

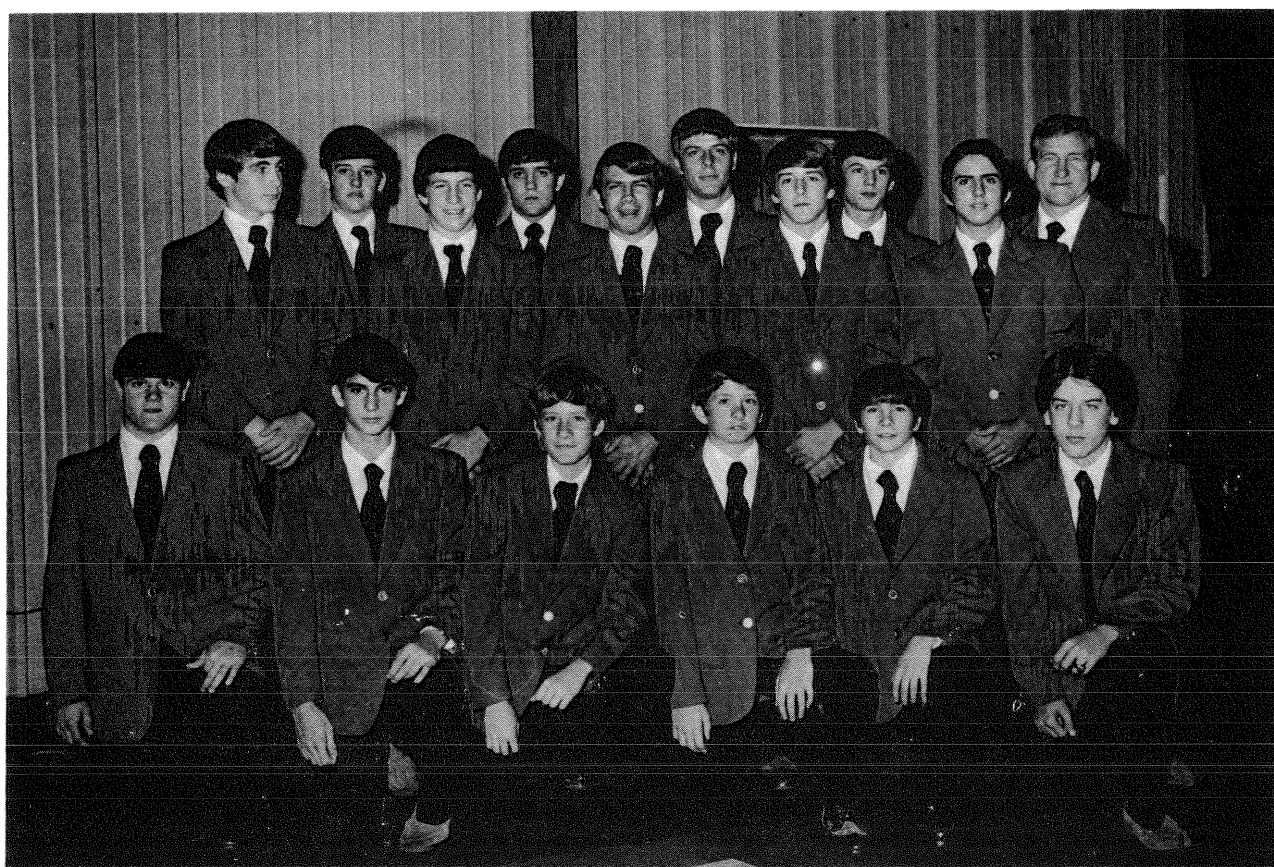
GEORGE WALTON ACADEMY

1975 - 1976 BASKETBALL SEASON

BOYS FINAL RESULTS

Won 27

Lost 2



STATE CLASS A CHAMPIONS

REGION 3A CHAMPIONS

REGION 3A NORTH CHAMPIONS

1975-1976 Roster

<u>SENIORS</u>	<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Randy Henderson	6'1"	Center
Todd Whitsitt	6'2"	Forward

<u>JUNIORS</u>		
Brad Bradley	5'10"	Guard
Tony Groves	5'8"	Guard
Moose Meadows	5'7"	Forward
David McKissick	5'9"	Forward

<u>SOPHOMORES</u>		
Jim Evans	5'8"	Forward
Connor Gray	6'0"	Forward
Ben Harden	5'9"	Guard
Craig Reichart	5'9"	Forward

<u>FRESHMEN</u>		
Greg Spencer	5'2"	Guard

<u>SUB-FRESHMEN</u>		
Bill Bradley	5'5"	Guard
Bob Bradley	5'2"	Guard
Don Holder	5'10"	Forward

Manager: Alan Peters

Statisticians: Laura Ruark, Anne Robertson, Sally Watts

Score Keeper: Tandree Watts

Coach: Ronald M. Bradley

REVIEW OF SENIOR'S FINAL YEAR

The 1975-'76 basketball season goes into the record books as the most fantastic season in the history of George Walton Academy. The team accomplished what every person and team aspires to be -- the best.

The Bulldogs got off to a good start winning 8 of the teams first 10 games. At the Christmas break few people would have dreamed that GWA was through losing for the season.

Seniors Randy Henderson and Todd Whitsitt's leadership, effort, and inspiration helped make the "Dogs" unbeatable during the last 19 games.

GWA hosted the Region 3A North Tournament sporting a twelve game victory streak. In the opener Samuel Elbert Academy slowed the pace down against the Dogs but fell 64-45.

The opening region 3A game at Sparta was a big hurdle. Randy Henderson got the Dogs off to a good start with the opening basket.

Washington Johnson behind fantastic shooting jumped to a 11-2 lead and a 21-10 first quarter margin. With 1:44 left in the second quarter W. J. led 39-20 but at the half the score was 41-26. The Bulldogs trailed 53-42 at the end of the third quarter. GWA managed a 63-63 tie at the buzzer, and went on to a 69-67 win in two overtimes.

In the region championship game the Bulldogs faced Bartow Academy 26-2, and the preseason favorite to win all the marbles. Bartow led 12-11 and 27-20 at the first two stops. Midway of the third quarter Bartow led 36-25 but the main concern was the four fouls that Whitsitt carried. With three minutes left in the game GWA went ahead for the first time 43-42, with 3 seconds on the clock GWA trailed 49-48 but Todd Whitsitt's final shot struck nylon for a 50-49 victory and the 3A championship title.

The state tournament opener at Marshallville was a marathon. Georgia Christian Academy is a big well disciplined team. The Bulldogs had to go three overtimes to subdue the fine team from Valdosta 50-47.

In the state semifinal game GWA faced a fine Robert Toombs team. The Crusaders let 28-20 and 42-33 at the first two stops. With 1:15 left in the Third quarter Toombs led 61-45. The last quarter saw the Bulldogs get red hot and with 3 minutes left in the final quarter the Bulldogs tied the score 64-64. GWA went on to a 74-69 win.

In the state finals the Bulldogs faced Windsor Academy of Macon, a surprise 65-63 winner over Bartow.

The Dogs led Windsor 15-14 and 28-24 at the first two breaks. Late in the third quarter GWA shot to a 49-40 lead.

The Bulldogs controlled the pace the fourth quarter to win the schools first state championship 65-60.

1975-'76 Final Results
State Class A Champions
Region 3A Champions
Region 3A North Champions
Final Record Won 27 Lost 2

RANDY HENDERSON

Randy had an outstanding season for the Bulldogs. He was the leading rebounder averaging 14.1 rebounds per game. Henderson averaged 16.1 points per game and led the team in field goal percentages with a 48% accuracy mark.

Randy was named to the Class A All State Team, Region 3A All Star Team, and was selected to the North All Star Team.

TODD WHITSITT

Todd has a great year for GWA. He led the team in scoring with a 32 point average; in steals with a 2.3 average. in free throw percentage with a 77% accuracy mark, also set the team pace in several other categories.

Todd was named to the Class A All State Team, Region 3A All Star Team, and was selected to the North All Star Team.

Whitsitt was selected most valuable player in the State Tournament, most valuable player in the Region 3A Tournament, most valuable player in the 3 A North Tournament and most valuable player in States SEAIS North-South All Star Game played for the states best seniors.

OPPONENT	SITE	Scores		HIGH SCORERS	HIGH REBOUNDERS
		GWA	OPP.		
Nathaniel Greene	H	76	47	Whitsitt - 35 pts.	Whitsitt - 15
Rutledge	H	66	39	Whitsitt - 36 pts.	Whitsitt - 15
Samuel Elbert	A	58	39	Whitsitt - 29 pts.	Whitsitt - 19
Briarwood	A	50	60	Whitsitt - 20 pts.	Henderson 18
Monroe	A	74	63	Whitsitt - 25 pts.	Henderson 16
Wilkes	H	67	49	Whitsitt - 30 pts.	Henderson 16
Barnesville	H	63	34	Whitsitt - 34 pts.	Whitsitt - 16
Gatewood	A	54	41	Whitsitt - 28 pts.	Whitsitt - 17
*Monroe (*Christmas Tourney)	N	64	48	Whitsitt - 29 pts.	Henderson 13
*Gordon Ivey (*Christmas Tourney)	N	64	79	Whitsitt - 43 pts.	Whitsitt - 13
Gordon Ivey	A	40	39	Henderson 18 pts.	Whitsitt - 14
Wilkes	A	91	76	Whitsitt - 44 pts.	Whitsitt - 21
Windsor	H	65	53	Whitsitt - 27 pts.	Whitsitt - 18
Rutledge	A	80	60	Whitsitt - 46 pts.	Henderson 19
Nathaniel Greene	A	70	54	Whitsitt - 28 pts.	Henderson 11
Gatewood	H	61	34	Whitsitt - 42 pts.	Whitsitt - 18
Barnesville	A	75	43	Whitsitt - 35 pts.	Henderson 15
Samuel Elbert	H	68	40	Whitsitt - 26 pts.	Henderson 10
Windsor	A	78	61	Whitsitt - 36 pts.	Henderson 24
Monroe	H	61	48	Whitsitt - 26 pts; Henderson - 26 pts.	Henderson 22
Gordon Ivey	H	78	64	Whitsitt - 30 pts.	Henderson 9; Whitsitt - 9
Briarwood	H	88	62	Whitsitt - 40 pts.	Henderson 19
*Sub.Region - Samuel Elbert	N	64	45	Whitsitt - 32 pts.	Henderson 13
Rutledge	N	71	52	Whitsitt - 35 pts.	Henderson 15
*Region - Washington Johnson	N	69	67	Whitsitt - 36 pts.	Henderson 21
Bartow	N	50	49	Whitsitt - 17 pts.	Henderson 17
*State - Ga. Christian	N	50	47	Whitsitt - 31 pts.	Henderson 14
Robert Toombs	N	74	69	Whitsitt - 40 pts.	Whitsitt 18
Windsor	N	65	60	Whitsitt - 36 pts.	Henderson 15

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Players Name	Games	Field Goal Atts.	Field Goals Made	Field Goal %	Free Throw Atts.	Free Throws Made	Free Throw %	Total Points	Avg. PPG
Bradley, Bill	14	14	1	7%	1	0	0%	2	.1
Bradley, Bob	14	7	0	0%	1	0	0%	0	0
Bradley, Brad	29	269	94	35%	69	47	68%	235	8.1
Evans, Jim	11	15	4	27%	9	4	44%	12	1.1
Gray, Connor	23	27	4	15%	10	5	50%	13	.6
Groves, Tony	29	140	51	36%	33	23	70%	125	4.3
Harden, Ben	22	37	14	38%	14	7	50%	35	1.6
Henderson, Randy	29	407	194	48%	116	80	69%	468	16.1
Holder, Don	29	124	33	27%	40	19	48%	85	2.9
McKissick, David	18	21	5	24%	11	5	45%	15	.8
Meadows, Moose	15	8	2	25%	2	2	100%	6	.4
Reichart, Craig	4	0	0	0%	2	2	100%	2	.5
Spencer, Greg	14	7	1	14%	7	5	71%	7	.5
Whitsitt, Todd	29	841	369	44%	248	191	77%	929	32.03
TOTALS	29	1917	772	40%	563	390	69%	1934	66.7

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Players Name	Total Steals	Total Off. Reb.	Total Def. Rebs.	Total Rebs	Reb. avg per Game	Total No. of Fouls Made	Average Fouls Per Game
Bradley, Bill	2	0	0	0	0	3	.2
Bradley, Bob	1	1	0	1	.1	4	.3
Bradley, Brad	50	18	80	98	3.4	71	2.4
Evans, Jim	5	5	10	15	1.4	10	.9
Gray, Connor	11	12	22	34	1.5	17	.7
Groves, Tony	38	20	40	60	2.1	66	2.3
Harden, Ben	5	8	12	20	.9	14	.6
Henderson, Randy	49	145	264	409	14.1	86	2.96
Holder, Don	22	70	87	157	5.4	72	2.5
McKissick, David	3	2	7	9	.5	13	.7
Meadows, Moose	7	3	8	11	.7	1	.1
Reichart, Craig	0	1	2	3	.8	1	.3
Spencer, Greg	1	0	1	1	.1	3	.2
Whitsitt, Todd	67	110	254	364	12.6	71	2.4
Totals	261	395	787	1182	40.8	432	14.9

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

Field Goal Attempts . . .	1917
Field Goals Made	772
Field Goal Percentage . . .	40%
Free Throw Attempts	563
Free Throws Made	390
Free Throw Percentage . . .	69%
Total Points Scored . . .	1934
Average Points Per Game .	66.7
Total Fouls Made	432
Average Fouls Per Game . .	14.9
Total Number of Violations	94
Average Violations Per Game	3.2
Total Number of Lost Possessions . .	219
Average Lost Possessions Per Game .	7.6
Total Number of Turnovers . .	313
Average Turnovers Per Game	10.8
Total Steals	261
Average Steals Per Game . .	9
Total Number of Offensive Rebounds	395
Average Offensive Rebounds Per Game	13.6
Total Number of Defensive Rebounds	787
Average Defensive Rebounds Per Game	27.1
Total Number of Rebounds	1182
Average Rebounds Per Game	40.8
Most Consecutive Wins . . .	19
Final Record	Won 27 Lost 2

OPPONENTS' FINAL STATISTICS

Opponents' Field Goal Attempts	1730
Opponents' Field Goals Made	643
Opponents' Field Goal Percentage	37%
Opponents' Free Throw Attempts	391
Opponents' Free Throws Made	236
Opponents' Free Throw Percentage	60%
Opponents' Total Points	1522
Opponents' Average Points Per Game	52.5
Opponents' Total Fouls Made	467
Opponents' Average Fouls Per Game	16.1
Opponents' Total Number of Offensive Rebounds .	245
Opponents' Average of Offensive Rebounds Per Game	8.4
Opponents' Total Number of Defensive Rebounds .	627
Opponents' Average Defensive Rebounds Per Game	21.6
Opponents' Total Number of Rebounds	872
Opponents' Average Rebounds Per Game	30.1

INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Most Field Goals	Todd Whitsitt; 21 vs Rutledge 1/13/76
Most Free Throws	Todd Whitsitt; 15 vs Ga. Christian 2/25/76
Most Offensive Rebounds	Whitsitt; 9 vs Washington Johnson 2/20/76 Henderson; 9 vs Bartow 2/21/76
Most Defensive Rebounds	Henderson; 17 vs Windsor 1/31/76
Most Rebounds	Henderson; 24 vs Windsor 1/31/76
Most Steals	Whitsitt; 9 vs Gatewood 12/16/75
Most Points in One Quarter	Whitsitt; 18 vs Briarwood 2/10/76
Most Points in One Half	Whitsitt; 30 vs Briarwood 2/10/76
Most Points Scored	Whitsitt; 46 vs Rutledge 1/13/76

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS FOR SEASON

Most Field Goals . . . . .	.Whitsitt; 369
Best Field Goal Percentage . . . . .	.Henderson; 48%; 194 of 407 attempts
Most Free Throws . . . . .	.Whitsitt; 191
Best Free Throw Percentage . . . . .	.Whitsitt; 77% 191 of 248 attempts
Leading Scorer . . . . .	.Whitsitt; 929 points - 32.03 average per game
Leading Offensive Rebounder . . . . .	.Henderson; 145 Offensive rebounds
Leading Defensive Rebounder . . . . .	.Henderson; 264 Defensive rebounds
Leading Rebounder . . . . .	.Henderson; 409 Rebounds 14.1 rebounds per game
Leading in Steals . . . . .	.Whitsitt; 67 2.3 per game
Most Consecutive Free Throws . . . . .	.Whitsitt; 18 consecutive free throws

* 50 or more attempts

GAME HIGHS FOR TEAM

Most Field Goal Attempts86 vs Barnesville 12/13/75
86 vs Wilkes 1/9/76

Most Field Goals Made39 vs Wilkes 1/9/76

Best Field Goal Percentage58% 29 of 50 vs Gordon Ivey 2/7/76

Most Free Throw Attempts39 vs Briarwood 2/10/76

Most Free Throws Made26 vs Briarwood 2/10/76

Best Free Throw Percentage92% 12 of 13 vs Monroe 12/9/75

Most Offensive Rebounds25 vs Wilkes 1/9/76

Most Defensive Rebounds37 vs Barnesville 1/24/76

Highest Rebound Total57 vs Wilkes 1/9/76

Most Steals16 vs Samuel Elbert 1/27/76

Most Points Scored in One Quarter32 vs Briarwood 2/10/76

Most Points Scored in One Half52 vs Briarwood 2/10/76

Most Points Scored in One Game91 vs Wilkes 1/9/76

ALL STARS

All-State

1976

Brad Bradley
Randy Henderson
Todd Whitsitt

All-Region

1976

Randy Henderson
Todd Whitsitt

North-South

1976

Randy Henderson
Todd Whitsitt

1976
ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD

Todd Whitsitt

BEST EFFORT AWARD

Randy Henderson

MOST IMPROVED AWARD

Don Holder

BEST DEFENSIVE AWARD

Tony Groves

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Brad Bradley

MOST VALUABLE SUBSTITUTE AWARD

Connor Gray

Ben Harden

Basketball Coaching Career Record
of
Coach Ronald Bradley

1975-1976 Season
George Walton Academy
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Region 3A North Champions

18 Year Overall Basketball
Coaching Record

Won 483 Lost 72 Percentage 87%

Team Championships Won 41
State Tournament Participation 14
All State Players 17 Players honored a total of 23 times
All American Players 1
Honorable Mention All American Players 4
Players on North All Star Team 17
Players on All Region Teams 45

