

HAVIN' FUN

The boys' junior high basketball teams proved that basketball is about more than winning, it's really about the memories.

-JOE SHAW

"I learned that winning isn't everything," seventh grader **Louie Betts** stated about this year's basketball season. Coach **Jason Looman** remarked, "At the junior high level it is more about learning basketball skills... more than the win-loss record." The seventh grade team finished the season at 0-10; the eighth grade finished at 1-9.

Both teams, though, have a lot of memories about the season. Eighth grader **Brian Polash** stated, "I will never forget the last second half-court shot I made during the fourth quarter of the last game of the year." Seventh grader **Drew Shaw** said, "I will always

remember scoring fourteen points in a game against Walter French."

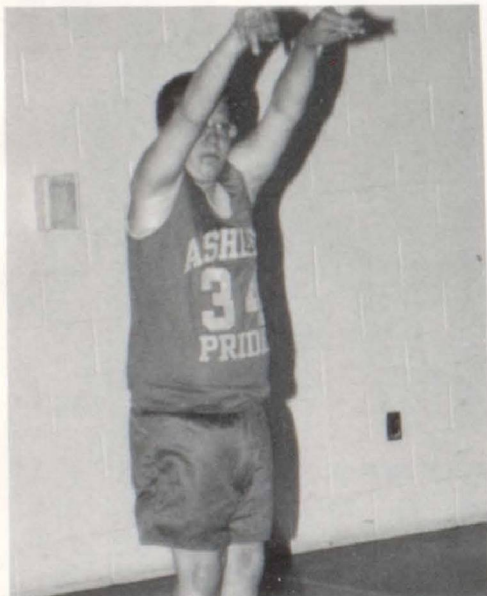
Polash added, "Fulton was definitely the best game we played this year because the first time we played them we got blown out, but the second time around we only lost by eight."

Seventh grade **Ryan Billings** commented, "Our best game was against Mount Pleasant Sacred Heat because we were pumped up and played as hard as we could." Betts remarked, "My favorite part of basketball was practice because I got to practice a lot on my shooting and my shot needed a lot of work." The junior high coaches

were Looman as the seventh grade coach and **Marvin Stoneman** as the eighth grade coach. Shaw stated, "I liked my coach this year, especially when we didn't have to practice hard."

Billings commented, "I liked coach Looman because he has played a lot of basketball before so he knew what he was doing." Polash admitted, he liked Coach Stoneman because he liked all the players and was fair to everybody.

Obviously, Coach Looman was right when he said that winning and losing isn't what junior high basketball is about. It is more about the single moments that happen.



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SWISH!! Seventh grader **Louis Betts** drills a jump shot against **Fulton**. Louis scored 60 points for the year.



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BOYS' SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL:
First row: **Derek Schestag, Drew Shaw, Danny Bates**

Second row: **Ryan Billings, Louis Betts, Zach Long.**