

# CHANGE THE PLAY

Changing the play and making room for JV and L3s

**T**he squeaking of sneakers. Fans yelling. The wafting smell of popcorn running up and down the halls. It must be basketball season. The aux gym was in full swing with games everywhere, and multiple levels playing at the same time.

New players arrived ready to start their season and add to the basketball legacy.

"High school basketball is a lot different from middle school basketball physically and mentally," freshman Luke Stone said.

The players proved themselves early in the season with an overall win average of 3-4. But those wins didn't come without lots of hard work at practice.

"We've been working better together as a team and practicing hard, and it's been showing up better in our performances," sophomore Andrew Janasiewicz said.

Players agreed that high school basketball is a lot more challenging but they continued succeeding as a team.

"Our team is amazing. I believe we could go up against any JV team and win," freshman Dalton Fisher said.

Level 3 team members weighed in with their thoughts, too.

"The season's been pretty rough and we lost quite a few games, but the games that we have won I thought we played pretty well," freshman Aiden Hickman said.



**A NEW LOOK AT L3** Sophomore Kyler Boymel drives towards the hoop in the annual grudge match against Evergreen. Boymel was a JV player this year and swung to play with L3 when they needed the extra help. "I created some great relationships with my teammates, especially when I played with L3. They were very welcoming and great guys," Boymel said. *photo by s. smith*



**PUSHING FOR THE SHOT** Freshman Luke Sinco pushes through Wheat Ridge's defense on the way to the basket. Sinco felt confident before games even though he knew it would be a struggle. "Before one of our games we had three of our starters out so there were a few more challenges on the court, but we handled the challenges well," Sinco said. *photo by h. manier*

**GAIN IN THE GAME** Sophomore Benjamin Scheck begins to jump up towards the hoop as two opposing players try to grab him from behind. Scheck expressed that the team as a whole has bonded and grown together. "I really love playing basketball and I love seeing myself improve and get better," Scheck said. *photo by s. smith*

**CHANGE FOR THE BETTER** Freshman Chase Barilla focuses on making his way around the opposing team's defense. Barilla played both L3 and JV his freshman year. "High school basketball is really fun. We have harder competition than we did in middle school," Barilla said. *photo by s. smith*

**TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK** Sophomore Samuel Benne stands with his arm slung over his teammate freshman Elijah Arndt while coming in for a timeout. Benne played forward on the JV basketball team. "I've played basketball since I was really little and my dad played so it's something that's really important to me," Benne said. *photo by h. manier*



We've done well in a lot of our games and competed against teams that are normally a lot better than us."



**Jonathan Fager, freshman**



I've been playing since third grade, so just having that background is super crucial to the game.



**Bennett Poniatowski, sophomore**



"I like basketball because it's **very competitive** and fun and I can learn a lot about the sport when I'm at practice."

**uke Stone, freshman**



"I really like **playing high school basketball** because the competition is way higher and more my level."

**lijah Arndt, freshman**



"Our season has been **pretty good so far**. We've gotten closer as a team and we're really pulling through."

**ndrew Janasiewicz, sophomore**



"I like playing high school basketball because **I like being part of a team**. I love having good teammates surrounding me throughout the season."

**alton Fisher, freshman**