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reathing in the warm air of the court, the boys' varsity basketball team kicks off the new season ready to bring order to the court.

"Basketball has taught me lots of life lessons, and kept me focused on things that matter," Sean Harris '22 said.

With the team moving across the court, their teamwork comes into play.

"I feel calm and relaxed when I'm out on the court, kind of like home," Timothy Newman '22

said.

With a few students' final high school seasons being showcased, the question of the future comes to mind.

"I may play in college, I may not; it depends on what other offers I get, and whether or not the schools are a good fit for me. If you don't catch me playing basketball in college, you can bet I'll be balling at a 24 hour or something," Harris said.

Not only has basketball impacted futures, but also mindsets.

"The game of basketball has given me a better understanding of life and why we shouldn't take anything for granted," Newman said.

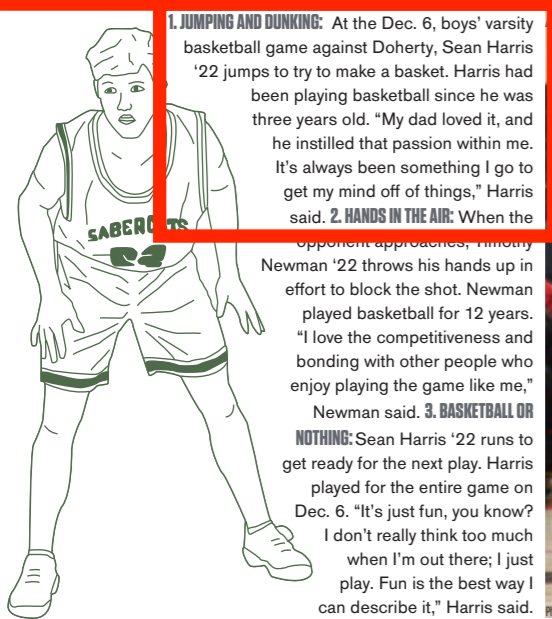
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VARSITY BASKETBALL PLAYERS REALIZE WHAT THE SEASON HAS TAUGHT THEM AND HOW THEIR SEASON CREATES FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES



Photo by Kristen Mason



1. JUMPING AND DUNKING: At the Dec. 6, boys' varsity basketball game against Doherty, Sean Harris '22 jumps to try to make a basket. Harris had been playing basketball since he was three years old. "My dad loved it, and he instilled that passion within me. It's always been something I go to get my mind off of things," Harris said. **2. HANDS IN THE AIR:** When the opponent approaches, Timothy Newman '22 throws his hands up in effort to block the shot. Newman played basketball for 12 years. "I love the competitiveness and bonding with other people who enjoy playing the game like me," Newman said. **3. BASKETBALL OR NOTHING:** Sean Harris '22 runs to get ready for the next play. Harris played for the entire game on Dec. 6. "It's just fun, you know? I don't really think too much when I'm out there; I just play. Fun is the best way I can describe it," Harris said.



4. READY TO ROCK: Timothy Newman '22 readies himself for the next play. Newman played for the boys' varsity team on Dec. 6 against Doherty High School. "I want to make a name for myself and prove why I deserve to be out there," Newman said. **5. DON'T FLOKE THE JUNE:** Sean Harris '22 keeps up with a member of the Doherty basketball team as they dribble across the court. This was Harris' fourth season with the boys' basketball team. "Basketball has provided me with so many opportunities to see other places," Harris said. **6. WALK THE WALK:** Timothy Newman '22 walks across the court for the next play. Newman played for the majority of the Dec. 6 basketball game. "All the time in basketball I always think about what my next move is going to be and that mindset has always stuck with me through life," Newman said.

cruising out of LOSING

A JV HOCKEY PLAYER'S KEY TO BREAKING OUT OF A SLUMP

So we went through a big losing streak and I think one of the main things to overcome that is to just forget about it and continue on. Just think about what you've got to do next time. The biggest thing I think is just practice and repetitions over and over. That's how you get better at anything. I think one of the biggest things is skating and shooting."

JARED JONES '25



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BEFORE

"I always pray before the games. I pray before games. I feel like my talents and abilities have been given from God. He helps me with those abilities and to make the right decisions, helps me stay calm and cool and ready for a game. The Doherty game made me irate because of the calls they got. That was the only game I lost my cool at," Sean Harris '22 said.

DURING

"The game was very close throughout all four quarters. We had taken the lead early but after halftime we lost that lead and had never gained the momentum to pull away with the win," Smith said.

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VARSITY BASKETBALL PLAYERS REFLECT ON THEIR LOSS TO DOHERTY

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VARSITY HOCKEY PLAYER REFLECT ON THEIR SUCCESS THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED



1. ALL RISE: Grayson Peil '23 lines up for the national anthem alongside his teammates. The national anthem was played after the five minute warm up and calling of starting lineup at the game on Dec. 3. "This is our best season by far; we've never succeeded to this measure," Peil said.



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2. SKATE TO VICTORY: Samuel Scarborough '22 skates towards the net at the game against Denver East High School. Scarborough was with the team for three years. "The team environment this season has a lot of seniors, so we've all been here for three or four years and we all know each other very well. We're doing really well this season," Scarborough said. **3. FIGHT FOR THE PUCK:** During the history making game against Chaparral High School, Jaret Curran '22 manages to steal the puck. This was the first ever win against Chaparral for the team. "It was cool to be making history for the team this year and it was probably the best season yet," Curran said.



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BEFORE

"I try and warm up for the match and tell myself that I'm gonna win," Colin MacInnes '24 said.

DURING

"I'm mostly focused on how I can win and improve during the match," MacInnes said.

AFTER

"I try to learn from my mistakes to hopefully get better for the next match," MacInnes said.

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A WRESTLER TALKS ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES AND FOCUSES THROUGHOUT A MATCH

FIRST game, no shame

GIRLS' BASKETBALL PLAYERS COMPARE THE UPS DOWNS OF THEIR SEASON OPENER



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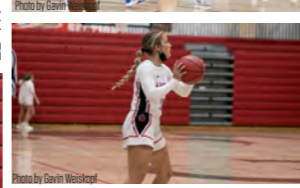


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"I think I brought a lot to the floor. I was hitting my shots and I was feeding off of the crowd's energy which helped our team win. We are all able to lift each other up. Energy wise, it was a pretty good game for us. In general, skill wise and understanding how to play with each other, probably not our best game," Olivia Loveland '24 said.

ELAINA SAID

"I was a little nervous so it could have been hard cause it's the first game back; everyone's a little nervous. Over the past few games, we really have made improvement and bonded closer as a team which has helped us on the court," Elaina Seeley '22 said.