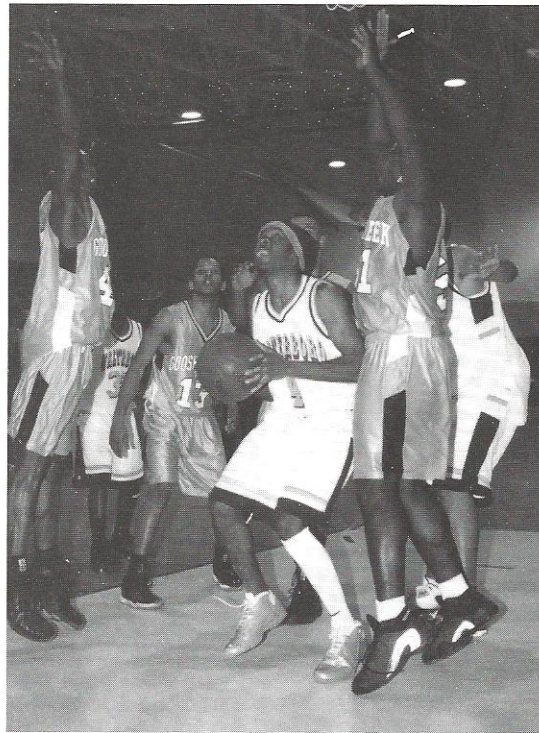


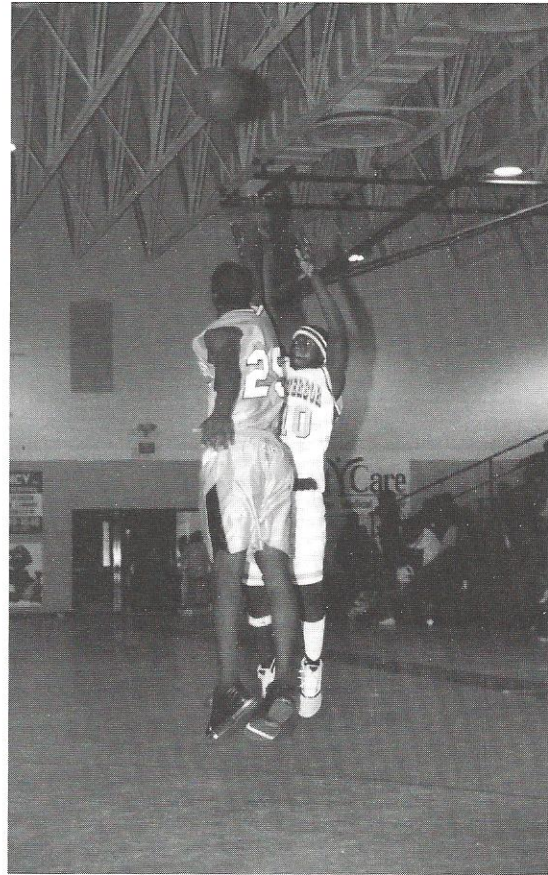


**Going for the glory.** Running furiously down court, senior **Toni Brothers** attempts a lay-up, so he can increase his teams points by two. "I've played basketball all my life and feel passionate about," Toni said.

**Going for the goal.** With opponents on all sides, senior **Ryan Frazier** attempts to sink a basket. "I feel that we have a strong team this year and think we will do well in this season," Ryan stated.



**Swish!** Attempting a three-pointer, senior **Eric Holmes** throws a shot that could differentiate between defeat and victory. The ball flew through the air, which sent the entire crowd into a suspenseful silence.



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**b**uzz! The buzzer signaled the start of yet another exciting varsity basketball game. Five players rushed onto the shiny, freshly waxed floor to give 100 percent of their skills, in order to produce yet another victory for the team. The players practiced six days a week and even on weekends to fine-tune each individual's talents. "Practice gets old after awhile, but the team understands that it's all done for the good of the whole," senior **Chris Washington** said. During practice, several drills were performed, such as figure eights and scrimmages.

Many of the team's players grew up around the game. Senior **Ryan Frasier** said, "I was first exposed to the game in fourth grade and

had an immediate attraction to it." Since all the players grew up around the game, each had his own kind of warm-up technique, such as turning the lights off and listening to music. This helped the players to prepare for a suspenseful game.

"I really see a big improvement in the players this season. I think that we are much better equipped this year, senior **Ryan Frasier** said, "The boys have really impressed me."

Although seasons in the past have sometimes been rough, the future looked bright. As they prepared to start a new team with the players from Ruffin, they boys looked forward to the combination of talents.

-Brad Peurifoy