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Slam Dunk

The clock rapidly ran down as the players on the varsity girls team put in some last minute effort preparing to seal a win against another opponent. On the court the girls were highly motivated and highly competitive. They practiced all during the week to improve on their weaknesses and strengthen their already strong defense. "We practice hard. Sometimes after practices I am so tired I could just drop, but it is all worth it because it pays off when we win" junior **Tonique Fraser** said.

Practices started long before the season started, preparing the girls for the season to come and getting them back and

shape. "Although I played volleyball at the beginning of the year I was still a little out of shape. The practices helped get me back where I needed to be, so that I could stay competitive," junior **Shanese Middleton** said.

Game days were hectic for the players. They came to the gym early to change and warm up. Before games they would have pep talks in the locker room, some players even had pregame rituals. "Before every game I pray for strength and I pray that we will all be safe on the court," junior **Farien Singleton**.

As the game drew nearer the players

ran out onto the court while the stands erupted with loud applause and cheering. The players finally took the court and the game began. They raced up and down the court as the crowd followed their every move. "The game is so fast paced that sometimes we don't even notice the fans, but we are glad that they are there because they give us a lot of support," said junior **Samantha Doubleday**.

The girls went at a furious pace for the next four quarters. When the final bell rung the girls would leave the court to the cheers of the fans, who were proud of what the players had accomplished.

-Amanda Lucas



Pass it. Looking for a teammate to throw the ball to, junior **Ashley Pinckney** tries to anticipate her opponents' next move. "It is important to keep your eyes open during the game," Ashley said.

Rumble! Fighting furiously to keep the ball, junior **Natasha Ferguson** defends herself against two Beaufort players. Basketball was a full contact sport.

