

Above the Rim

Varsity Boys Win Region Championship

It may have taken a few years to accomplish, but the varsity boys' basketball team finally proved that they were indeed championship material.

Utilizing fierce determination and a number of outstanding performances, the Bulldogs claimed the Region 6-AAAA Conference Championship for the first time ever. All of the team members and coaches felt a great deal of jubilation when it became apparent that they had indeed won the title.

"Our 15-5 record last year was great, but I knew that we had the potential to take it a step further this year," said Senior Andrew Perry. "When we finally won the conference, it was an unbelievable feeling!"

From the moment the team started practicing early in November, the players felt that they had a very strong chance to win the championship. Even when they had their occasional losses, they remained focused on playing well and reaching their goal.



Pass Me the Ball! While Junior Carlos Sweat calls for the ball, Senior Andrew Perry tries to get around his opponent. The Bulldogs went on to win the game against Burke.

Victories over such region foes as Burke, Berkeley, Goose Creek, Wando, and Georgetown gave the Bulldogs momentum and direction. Finally, a victory over rival Summerville in the last regular-season game ensured the team of its first championship.

"Beating Summerville was just like the icing on the cake," said Junior Chris Harrison. "I can't think of a better way to end the season."

Even though the Bulldogs were defeated in the first round of the playoffs, the team found that winning the conference championship was just as sweet.

"I am extremely proud of this team," said Coach Ben Mitchell, who won the Region 6-AAAA Coach of the Year Award. "Winning the conference title was definitely a dream come true both for myself and for the team."

The Junior Varsity team had a spectacular season of their own. After posting impressive victories over Region foes Summerville, Berkeley, and Wando, the team finished the season with a 13-3 record.

"All the guys really played their hearts out, and I think our record shows it," said Coach Brian Strickland. "Their ability to play as a team was definitely one of the key factors in our victories."

Junior Varsity Scoreboard

WHS	Opponent	
38	Burke	35
43	Wando	41
44	Berkeley	42
42	Stratford	44
39	Goose Creek	36
44	Summerville	35
34	Burke	37
49	Wando	44
46	Berkeley	37
44	Stratford	33
42	Goose Creek	31
47	Summerville	49



Varsity Players. Standing: Coach Ben Mitchell, C. Harrison, R. Stanfield, T. Shider, M. Salley, C. Grant, A. Perry, C. Waymar, C. Sweat, Coach Ron Youmans, Assistant Tripp Padgett. Kneeling: C. Brown, J. Fishburne, A. Brown, J. Smalls. Not pictured: T. McClennon.

