

CREATING BROTHERHOOD THROUGH TEAMWORK

Constructing bridges, building bonds

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The JV team started off the year with four wins in a row. Starting off the season right was attributed to their impeccable rebounding on the offensive boards. They managed to out score their opponents 466-432 in their first ten games.

"Our season was definitely an exciting one as most of our games came down to the final minutes. The young men worked extremely hard all season and fought day in and day out to improve as individuals and as a team. It was a pleasure to be their coach," said **Coach Brooks Posta**.

The sophomore team managed to play hard through all their games with their heads held high. They showed pride in themselves and in the school by not giving up on the team or each other.

"We never really stopped trying," said **Kevin Steiner, 10**.

It all came down to February 17. The sophomore team was set to play the number one seed in their division, Lakota West, as their final game of the season. Each one of the basketball teams had suffered defeats to West. That was, until the sophomores defeated the Firebirds, 52-47. They were one of two teams that beat Lakota West all season.

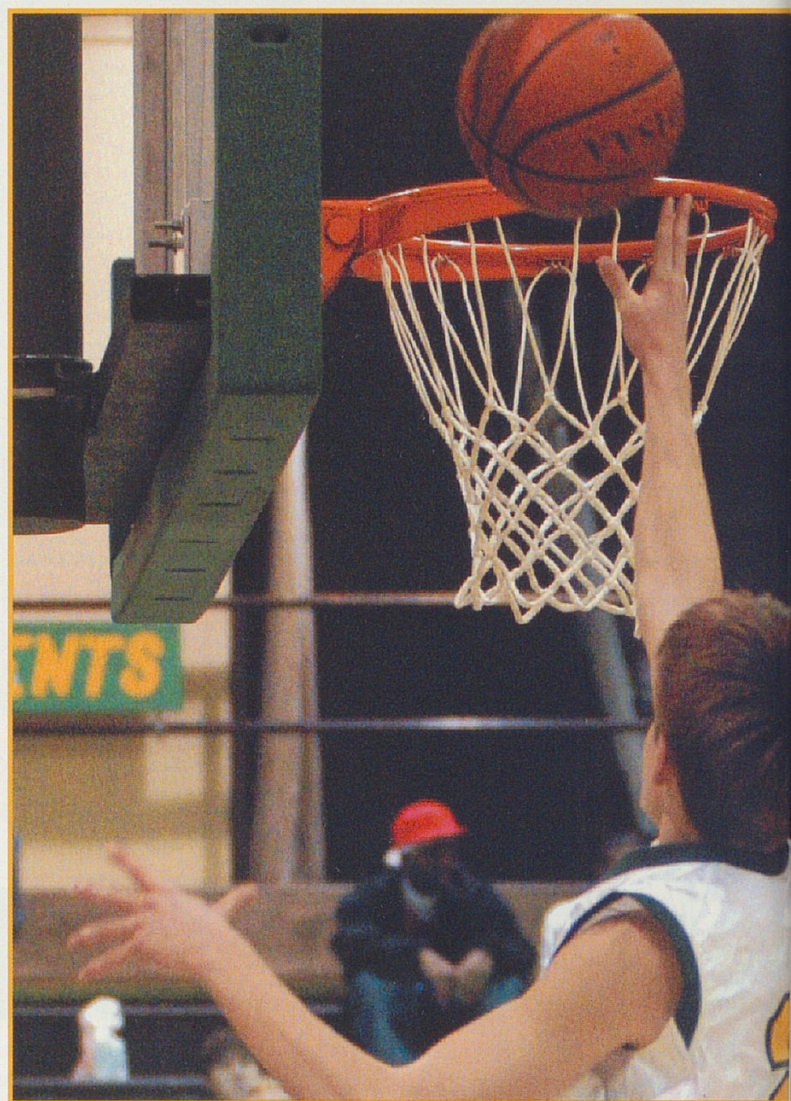
The JV team faced a different kind of struggle: bonding. With two juniors, seven sophomores, and three freshmen, the JV team was a very diverse group of young men. They all pulled through together, and ended with a winning record.

"I looked up to the juniors Stephen Caudill and Jack Pryzwara for mental support coming into the season," said **Steve Hull, 9**.

The sophomores all bonded and it showed in their four games in which it came down to the final few shots. Their teamwork and camaraderie allowed them to fight in the final seconds.



Kevin Steiner, 10, lines up his shot. His concentration and focus took a calming effect on his teammates. Playing with a cool head let players see the open play.



Taylor Knowles, 10, puts the ball in the basket. He had one of the highest vertical jumps on the team. He was able to touch the rim, and as a sophomore, this was a big deal.



Row 1: Andrew Molnar, Kevin Steiner, Monsanta Martin, Joey Hiudt, D'shon Bell, Juniz Alcaiyaga, and Jeff Caudill. Row 2: David Bortz, Kyle Dolan, Adam Kozlove, Kris Korte, Brian Sensibaugh, and Nate Kroell.

SOPHOMORE BOYS BASKETBALL

Final Record: 1-17

Coaches Award Jordan Pouncey	Mason 30-40	Milford 58-24	Kettering Fairmont 32-46	Lakota East 35-40	Oak Hills 44-37	Kettering Fairmont 23-40	Milford 39-41	Mason 33-34	Princeton 40-51
	Fairfield 34-42	Princeton 41-65	Colerain 39-40	Lakota West 37-52	Middleton 35-48	Hamilton 43-53	Oak Hills 30-41	Fairfield 52-57	Lakota West 52-47