

Time Out

Coach Washington explains to the player what he needs to do. Photo by Coby Stevenson.



“In The Hoopla of Things”

The boys' varsity basketball team knew that they had a tough act to follow after Coach Pough led the varsity football team to a surprising 10-4 season. The varsity basketball team was ready to respond to the challenge whoe heartedly. They were rebuilding from top to bottom and trying to get out of the shadows of disappointing last season. With the new coach, Ezekiel Washington, the boys were ready for the “Quest for Victory”. The team started practice as early as August. They found it pretty easy just going over the basic fundamentals and the drills. However, easy was not on Coach Washington's plan in reaching the top. As the season crept closer, the more intense the practices got. Detrick Roseborough said, “Sometimes, it's like he's an animal. No mercy.” But it all payed off as the team won most of the scrimages by convincing margins, and then the season was on! The team started out as just a team. They really had no identity. But with each game, they saw their enormous depth and potential and began to develop “team chemistry”. The team was, however, plagued by injuries to key players. Coach Washington said, “The nagging foot problems of Corey Milton and James Walker slowed down our progress. The season ending injury to Trevor Mitchell didn't help either.” All in all the team pulled through. Coach Washington said, “Our season was no fairy tale, but I'm really proud of the improvements and the players that stepped up.” The Griffin season was a success if measured by team work and improvements. The season should be even better next year.



Row 1: Russell Ashford, James Walker, Darrell White, Robert McDuffie, Louis Craig; Row 2: Hakeem Akande, Deshawn Foster, Jason Watson, Trevor Mitchell, Edwartae Jordan; Row 3: Coach Almadover, Byron Woodard, Melvin Jones, William Clowney, Stephen Maple, Corey Milton, Coach Washington. Photo by Coby Stevenson.



“Get It!”

Stephen Maple quickly turns in an attempt to get the ball first.