

# The Dribble, Hoop & SWISH

Ninth grader Henry Ingraham and 10th grader Jackson Arnberg discuss their basketball careers.

At ages 3 and 6, basketball players Jackson Arnberg and Henry Ingraham respectively began their careers. Since the years have passed, each has experienced high and low moments. "In seventh grade, I was cut from my middle school team [at Falcon Cove Middle], which really

"This year the team is much better than last year when I played and we have a great core of players."

Sophomore Jackson Arnberg

motivated me to work harder on my game and become a better player so that next year I would make the team, which I did," Arnberg said.

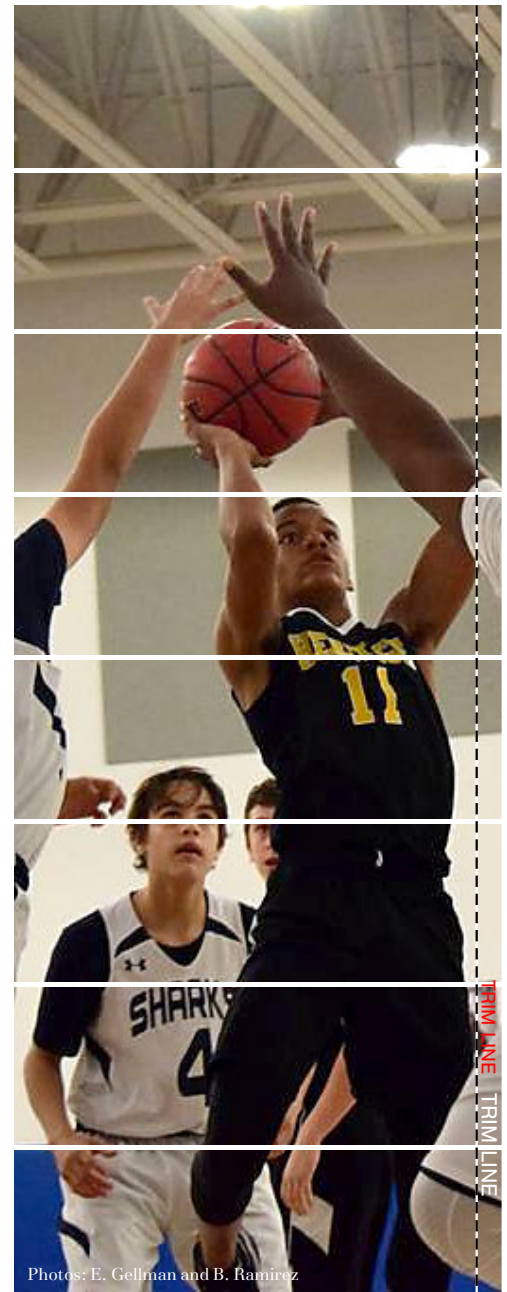
Despite negativity, the boys were able to work past struggles and build goals from them. "Basketball has taught me to be confident and

responsible. This year, so far I feel like I developed a lot more skills and confidence than in other years. I started playing basketball when I was younger because I would watch the NBA on television, and I aspired to be like them," Ingraham said.

While Ingraham looked up to NBA players such as James Harden and Allen Iverson, Arnberg started his basketball trek because of his older brother, Harrison Arnberg.

He has also found what makes him different on his team. "I try to model my moves after a lot of different players so I can work on my game all around. I think what separates me from other players is my versatility and ability to play any position," Arnberg said. Ingraham instead feels his athleticism and height makes him different from team members.

Arnberg's final thought depicted his most memorable game of the year for the JV team. "One of the best moments from this year was winning an away game at Westminster when we came in as an underdog," Arnberg said.



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## Near and Far

Highlights from the NSU Away Game



Seventh grader Jerry Dinkins prepares himself to intercept the ball. Although tricky, interceptions are necessary to move from defense to offense.



Eighth grader Hayden Stilphen practices free throws and two-pointers before the game. Practices enabled teams to familiarize themselves with new courts.



Seventh grader Hunter Tai Roberts uses his defensive skills to help the JH team block Nova from scoring. Defense was an integral part to winning games.



Eighth grader Canaan Jumper shoots a three-pointer while her team cheers her on from the benches. Teammates were a source of encouragement for all games.



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"The team worked pretty hard and showed up to practice. We formed a bond over time and became friends." Freshman John Eastep



"It was fun, you got to hang out with your friends and play the sport that we loved to play." Freshman Jonah Jacobs



"We did really good and I had a good time playing. Everyone understood that we need everyone to fully function." Freshman Stanley Pierre



Eighth grader Miguel Cedeno and part of the JH basketball team watch the game while cheering. Players on the bench catch their breath after a long time on the court.



Eighth grader Michael McNally dribbles the ball toward his teammates. There were many different ways players could dribble ranging from a high dribble, low dribble and even over their head.



The Cavaliers

## Ways of the Win

John Wall

JH moves with seventh grade shooting guard Daylan Holness.



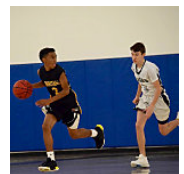
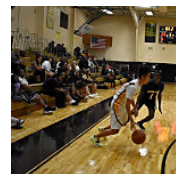
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"I pull a lot of layups from John Wall. [Our team models] the passing on the Cavaliers. Our best moments were with our defense: all the blocks, fast breaks, mob steals and intercepted passes. I did basketball for fun, not really for competition. I'm happy that I did it."



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## 2 Questions with Seventh and Eighth Graders Makayla Petrillo, Emily LeGette and Maya Moise

Q: What was the most memorable moment of the season?

Moise: One of the most memorable moments was getting to the Junior High playoffs for the first time. This was the best season we have ever had for the past two years. Before, our team only focused on progressing as individuals, but this season was the first season we played as a team. We won the most games we have ever had while also enjoying ourselves the most this season.

Q: When did you start playing basketball?

LeGette: I played basketball for a recreation league two years ago and I just started again this year. I played with my friends and we just had fun, it was not really competitive.

Q: Describe your basketball career.

Petrillo: I started playing basketball when I was 5 and model my moves after Stephen Curry. I try to do his handles and long shots. When I was 8, I started my first tournament and I hope to play it competitively and until I die.



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