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For the boys' varsity basketball team, this year was one of reorganization. Although the team did finish the season with a 9-12 record, two-year Coach Benjamin Mitchell said, "We have exceeded everyone's expectations, even our own."

The team started off the year with high hopes. It won its first game over Ruffin by a ten-point margin. The Dogs then faced a number of Region 6-AAAA teams that were supposed to destroy them. At the end of these games, the Dogs had the last word.

"We are just trying to stay competitive, but it would be awfully nice to keep winning," said Coach Ben Mitchell.

The team was sticking together both on and off the court. On the court, the Dogs played as a team and did not take any one team for granted. Off the court, the team members attended church together every Sunday.

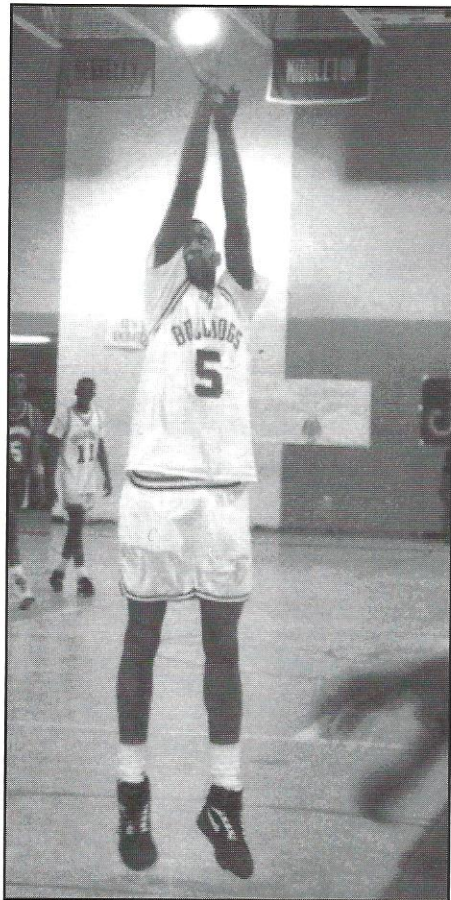
As the season progressed, the Dogs' were hit hard as the players began to lose concentration at crucial times in games.

"At the beginning of the year we played as a team and had some success, but as we got more into the season, we stopped playing as a team and lost a lot of games," said junior Hoshimen Brown.

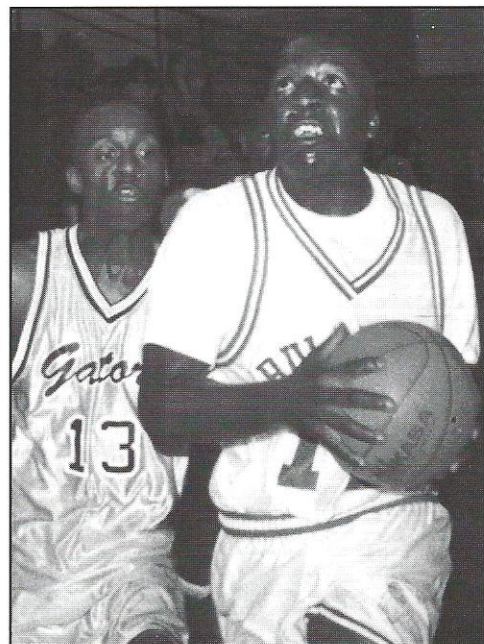
Members of the team felt that the reason they had a better record than last year's teams was because they played as a team and not as individuals on the court.

"When we got on the court," said senior Jarrod Taylor, "we put all of our differences aside and fought hard. If a person was upset with a teammate, he didn't show it on the ball court."

Even though the team had its share of ups and downs, "we survived," said Coach Mitchell.



Seniors Kenny Bryant, Kenny Koger, Jarrod Taylor and junior Hoshimen Brown block out the players from Ruffin High. Jarrod received a scholarship to play basketball for Limestone College.



Driving to the hoop is senior John Singletary. John was a member of the varsity basketball team last season.

Shooting a free throw is senior Jarrod Taylor. Jarrod averaged 16 points and seven steals for the season.