

Balling it up with friends

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Intramurals were back and continued to be a success. There was a competitive league and a couch potato league. Team Blazin' won the competitive tournament; they went undefeated throughout the whole tournament.

As the game came down to the final second, the Spangler Soldiers could not rebound their ball. Blazin' drove down the court, winning the game by two. In the end, it was a tough game between Blazin' and the Spangler Soldiers.

"I carried the Spangler Soldiers, but not far enough," said **Brian Knodle, 12**.

As for the couch potato league, it came out to be between Fists of Fury and the Flying Penguins. Fists of Fury pulled through in the last game to win it all for the couch potatoes.

"The competitive teams proved that it was competitive. For us guys who used to play Sycamore hoops, we found out quickly that these kids play hard," said **David Bortz, 11**.

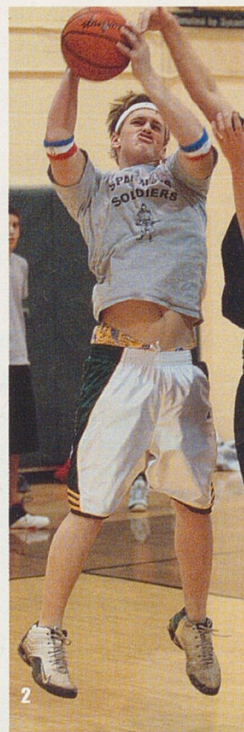
Another reason students enjoyed intramurals was because they could spend time with friends.

"It was a great bonding experience because you get to create your own name and can even have the choice to make your own jerseys. Our team name was Dirty Pop and we had sweet N*Sync jerseys. It was by far the best out there," said **Christy Miller, 11**.

Overall, intramurals proved to be a big hit once again.



1. Kyle Dolan, 11, shoots the game winning shot. "The competition was fierce this year, but with many teams losing good players due to graduation, the Bee Jays are widely considered favorites for the year 2008," said Dolan. **2. Thomas Stoughton, 12, goes for the shot during the intramural game.** In the competitive league the boys took it seriously trying to be named the champions. **3. Dante Johnson, 11, grabs the rebound.** "It was a very successful season but it could have gone better, there is always next year to be the champions," said Johnson.



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"Often our most recognizable talents are the ones we don't display."

-Dante Johnson, 11

"Even in the couch potato league people took it seriously. It's hard playing against a ton of guys."

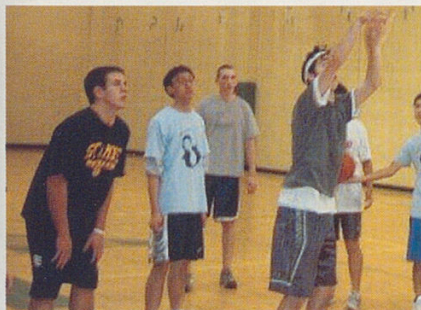
- Lissa Amin, 11



Alden Olverson, 11 and **Chris Korte, 11**, reach for the ball during a game. **Olverson** was one of the great players on the winning competitive team. "It was a great season," said **Olverson**.

Competitive Winners: The Blazing Giants

- *Sam Bedford, 12
- *Alden Olverson, 11
- *Travis Tynan, 12
- *Nicholas White, 11
- *Sean-Lenzie Goins, 12
- *Rodney Thompson, 11
- *Jordan Pouncey, 11



Two teams compete in the final night of the tournament. **Allison Bell, 12**, and **Corey Schwartz, 12**, play defense for their team. Teams played about six mini games during one night.

Couch Potato Winners: Fist Of Fury

- *Adam Aleksa, 12
- *Will Eckert, 12
- *Misha Mitsnifes, 12
- *Gus Klofta, 10
- *George Benson, 12
- *David DeBruine, 11

Teammates from the winning couch potato league get together to form a plan. The Fists of Fury had a great season taking the championship. They beat The Flying Penguins in the final game.



Everyone waits in anticipation as **Carl Bernstein, 12**, shoots a free throw. **Bernstein** received support from his team as they surround him. Teamwork was a very important aspect of intramurals.

