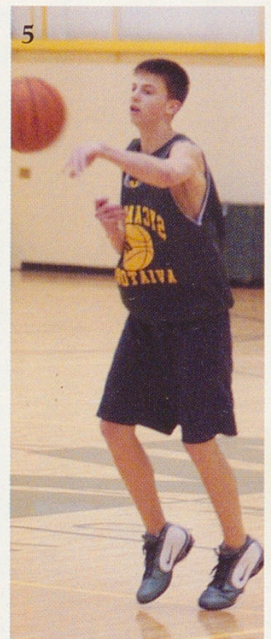
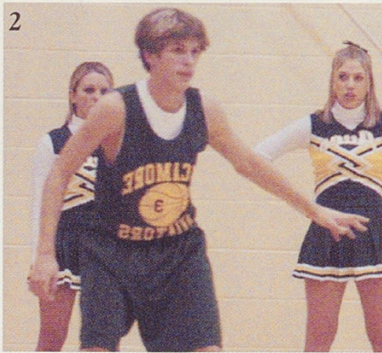




1. **Swoosh!** Chris Grissom lead the Aves with 16 points against Oak Hills. Grissom was a diverse player. He was able to play defense as well as offense. 2. **Ready to play!** Guarding in the back court is **Brandon Vernon**. Vernon protected the back court from any unwanted visitors. 3. **Racing down the court!** Ritchie Clark made a get away to the basket. Clark dominated the court with 14 points against Lakota East.



5. **The top of the team!** Robby Peters averaged 16 points a game and 5 rebounds per game, making him the leading scorer and rebounded.



4. **No one gets by us!** Dean Hampton and Chris Grissom protected the back court. No one scored while they were on defense.



THREE... TWO... ONE. THE CROWD CHANTED AS THE CLOCK STROKED ZERO AND THE FRESHMAN GOLD TEAM CALLED OUT A WIN.

The boys beat Lakota East, who was the number three team in the post season tournament. The boys cheered and congratulated each other on the huge victory.

"It was amazing winning the first round tournament game. We were ranked 13 out of 16 teams and beat the number three team," said Alex Kapcar, 9.

Winning the game against Lakota East proved that they were better than their record said. The team won four games but lost many games by a few points. Loss after loss left the boys feeling down but they never gave up. The boys played with their hearts in the game at all times and accomplished their goals.

"The season was fun, despite the fact that we lost some games everyone was friends and just enjoyed playing basketball," said Nate Kaplan, 9.

As the season progressed, the boys improved. On December 21, the boys traveled to Walnut Hills. At Walnut Hills the boys worked together and put the ball in the hoop. The boys pulled off the victory, winning by over 25 points. Further into the season, the most exciting game took place. The boys met up with George Washington and rallied to win the game by one point.

"The games were action packed, full of great plays and players. Going to the games was fun, I liked to see my friends play," said Stuart Solomon, 9, a fan.

Towards the beginning of February, the season came to a close and the boys finished playing all the games. The season went fast and all that was left were the memories and the friendships made.



1. **Their eyes glued to the court!** Players waited for their moment in the sun. The green team cheered on their team while on the bench. 2. **Coaching for four years!** Coach Mike Hahn watches his team on the court. He has been coaching the gold team for four years and loved the excitement. 3. **Huddle Time!** The green team huddled before a game began. Coach Rob Reis gives a pep talk to rally the team.

