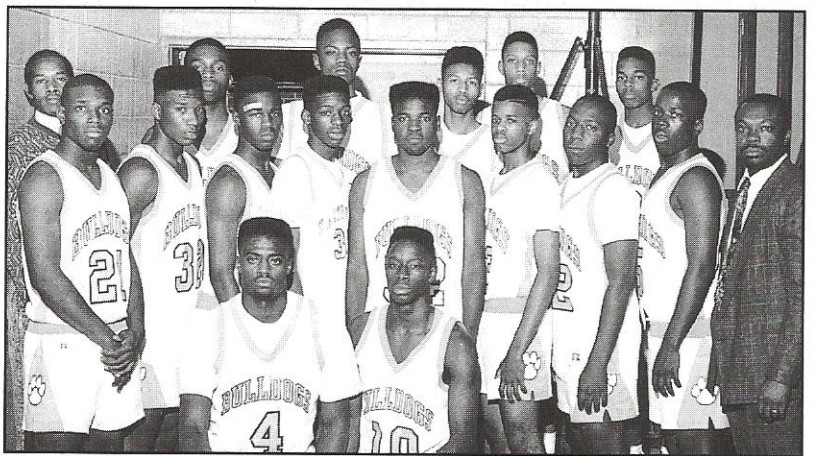
discipline problems.

"At the beginning of the year we argued a lot, but after the bad players were gone, we pulled together," team member Gianni Garrett said.

Even though this loss of team members left a dent in the team's line-up, Coach Mitchell's coaching prowess along with the athletic ability of players like Anthony Womble, Jay Davis, Thomas Shyder, and Gianni Garrett produced a mediocre season for the team.

"The team suffered its ups and downs, but it survived," Coach Mitchell said.

— Spencer Bodison



**KNEELING:** Gianni Garrett, Anthony Womble **SECOND ROW:** Jay Davis, Thomas Shyder, Benji Jakes, Hoshimen Brown, Chuck Hollings, Kenneth

**Bryant, John Singeltary, Perry Smalls, Coach Benjamin Mitchell BACK ROW:** Thomas Burgess, Derrick Holmes, Jerrod Taylor, Brian Pinkney