

## BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

# ON THE RISE!!!

With the start of each season, a team faces new challenges. For the boys' varsity basketball team, their biggest challenge was playing in a new league. At the beginning of the 1989-1990 season, Sycamore entered the Greater Miami Conference. With several perennial powerhouses such as Princeton, Hamilton, Middletown, competing in the GMC proved to be a difficult task for the inexperienced Aviators.

A good example of the competition was seen in the Aves' last regular season game. Coach Bob Velten took his team into a noisy Milford gym. Earlier in the season, Sycamore had triumphed over the Eagles, 54-49, but the competition had improved with an equally tough GMC schedule. The Aviators struggled early and their comeback fell short as the visitors lost, 68-39.

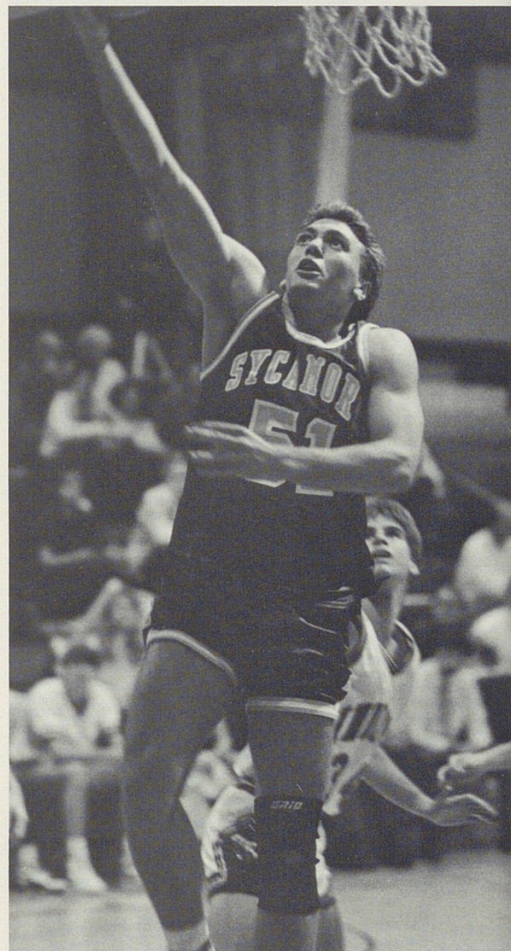
After the loss to Milford, Sycamore moved on to the first round of the sectional playoffs. All the team's seniors would play their last game as the Aves bowed to Lakota, 64-53.

The team would therefore end their season at 4-17, with a 1-13 record in the GMC. Coach Velten did acknowledge that last Milford game as the lowest point of the season and he stated, "We will be more competitive next year with much more experience." Velten also agreed that the GMC was a very difficult league to play in.

Despite the disappointing finish, the season was not complete loss. There were several standouts for the Aves and potential was seen for next season. Velten said Rob Ford "had a good senior year in a difficult situation," and was named Mr. Aviator. Juniors received several honors including David Moss, the team's Most Valuable Player, and John Taylor, named Most Improved. With several returning players for next year, the Aves look to improve their record and be more competitive next year.

by Mike Taub

Chris Bode drives through the lane for the lay-up.



John Taylor drives hard to the basket in an attempt to score two points over a tough Lakota team.

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	SHS	Opp.
Lakota	48	56
Indian Hill	53	44
Hamilton	42	72
Walnut Hills	53	59
Middletown	46	48
Centerville	40	35
Norwood	60	55
Lima	58	71
Princeton	43	57
Milford	54	49
Lakota	44	60
Fairfield	48	57
Hamilton	38	64
Middletown	58	79
Fairfield	43	53
Lima	49	77
Forest Park	69	72
Princeton	59	83
Moeller	49	66
Milford	39	68
Lakota	53	64
Totals	4W-17L	



Row 1: John Long, Matt Dalton, Jason Phelps, Mike Figgins, Matt Mairn. Row 2: Jason Singh, Scott Bogner, David Moss, Josh Housh. Row 3: Coach Gausmann, Chris Bode, Rob Ford, Andy Harte, John Taylor, Coach Velten.