

BIG DREAM

The boys' varsity basketball team had a special year and was willing to do whatever to achieve their dream.

-PATRICK YELSIK

The 2000-2001 boys' basketball team had high expectations going into the season, and the boys lived up to these expectations. The team finished the regular season with a 14-5 record and then bowed out to Fowler in the districts, who eventually made it to the state quarterfinals.

Commented **Jesse Diffin**, "We had a great year. We would have liked to have gone farther in the playoffs, but overall, we played good basketball."

"We had ups and downs, but I think the positives outweighed the negatives," said **James Polash**.

One negative was losing to league-rival Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart, which spelled doom for

the Bears' league-title hopes.

Remarked **Aaron Schulz**, "Losing to Sacred Heart was tough because we knew we were better than them and they are our rivals.

"The Sacred Heart game was probably one of our worst games as a team because we didn't play like we were capable of," commented **Aaron Grollimund**.

But there were very few dark times for the Bears.

"The win over Vestaburg was definitely our best game as a team because we played together and just played great," said Diffin.

"Beating Vestaburg was one of the high points of the year because we hate losing to t!

and we played one of our best games of the entire season," remarked Schulz.

After the regular season, the Bears were ready to go for the playoffs, where they ran into a tough Fowler team and were knocked out of the tournament, 58-52.

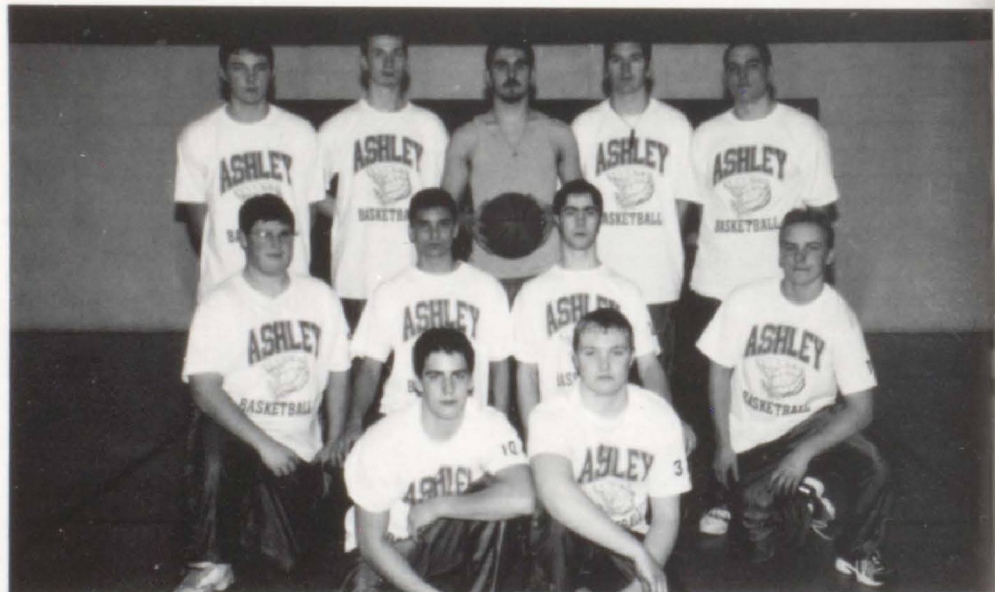
Stated Grollimund, "We were hoping to go far in the tournament, but we were in a tough district and we got beat by a very good team."

"The last game against Fowler was disappointing because even though we played pretty good, we lost. It was tough to swallow because it was the last game we seniors were ever going to play in," said Polash.



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EXCUSE ME! James Polash muscles his way to the basket as Josh Adams awaits the rebound. James averaged 8 points and 4.5 rebounds a game.



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VARSITY BASKETBALL First row: James Polash, Lucas Studd Middle row: Chris Reynolds, Patrick Yelsik, Aaron Grollimund, Brandon Beck

Back row: Jesse Diffin, Josh Adams, Tim Bates, Aaron Schulz, Joe Shaw.