

**B**asketball is a sport that teaches you how to work as a team along with experiencing the benefits of hard work. B-team included forth, fifth, sixth graders and was organized and coached by Coach Jason Haltiwanger. The B-teams played their games between varsity girls and boys' half times, after school, and on Saturday mornings. The B-team program is not just about winning and losing, but it gives the players a feel of what it is like to be on a team while learning the fundamental skills of the game.



**Holding on Tight.** Aryan Patel holds the ball tight as Emy Russell and Tyler Tanner try to steal it from him. From experience, the players learned to look for open teammates while on offense and to play aggressively on defense.

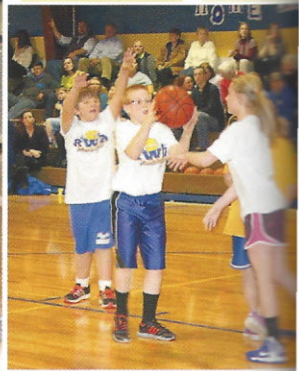
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**Break Away.** Dru Caldwell runs and dribbles to make a clear opening to drive past Tyler Tanner. Dru was one of his team's offensive threats.



**On the Run.** Emma Castles tries to get past Kaitlyn Thoma so she can score a point for her team. Kaitlyn kept a close eye and followed Emma while making sure she did not make it past her.



**Going for the Shot.** Brandon makes sure he has a clear shot at the basket. Teammate Hannah comes over to block out the shot trying to sneak in on him.

**Help!** Tyler Tanner tries to find an open teammate as he is closely guarded by Jennifer Haney. The players quickly learned to rely upon teammates when they got stranded in situations like this.

**Duke:** (l-r)  
**Kneeling:** Nate Moore, John Russell and Zach Taylor.  
**Standing:** Ansley Parker, Joey Sanchez, Gracie Atkerson, and Caleigh Caldwell.



**North Carolina:**  
**(l-r) Kneeling:** McKenzie Wilson and Kaitlyn Thoma.  
**Standing:** Aryan Patel, Noah Edwards, Hudson Wade, and Ryan Stillwell.