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Drive and desire

Drive. Determination. Defense. These three words describe the junior high basketball program exactly. Though they did not have a perfect record, both teams improved during the season. Seventh grader Brandon Beck said, "We were really excited when we won our game; it was the major highlight of our season. No one believed we could do it, so when we did, it really meant a lot." The eighth grade ended up with a 10-2 record and the seventh grade, 1-9.

But if you think winning was everything, you're wrong. Eighth grader Tim Bates, stated, "We all wanted to do well this year. We might not have won every game but sometimes you learn more from losing than from win-

ning, and it's that which gives you the drive to do better."

It was that spirit of both teams that led the Bear tribe to reach even greater heights than ever thought possible. But perhaps even more important than the wins they could mark on the wall, was the support from the fans that always led to a tidal wave of a rally.

If you were present at the Mt. Pleasant home game, you may recall the thunderous applause that echoed a shot made by James Easlick. James stated, "It was the best moment of my life!"

All these accomplishments are what makes the team a team and what will forever remind them that winning isn't everything.

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