

Focused. Andy Johnson, 10, was concentrating on the play that was run. As leader in assists, he was ready to pass the ball to his teammates.

NEW LEVEL OF COMPETITION. The sophomore basketball team continued to improve its skills everyday. From practices, to games, to bonding experiences, these guys were a tight-knit team with the same goals in mind. They were very proud of their finishing record of 19-2. Their only two losses were to Centerville, their first game, and Princeton, their second to last game. Their GMC record was 15-1.

"When your record is 18-2 and you win 17 games in a row, the whole season is a highlight," said **Tim Spangler**, Head Coach.

The players selected the captains **Steve Kramer**, 10, and **AJ Donaldson**, 10.

"It feels good to know that my teammates see me

as a leader of the team," said **Steve Kramer**.

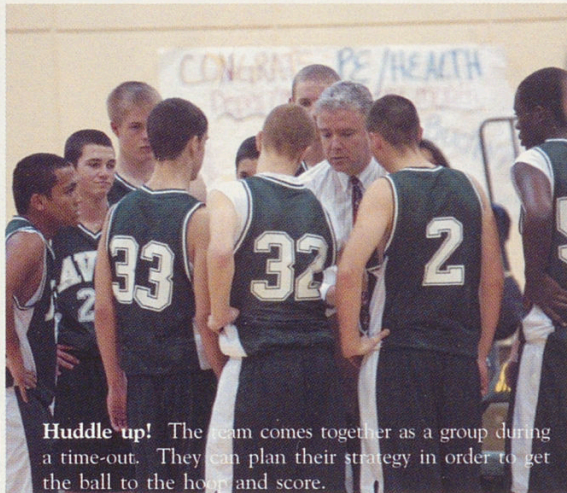
The success was due to their intense work as a team. They never let one player get down; they were always ready to help each other to continue to stay the "team" they were. This unity helped them be as successful as they were.

Their best win was over Princeton, the first time. The team was losing the first three quarters and came back in the fourth quarter to win by six.

With only one grade level on a team, it helped them a lot because many of them have played together in past years. This helped because so many of them knew how the others played.

"We worked well as a

team, we built a team on and off the court," said **Dom Buenaides**.



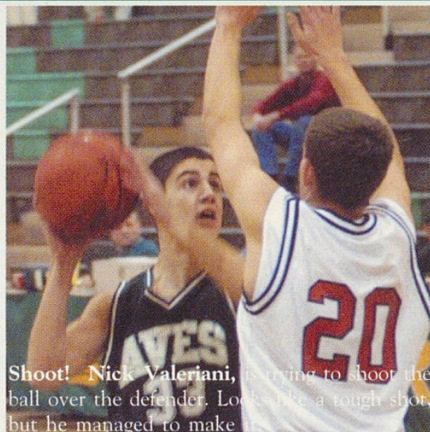
Huddle up! The team comes together as a group during a time-out. They can plan their strategy in order to get the ball to the hoop and score.

Moving up Making improvements

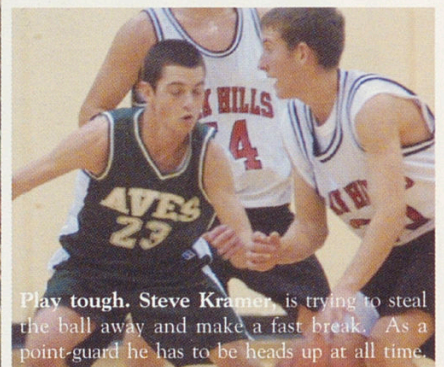
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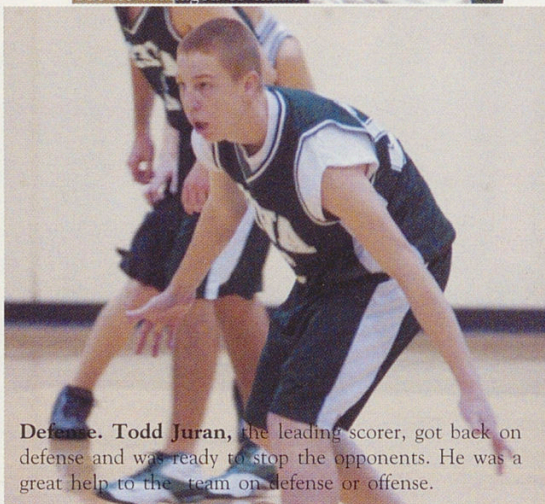
Above the rest. Sam O'Neil, jumps to make the shot. This player was an intense leader and had amazing jumps like this shot.



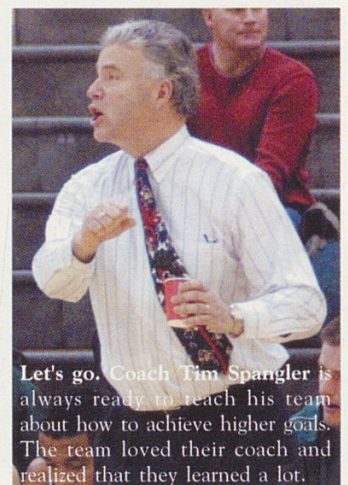
Shoot! Nick Valeriani, is trying to shoot the ball over the defender. Looks like a tough shot, but he managed to make it.



Play tough. Steve Kramer, is trying to steal the ball away and make a fast break. As a point-guard he has to be heads up at all time.



Defense. Todd Juran, the leading scorer, got back on defense and was ready to stop the opponents. He was a great help to the team on defense or offense.



Let's go. Coach Tim Spangler is always ready to reach his team about how to achieve higher goals. The team loved their coach and realized that they learned a lot.

It was great when we found out that we weren't going to have a stand-out player; everyone would have to work as a team,
- Andy Johnson, 10

