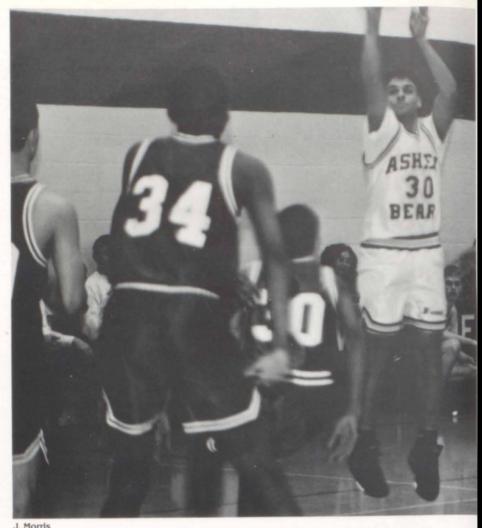
FACEII Larry Litwiller shoots over the top of a Burton Valley Christian defender. Larry averaged 13.1 points a game this season, and also gained First-Team All-Conference honors.

SWOOSH!! Dominic Lowe shoots for two as Marty Cartwright gets into rebound position. Dominic received Second-Team All-Conference and ended the season with 128 points.





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## SEASON TAKES A U-TURN, BEAR POWER SURPRISES ALL ASHLEY ENDS UP 14-8, LANDS SECOND PLACE IN MSAC

"I think we'll finish a couple games over 500," predicted Larry Litwiller, at the start of the 1993-94 basketball season. This was the mood of many of the team members as the basketball season opened this year.

In the first game against Breckenridge, Ashley was beaten, 49-61. This only served to upset the Bears and make them prepare even harder for their next game against Fowler. Ashley fell short again, 60-72.

However, something seemed to click after this loss. Their next game was against St. Louis, and they were determined to win this one. Dominic Lowe remembers, "I think the St. Louis game was the turning point of our season." Dominic was right; Ashley began winning games. As the season progressed, player strengths started emerging and even the newspapers started referring to Ashley as a team to be reckoned with.

The Bears went to the first game of districts facing the Beal City Aggies, a team which had beaten them earlier in the season. Ashley prevailed, 54-44. A few days later, they played the district finals. Fowler, their opponent, had rarely been beaten. Ashley came up short, 54-65. The Bears finished with a 14-8 record, second in the conference. Ellery Sosebee said, "I think once we gelled as a team, we did well and were a pretty good team."



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GET UP!! Marty Cartwright skies for a rebound against a Genesee player. Marty finished the season with 71 offensive rebounds and 139 defensive rebounds.

Joe Beracy