

HOOPING ALONG

Although the girls' varsity basketball team finished the season with a 5-16 record, the season was not a disaster. Having lost almost the entire team to graduation last year, the team was just trying to regain the confidence and dominance it displayed during the 1989-1991 seasons.

After losing the first seven games, the team finally won its first game of the season over the Razorbacks of Middleton 49-40. The team then won two of the next three games only to go on another "tear" and lose the next four. Even with these losses, the team members remained optimistic.

"We were beginning to doubt our abilities," said sophomore Dee Cobbs. "We had pretty decent practices and even pretty decent games until we let up and let the other team come back. Most of us never stopped fighting."

Many of the current members who played on past teams only wanted one thing from this year's team: to display the "arrogance" that characterized their play during the 1989 and 1990 seasons.

"I was just hoping for us not to play tentatively," said senior Natasha Williams. "Even though we probably would not have won all of our games, we could have done a lot better by playing

confidently."

Marsha Coe, the varsity girls' head coach, agreed that the team experienced its ups and downs, but the season was a satisfactory one.

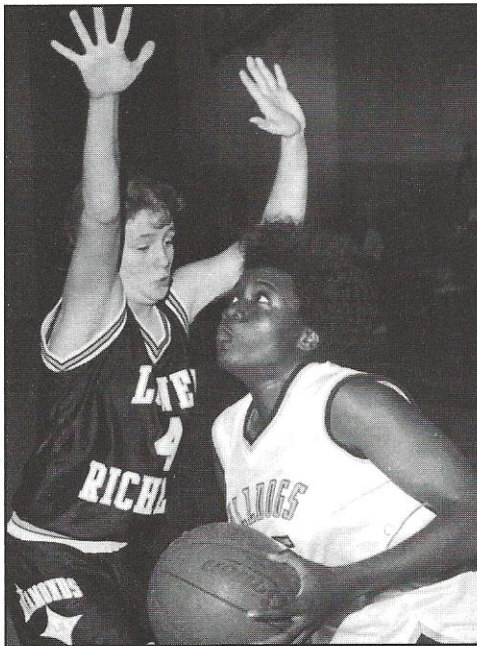
"Coach Coe worked hard with the team and made us work hard," said senior Stacy Nesmith. "She is a great basketball coach. When we lost, she told us what we did that made us lose, and then she would help us correct our mistakes."

The team ended the season by winning only two of last six games and losing the final game to the Berkeley Stags 56-34. Even though they did not have much success in the record books, they did not feel that the season was a waste.

"The team gets better every year," said senior Natasha Williams. "Even though the scores did not show it, this year's experience was better for me than last year's."

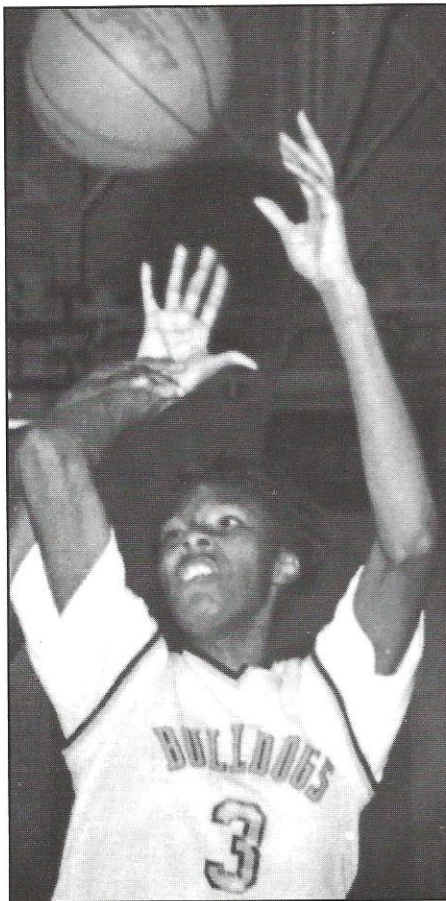
"We played hard and tried our best," said Coach Coe. "That is all that can be expected of a team."

—Michael Verner



Eyeing the hoop against her Lower Richland opponent is sophomore Dee Cobbs. Dee was a member of the clarinet section in the Band of Blue.

Senior Stacy Nesmith gets fouled as she attempts a jump shot. Stacy was a three-time All-Region selection and co-captain of the team.



Sophomores Dee Cobbs and Erica Holmes try to steal the ball from their Ruffin opponent. Dee and Erica are two of only three sophomores on the varsity team.

