

**THE SEASON TOOK OFF WITH A BOOM WHEN THE FIRST GAME OF THE FRESHMAN GREEN BASKETBALL TEAM STARTED.** The team took off and beat Oak Hills by 20. But the boys met their match against Roger Bacon. The boys battled but were unable to catch up to the strong defensive team. The team continued through the month, playing basketball but lost games by only a few points.

After winter break, the boys came together to defeat Lakota East, which had already defeated them once before. The boys executed many of their new plays and played together as a team. The boys felt uplifted after a huge win.

The boys continued to work hard at practice and the hard work paid off as the team became a competitor in the Greater Miami Conference. At the end of the season the boys were playing competitive basketball till the last second of the game. They never gave up when the score wasn't going their way. The boys worked really hard. The boys finished with a 6-12 record.

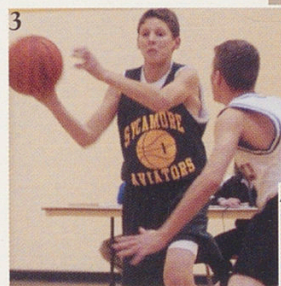
But winning wasn't everything to this team. The boys played together as a team, and played to have fun. Twelve boys performed on the team and all of them contributed in every way. **Robby Peters, 9,** and **Chris Grissom, 9,** dominated the court, in scoring and in rebounds. **Dean Hampton, 9,** along with **Joe O'Toole, 9,** played great defense. **Zach Mayer, 9,** and **Ryan Abitz, 9,** scored points.

"It was a great season, but it didn't turn out the way the team wanted it to," said Mayer.



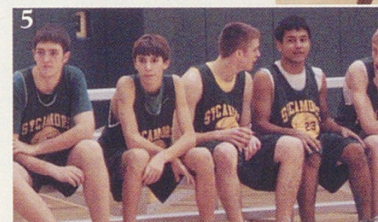
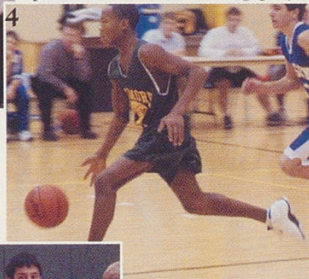
**1. Jump ball!** Adam Woll, 9, jumped for the tip off. The jump ball started the game and the object was to tip the ball to his teammates.

**2. Rush down the court!** Joe O'Toole, 9, played great defense through out the season. He scored 14 points against Oak Hills, playing power forward and center.



**4. The break away!** Avery Tyson, 9, ran to the basket for an easy lay up. Tyson scored 2 points.

**3. Pass to me!** Joey O'Gara, 9, looked for an open teammate. O'Gara hoped the pass would lead to a big play.

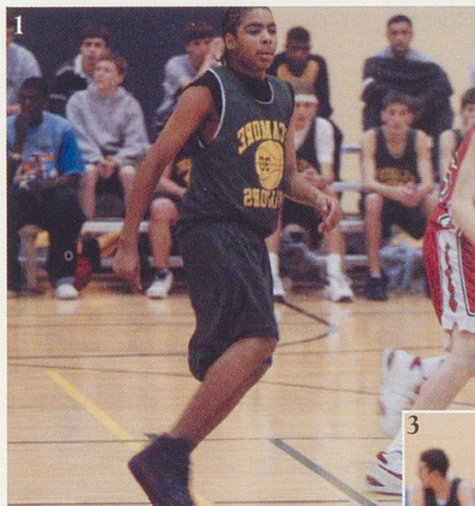


**5. The gold basketball team cheers on their team to a victory.** The boys watched eagerly for their chance to play. Go team!

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Magic happens when players work together

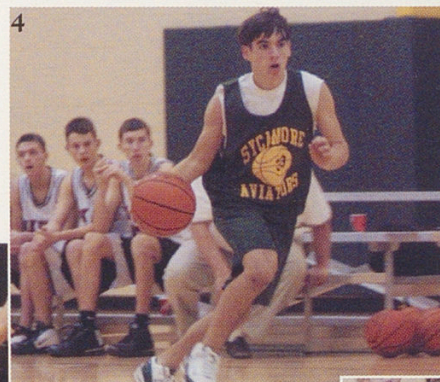
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*"I really enjoyed coaching this group of players. They worked extremely hard, and never got down or felt sorry for themselves when things didn't go their way. They continued to improve and came together as a team."*

**-Coach Rob Reis**

**1. Wide open!** Delfon Blair, 9, moved to make a play. Blair helped the green basketball team to a 6-12 record. Many games were very close and the team lost by a few points. **3. Put on the pressure!** Avery Tyson, 9, and Darryl Dyer, 9, double teamed a Fairfield player. Working together was the key to winning games.



**4. Going for the basket is Dean Hampton.** Hampton played for the green team. The green basketball team opened up their season with a win against Oak Hills but then were defeated by Roger Bacon.

**2. I'm open!** I'm open! Robbie Faulkner looked for the open man. Faulkner hoped to avoid having the ball stolen.



**5. Boxed out!** David Broxterman boxed out a Fairfield player trying to get the rebound. Broxterman played power forward. He kept the back court clean of basketballs, preventing the other team from scoring.

