



Freshman Andy Anderson carefully takes the ball down the court to avoid the Fairfield defender from stealing the ball.

Junior varsity coach Doug Gausmann gives his players a pep talk encouraging them to play their hardest during the remaining seven minutes.



IMPROVEMENT SHOWN THROUGHOUT

The sophomore team improve during the season along with the freshman teams who compile winning records

“Go Hard or Go Home” was the theme of the freshman green, freshman gold, and sophomore

basketball teams this season. This motto helped push the players to play their hardest and also to earn the freshman teams winning seasons.

Although the sophomore team ended with a record of 7-12, the players were still pleased with their season. “I was pleased with everyone’s playing and attitude even when the season wasn’t going well,” said sophomore Ryan Williams. “I think everyone on the team worked hard and improved. As a result, we were able to compete with the hardest teams in the city.”

Sophomore Clay Kuhnell agreed with Williams. “Our organization and team playing led to our victories over some tough opponents,” he commented.

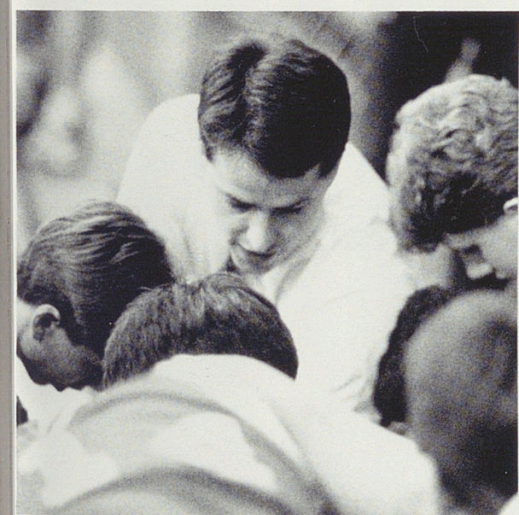
When asked who the key players of the team were, both Williams and Kuhnell stated that they couldn’t have had the success that they did without the help of each player. “Each player contributed in his own way to the team,” said Kuhnell. “We couldn’t have won the games we did without each other’s help.”

“Although we got off to a slow start,” said freshman green basketball coach Randy Lothrop, “we ended with a record of nine wins and seven losses. The highlight of the season was winning eight of the last ten regular season games. Another highlight was beating a very talented Milford team at Milford in overtime. We accomplished these goals with the help of Geoff Grendel and Eyad Abusway. They were key players all season.”

Coach Jim Smanik of the freshman gold basketball team was also pleased with his player’s performances. They also came on strong at the end, by winning five of their last seven games. “Our toughest win came against a very good Sycamore green team,” commented Smanik. “The rivalry helped push the players to win.”

Other highlights of the freshman gold season were beating Mt. Healthy in the first round of the tournament, holding Northwest to four points in the first half, and beating a tough Garfield team. “I kept telling the players, ‘We’ll win as a team and we’ll lose as a team,’” said Smanik.

by Catie Fienning



Sophomore Ryan Taylor pivots around trying to find an open teammate to pass the ball to as a Lemon-Monroe defender comes towards him.

Freshman coach Randy Lothrop and members of the freshman team discuss a strategy with the team during a time out.

