

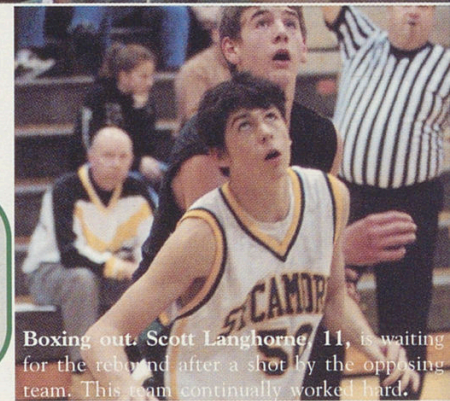
**Time out.** The guys huddle during a time-out to get some advice from the coaching staff. They take a quick break and then are ready to go.



**Ready to defend.** Jared Kagrise, 11, is intense on defense. Key defense, wins games.



**Pick it up.** Coach Stan Kanicki, is encouraging his team to step it up to the next level. With this encouragement, the guys get more aggressive.



**Boxing out.** Scott Langhorne, 11, is waiting for the rebound after a shot by the opposing team. This team continually worked hard.

**"The season was fun, I enjoyed playing with such a great group of guys who made not only basketball, but life fun for me,"**  
- Brad Konnerman, 11

## Striving to achieve Continuing to work

By Liz Tracy

**NEW GOALS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES.** The junior varsity basketball team worked hard and had a great outcome to the season. With a final record of 14-6, the guys had a lot of fun and also were very successful. This team had some tough games, but they continued to hustle and play as hard as they could and this helped them in the end.

"The best part of the season was after our win at Beavercreek. We finally came completely together and beat a good team," said **Sean Klonne, 11.**

With more fans coming to their games, the team was always pumped up and ready to play. The intensity in the gym helped them come out strong and ready to dominate on the court.

The team practiced after school everyday of the school week and a typical weekend for these players consisted of a Friday night game, Saturday shoot-around and Saturday night game. This means the team was together most of the time outside of the school hours.

"The opportunity to work with the students on a different



**Look for the pass.** Brad Konnerman, 11, is at the top of the key, looking for his team to pass the ball to. Being ready to pass helps move the ball around the court.

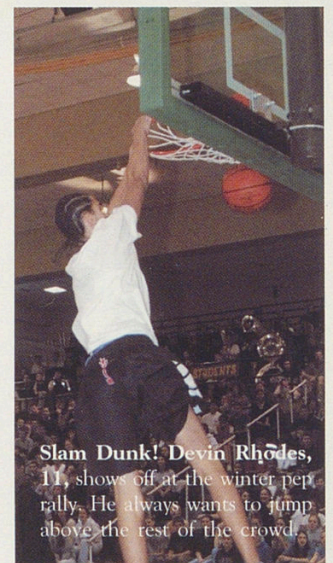
levels and try to push them beyond what they thought they could do would be the best part of coaching," said **Coach**

**Stan Kaniecki**, Head Coach.

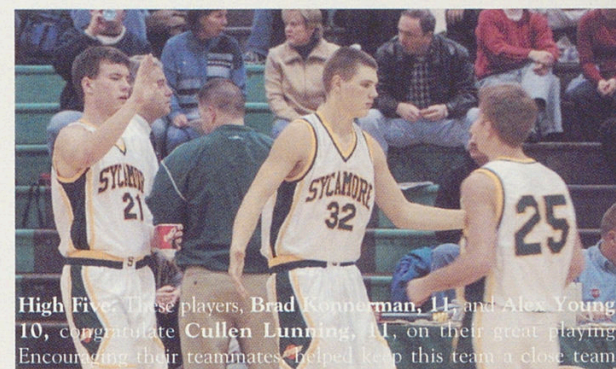
The players all worked hard in practices and in the games. The team's captains were **Cullen Luning, 11,** and **Brad Konnerman, 11.** They helped lead the team to a great season. With a variety of sophomores and juniors the guys bonded on and off the court. The boys had pasta parties on Thursday nights before their Friday games. Most of the team would stay together after Friday and Saturday games and have dinner together.

"I thought it was great that our team bonded because it helped us play a lot better on the court. It also made the season a lot of fun," said **Jared Kagrise, 11.**

This team was always ready to play as could be seen when you watched them play.



**Slam Dunk!** Devin Rhodes, 11, shows off at the winter pep rally. He always wants to jump above the rest of the crowd.



**High Five.** These players, Brad Konnerman, 11, and Alex Young, 10, congratulate Cullen Luning, 11, on their great playing. Encouraging their teammates helped keep this team a close team.

