

# Washington High School

SECTIONAL CHAMPS



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Congratulations to the boys' basketball team for winning the sectional championship for the first time in 32 years. Way to go Bella, you made the "Countryside" boys proud. Oh, and Wayne, they were scared. Way to go Ced, Ed, Wayne, Mal, Bella, and the rest of the team as well. *Brian, Chad, Dan, Drew, Ed, Andy, and Ryan*

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# 32 Years of frustration



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# Determination

The boys' basketball team headed into sectionals with a lot of momentum. They came in with two impressive wins. One was over NIC champion Penn and the other was a thrashing of Michigan power, Brandywine.

Before the season began, many sports writers stated that the South Bend Sectional would come down to a showdown between the Washington Panthers and the Riley Wildcats.



Photo by Kelly Retick

The 1997 South Bend Sectional Champions:  
The Washington Panthers.

Washington had a dismal 4-7 record on the road, but had an "untouchable" 9-0 record at home.

"Home" is the key word in that sentence because "home", at the Great Western Forum is where the sectionals would be played.

"We had the attitude that nobody can beat us at home, and that is why we were confident going into sectionals," said Bella.

The team was haunted by the 32-year drought in between sectional championships.

The 1965 team led by brothers Floyd and Lloyd Kerr were the last team to cut down the nets for Washington High School.

"I don't think they worry about the past or the future," said Coach Milt Cooper prior to sectionals "What we have to focus on is the here and now."

The Panthers lost four of their last seven games of the season, which was nothing new to Cooper.

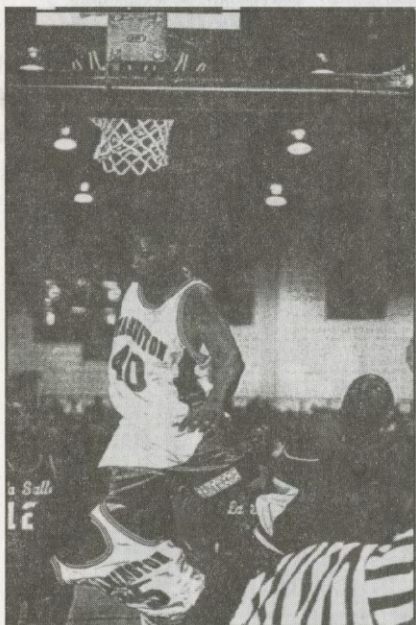
When Cooper's team went down state in Illinois, his team lost the last two games of the year.

Washington's first game in the sectional was against the Adams Eagles.

The Panthers stormed out of the locker room and took an impressive 26-11 lead at the end of the first quarter and led by as much as 20 during the game.

"We came out fired up and we had the attitude that nobody could beat us in our gym," said Henry.

The Eagles came storming back and cut into the lead. Adams hit more shots than the Panthers, but three-pointers kept



Courtesy of South Bend Tribune

Senior Cedric Moodie slams one down over teammate Mike Davis in the LaSalle game.

With a 16-7 record going into sectionals the Panthers were not nearly the dominant team that everyone expected in the pre-season.



Courtesy of South Bend Tribune

Senior Edmund Kyle goes up strong for a layup against Riley in the Sectional Final.

the Panthers ahead as they would move on to the sectional semi-final.

There they would face-off against "West-side rival," LaSalle.

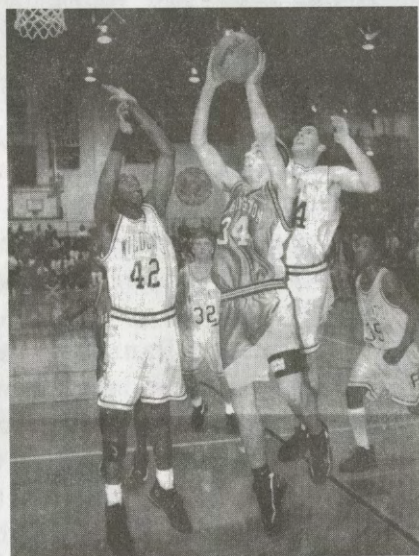


# wins '97 sectionals



**Athletic Director Pat Mackowiak hoists the sectional championship trophy toward the Panther fans.**

The last time these two teams met it came down to a controversial call in the final seconds and a tip-in by



**Senior Todd Bella goes up for two of his game-high 34 ppoints in the Sectional Final.**

William Avance with two seconds remaining won the game for the Panthers.

72-68.

With the LaSalle fans screaming, Bella lobbed the ball toward the rim to Moodie who threw down the alley-oop. This sparked a run for the Panthers that would put them in the sectional final.

With the lead five late in the game, Bella banged home his second three of the game to keep LaSalle back.

LaSalle came right back to cut the lead down to five again but Kyle's three-point play put the nail in the coffin.

The Panthers went on the win 87-79.

Kyle scored 27 and Moodie added 26 in the victory.

WHS was in the sectional final against the Riley Wildcats. The teams met twice before in the regular season, with Riley winning by on at Riley and the Panthers winning by one at Warsaw in the Holiday Tournament.

Washington bolted to a 26-12 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Panthers raced out to a 21-12 first quarter lead, but the Lions had the never-say-die attitude they needed in the sectional semi-final.

LaSalle cut the lead to four in the fourth quarter with the score

Bella hit a perfect 4-4 from behind the arc in the first quarter.

This lead, however, would not last long, as a 16-0 Riley run gave the Wildcats a 43-40 lead at the half.

Bella continued to shoot well in the second half and ended up with nine three pointers, breaking the South Bend Sectional record and ended up being just one short of the state record.



**Coach Milt Cooper cuts down the nets after the Sectional Final victory.**

Bella finished the game with a career-high 34 points.

All-state candidate, Cedric Moodie, ended with 27 of his own, while Avance and Henry added 14 and 11 respectively.

When the final buzzer sounded the crowd rushed the floor. 32 years of frustration was long forgotten as the Pride was truly back on the West Side.



# Unlikely hero saves day



Photo courtesy of South Bend Tribune

Senior Edmund Kyle simply said, "Get that shot out of here."

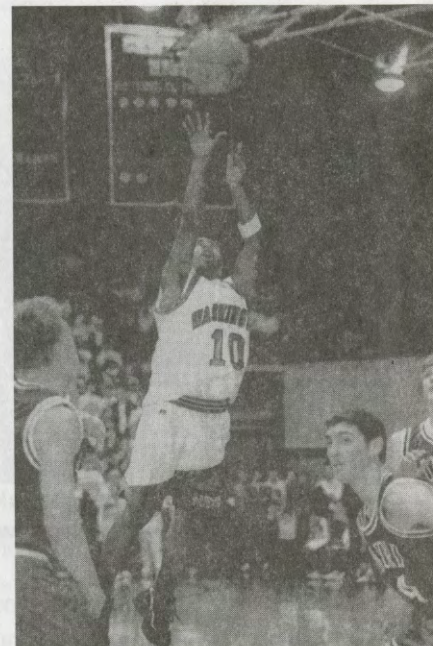


Photo courtesy of South Bend Tribune

Junior Jamal Henry drives the lane and hits a floater against the Minutemen.

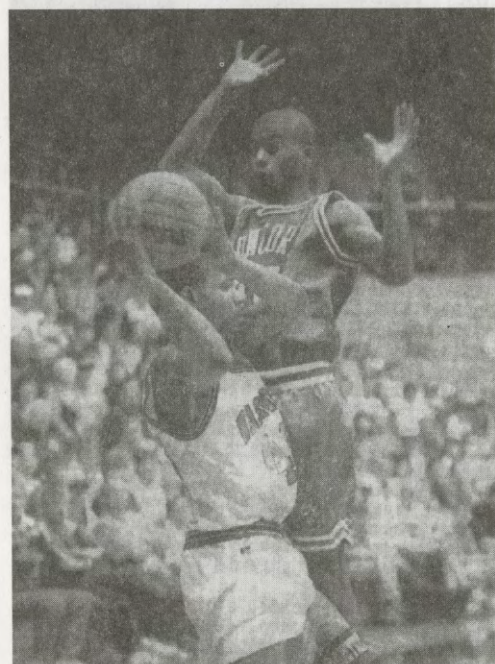


Photo courtesy of South Bend Tribune

Senior Cedric Moodie looks for a place to go against Concord star, Jeremy Gillespie.

Well, the Panthers extended their season one more week with three straight victories on their home court.

Winning at home was not the problem this season as the Panthers went undefeated in the Great Western Forum.

WHS would have to win in Elkhart's Northside Gym, where they were defeated earlier in the year by Elkhart Central.

They drew the red hot Concord Minutemen in the morning session.

The Minutemen were coming off wins against Elkhart Central and Penn.

Concord controlled the first three quarters of play, but the Panthers had a lot of fight left in them.

The Panthers were held to just 38 points in the first three quarters. The high-powered offense would not be held down for the entire game as they exploded for 28 in the fourth quarter alone.

"Concord played a 1-3-1 zone, and that was the first time we had seen it all year," said Coach Milt Cooper. "We had to figure it out and in the fourth quarter we did. We stole it from them. We had to."

Junior Reggie Malone ignited the Panthers with eight fourth quarter points. The seldom-used junior hit a clutch freethrow, a couple

of two-point shots, and a clutch three-point shot to boost the Panthers past the Minutemen.

Henry struggled on the offensive end but three key steals in the fourth quarter suffocated the Minutemen.

While the Panthers were missing free throws, Avance was simply tipping them in and carrying the Panthers to the regional final game against the ninth-ranked East Noble Knights.

Moodie scored 19 points. He had two three-pointers and a thunderous dunk that sparked the Panther run in the fourth quarter.

In addition to Moodie, Avance poured in 16 and Kyle scored 11.



# Unforgettable season comes to end

## The Panther's best season in 32 years ends in Elkhart.

The Panthers headed into the night game with high hopes of winning their second regional championship in school history.



Senior Jennifer Brenner and the rest of the WHS cheerleaders attempt to fire up the crowd during the big game.

WHS has lived and died on the three-point shot during their terrific run through the post-season tournament.

In the night game against East Noble, they died as two last second three-pointers would not fall.

The Panthers, who won their first sectional title in 32 years, would watch its season end at 17-8.

East Noble bolted to a 10-0 lead in the first minute and a half, only to see the Panthers claw their way back to tie the game at 21-21.

East Noble then went on a 13-2 run to end the half and led 34-23 at the half.

Washington then turned up the heat and its pressure defense forced

seven turnovers in the third quarter and clawed their way back into the game and trailed 45-43 late in the third period.

East Noble then struck swiftly again as the Panthers saw their two-point deficit rush to six in the final 30 seconds.

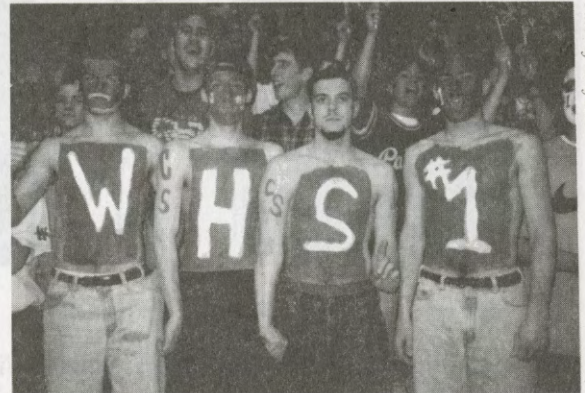
The Panthers trailed by seven points with just six minutes remaining when Kyle and Avance hit two baskets in a row to cut the lead to three.

East Noble scored to make the lead five, but Moodie knocked down a triple to cut the lead to just two points.

WHS had two chances to tie or take the lead but both chances came up a little short, and the Knights had the ball and the two-point lead with just :21 seconds remaining.

East Noble went to the free throw line and hit one of two so the Panthers still had life remaining.

The Panthers would bring it up the court and had one chance remaining. The ball ended up in Moodie's hands and he fired up a three-pointer to tie it and it

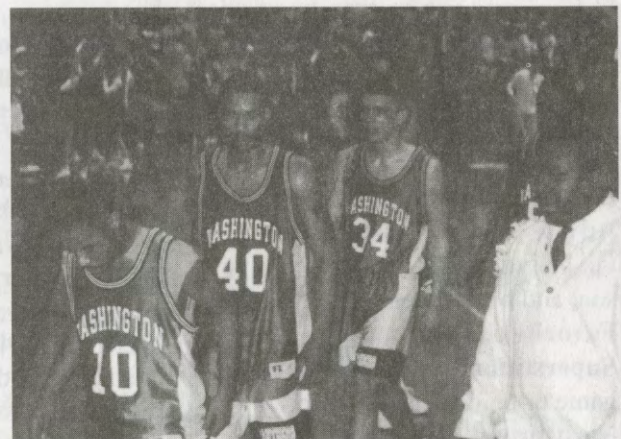


Senior "Countryside" students Drew Jeffrey, Ryan Hanyzewski, Brian Krawiec, and Chad Mrozinski paint up for the Regional Final.

rimmed out, but the ball was kicked back out to Henry for one last shot and it wasn't meant to be as the Panthers season would come to an end.

Moodie ended the season sixth all-time in the city in career scoring with 1,566 points in his terrific four-year career.

"The kids represented themselves very well," said Coach Milt Cooper. "They got down 10-0 but they fought back. I don't like fighting back, but I knew they could do it. We just ran out of time."

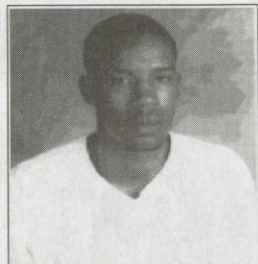


Seniors Todd Bella and Cedric Moodie walk off the court for the last time in a WHS uniform. Junior Jamal Henry will be back for one more year.

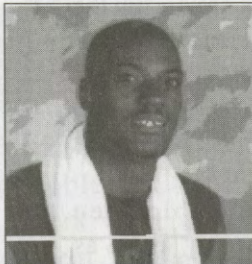
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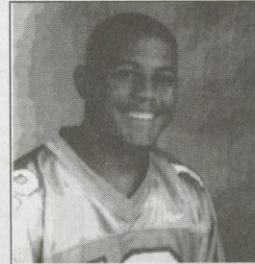
# Let's meet the Panthers



**Name:** Cedric Moodie  
**Year:** Senior  
**Nickname:** Corleone or Ced  
**Birthdate:** 11-20-78  
**Role Model:** Mother and Father  
**Favorite food:** Steak  
**Favorite sports team:** Lakers & Cowboys  
**Goals:** To make living better for people close to me.  
**What turns me off:** Girls that smoke.  
**I'd like to meet:** Tupac Shakur  
**Sports played:** Basketball  
**Future plans:** Graduate from college and provide a wealthy lifestyle for my family.  
**If I won the lottery I'd:** Invest and make more money  
**What I love about school:** Friends  
**What I hate about school:** Homework  
**Proudest moment:** When we won the sectionals  
**Prized Possession:** Family  
**Awards and Achievements:** McDonald's All American, Upward Bound Honor Roll  
**Advice to others:** Keep your head up, believe in God, be your own person, and be a leader.  
**Favorite class:** Accounting  
**Superstition:** Not praying before a game or before I go to sleep.  
**Most proud of:** My progress from my freshman year.

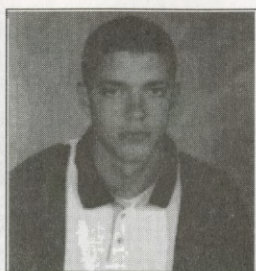


**Name:** William Avance  
**Year:** Senior  
**Nickname:** Lil-Wayne  
**Birthdate:** 7-12-78  
**Role model:** Dad  
**Favorite food:** Cinnamon rolls  
**Favorite sports teams:** Detroit Pistons and the Los Angeles Lakers  
**Goals:** College, NBA  
**What turns me off:** Girls who "stank" and girls who smoke  
**I'd like to meet:** Grant Hill  
**Sports played:** Basketball  
**Future plans:** Wealthy, sitting fat on my couch, counting hundreds and thousands  
**If I won the lottery I'd:** Give some to my mom and look for a new house  
**What I love about school:** My "homies"  
**What I hate about school:** Homework  
**Proudest moment:** Getting the tip against LaSalle  
**Prized possession:** My Bible  
**Awards and achievements:** Honorable mention all-conference  
**Advice to others:** Don't be a "playa hata" and always stay real  
**Most embarrassing moment:** When the crowd was counting down and there was 1:24 left and I threw the ball the length of the court.  
**Favorite class:** Foods  
**Superstition:** Splitting poles  
**Most proud of:** Winning sectionals

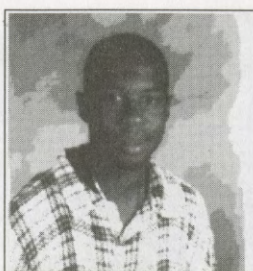


**Name:** Edmund Kyle  
**Year:** Senior  
**Nickname:** Ed-dawg  
**Birthdate:** 6-19-79  
**Class rank:** 143  
**Role model:** My father  
**Favorite food:** Pizza  
**Favorite sports teams:** Chicago Bulls and the Atlanta Braves  
**Goals:** Graduate from college  
**What turns me off:** People who lie all the time  
**I'd like to meet:** Malcolm X  
**Sports played:** Basketball  
**Future plans:** Graduate from college and get married  
**If I won the lottery I'd:** Give some to charity and move away from here  
**What I love about school:** Kickin' it with my friends  
**What I hate about school:** How long the classes are  
**Proudest moment:** When we won at sectional  
**Prized possession:** My Bible  
**Advice to others:** Don't be a follower, be a leader  
**Most embarrassing moment:** When I went into the game without even checking in  
**Favorite class:** English  
**Superstition:** Splitting poles  
**Most proud of:** My car

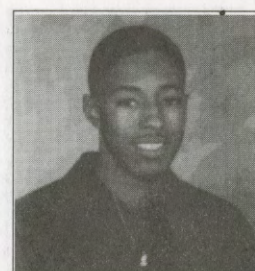




**Name:** Todd Bella  
**Year:** Senior  
**Nickname:** Bella  
**Birthdate:** 3-26-79  
**Class rank:** 28  
**Role model:** My parents  
**Favorite food:** French fries  
**Favorite sports teams:** Notre Dame, Chicago Bulls, Cubs, and Da Bears  
**Goals:** To graduate from a good college  
**What turns me off:** Girls who smoke  
**I'd like to meet:** Mike Ditka  
**Sports played:** Basketball and Baseball  
**Future plans:** To get married  
**If I won the lottery I'd:** Move to a much warmer place  
**What I love about school:** My friends  
**What I hate about school:** How racially divided it is and the security guards  
**Proudest moment:** Winning sectionals in baseball and basketball  
**Prized possession:** A ring that belonged to my grandpa  
**Awards and achievements:** Athlete of the week, All-Conference Designated Hitter last year in baseball, and honor roll every quarter  
**Advice to others:** You can't please everyone  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Getting suspended for drinking last year  
**Favorite class:** Latin  
**Superstition:** When we are on winning streak, I wear the same boxers every game.  
**Most proud of:** My mom and dad

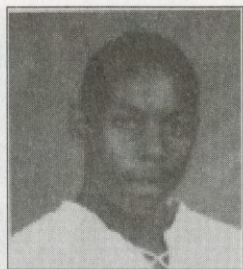


**Name:** Jamal Henry  
**Year:** Junior  
**Nickname:** Mal or Tiger  
**Birthdate:** 7-22-80  
**Role model:** Michael Jordan and Ken Griffey, Jr.  
**Favorite food:** Pizza and Mike-n-Ike  
**Favorite sports teams:** Bulls, North Carolina, Seattle Mariners  
**Goals:** Win state in every sport I play and play at a big-time college(basketball)  
**What turns me off:** People that lie about everything and girls that smoke  
**I'd like to meet:** Martin Luther King, Jr. and especially Jesus  
**Sports played:** Basketball, baseball, and Tennis  
**Future plans:** Go to a big-time college to play basketball and be a successful businessman  
**If I won the lottery I'd:** Give some to charity, give some to my parents, and spend the rest  
**What I love about school:** Lunch  
**What I hate about school:** Security guards  
**Proudest moment:** Going to state in tennis, winning sectionals and regionals in baseball, and winning sectionals in basketball  
**Prized Possession:** My certificate that says I'm a christian  
**Awards and Achievements:** State qualifier in tennis, MVP since freshman year, and second NIC in tennis and baseball  
**Advice to others:** Work hard to achieve your goals and never let anyone tell you that you can't do something  
**Favorite class:** Spanish  
**Superstition:** My lucky draws(underware)  
**Most proud of:** Going down state in tennis

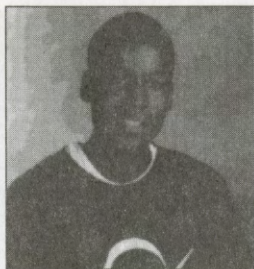


**Name:** Quentel Howard  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Nickname:** Q.  
**Birthdate:** 10-16-79  
**Role model:** David Robinson  
**Favorite food:** Pizza  
**Favorite sports team:** San Antonio Spurs  
**Goals:** To play at a Division 1 college  
**What turns me off:** People who smoke  
**I'd like to meet:** Nas  
**Sports played:** Basketball and track  
**Future plans:** To have a good job  
**If I won the lottery I'd:** Make an indoor basketball court and take good care of my family  
**What I love about school:** All my friends are there  
**What I hate about school:** All the work  
**Proudest moment:** When we won at sectionals  
**Advice to others:** Always just be yourself  
**Favorite class:** Science  
**Superstition:** None  
**Most proud of:** My mom and dad

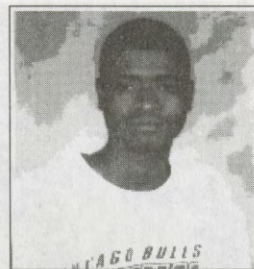




**Name:** Bryan Forbes  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Nickname:** Huggy  
**Birthdate:** 2-6-81  
**Role model:** Charles Barkley  
**Favorite food:** Pizza  
**Favorite sports team:** The Rockets  
**Goals:** To become a pro-basketball player  
**What turns me off:** nothing  
**I'd like to meet:** Charles Barkley  
**Sports played:** Basketball and football  
**Future plans:** Go to college  
**If I won the lottery I'd:** Buy a new car and house  
**Proudest moment:** When we won the sectionals  
**Prized Possession:** Part of the sectional net  
**Advice to others:** Be yourself and don't do drugs  
**Favorite class:** Gym  
**Most proud of:** My family

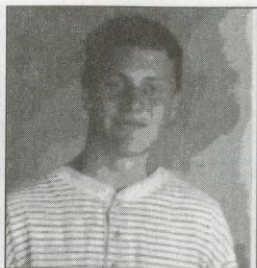


**Name:** Darmetreis Kilgore  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Nickname:** Gore  
**Birthdate:** 4-13-81  
**Role Model:** Michael Jordan  
**Favorite food:** BBQ  
**Favorite sports team:** Bulls  
**Goals:** Go into business or pro basketball  
**What turns me off:** Playa hater  
**I'd like to meet:** Michael Jordan  
**Sports played:** Basketball and tennis  
**Future plans:** Family, go to college, play pro basketball  
**If I won the lottery I'd:** Give some to charity and buy something nice for my family  
**What I love about school:** The challenge of making it to college  
**What I hate about school:** Getting up too early  
**Proudest moment:** Dunk against Brandywine to get 100 points  
**Prized Possession:** Picture of my grandma and Jesus Christ  
**Advice to others:** Stay in school and do something people will remember you for  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Tripping on my warm-up  
**Favorite class:** Algebra  
**Most proud of:** Myself, family, and mom for raising me so good.

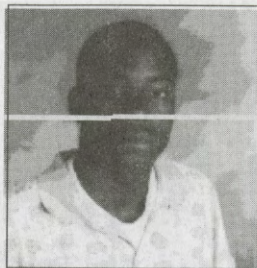


**Name:** Reggie Malone  
**Year:** Junior  
**Nickname:** Reg  
**Birthdate:** 6-14-79  
**Role Model:** Isaiah Thomas  
**Favorite food:** Pizza  
**Favorite sports team:** Chicago Bulls, Chicago Bears, and the Toronto Raptors  
**Goals:** Finish high school  
**What turns me off:** Bad Breath and "player haters"  
**I'd like to meet:** Tupac Shakur  
**Sports played:** Basketball  
**Future plans:** Make it to college  
**If I won the lottery I'd:** Buy a new home for my family  
**What I love about school:** Just being present  
**What I hate about school:** Getting up too early  
**Proudest moment:** Being born  
**Prized Possession:** Picture of me  
**Awards and Achievements:** Trophies from the past  
**Advice to others:** Always stay in school  
**Favorite class:** U.S. History  
**Most proud of:** My mom and dad

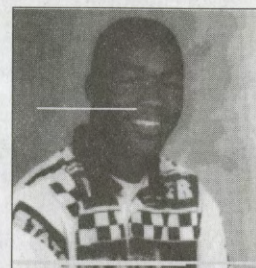




**Name:** Kevin Keen  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Nickname:** Keen-bean  
**Birthdate:** 1-31-81  
**Class rank:** 27  
**Role model:** Michael Jordan  
**Favorite food:** Lasagana  
**Favorite sports team:** Notre Dame, Bulls, Bears, and the Cubs  
**Goals:** Be successful in life  
**What turns me off:** Smokers  
**I'd like to meet:** Michael Jordan  
**Sports played:** Cross country, Basketball, and Baseball  
**Future plans:** Go into business  
**If I won the lottery I'd:** Invest the money  
**What I love about school:** Being with friends  
**What I hate about school:** Finals  
**Proudest moment:** Winning sectionals and regionals in baseball and winning sectionals in basketball  
**Prized Possession:** Bible my grandma gave me  
**Awards and Achievements:** Two letters in Cross country and one in baseball  
**Advice to others:** Do the best that you can in everything you do  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Being the only one not to play in sectionals  
**Favorite class:** Accounting  
**Superstition:** My lucky underwear  
**Most proud of:** My grandma



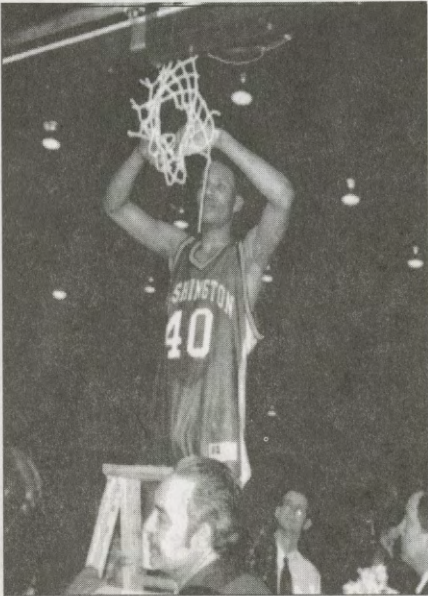
**Name:** Michael Davis  
**Year:** Junior  
**Nickname:** Daddy  
**Birthdate:** Jan. 22  
**Class Rank:** 99  
**Role Model:** Allen Iverson  
**Favorite food:** Pizza  
**Favorite sports team:** The Chicago Bulls  
**Goals:** To be successful in life.  
**What turns me off:** Drinking and smoking  
**I'd like to meet:** Tyra Banks  
**Sports played:** Basketball  
**Future plans:** Go on to college  
**If I won the lottery:** I'd give money to my church and family.  
**What I love about school:** The people  
**Proudest moment:** When told I was playing varsity basketball.  
**Prized Possession:** Bible  
**Awards and Achievements:** Most Defensive Player  
**Advice to Others:** Stay in school and off drugs.  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Getting a foul in 1.0 seconds.  
**Favorite class:** Accounting  
**Superstition:** Splitting a pole  
**Most proud of:** Mom and Dad



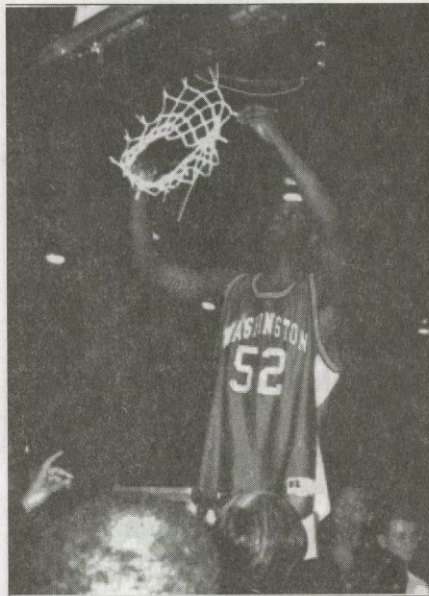
**Name:** Marvin Giles  
**Year:** Junior  
**Nickname:** Big Dog  
**Birthdate:** 5-4-80  
**Role model:** Eddie Jones  
**Favorite food:** Pizza  
**Favorite sports team:** Chicago Bulls  
**Goals:** To be successful  
**What turns me off:** Anyone that smokes.  
**I'd like to meet:** Someone famous  
**Sports played:** Basketball  
**Future plans:** Go to college  
**If I won the lottery I'd:** Give money to my family members and the poor  
**What I love about school:** Hanging out with my homies  
**What I hate about school:** Too much homework  
**Proudest moment:** Winning sectionals  
**Awards and Achievements:** Word processing  
**Advice to others:** Work hard and don't ever give up.  
**Favorite class:** Team games  
**Superstition:** Splitting Poles  
**Most proud of:** My mom and dad



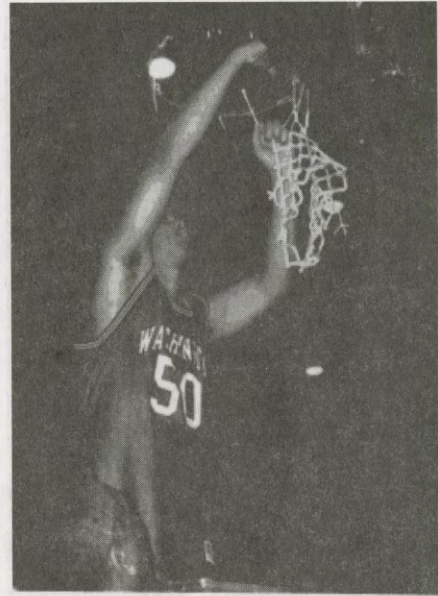
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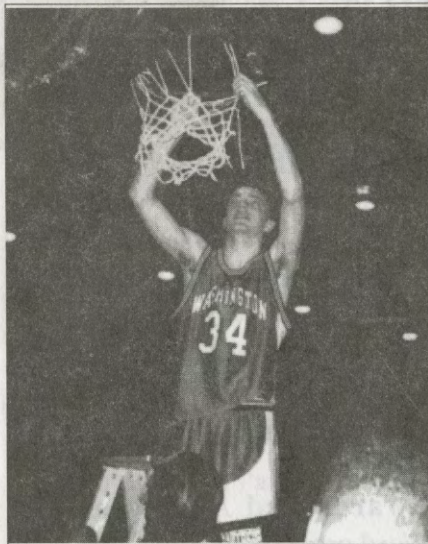
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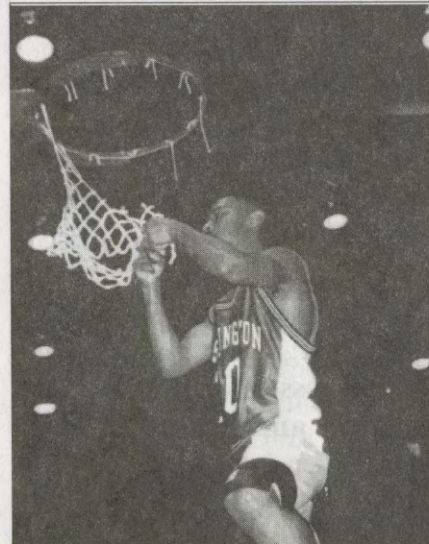
**Senior Forward William Avance**



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