



In suspense. . . While Amy Scalucchi boxes out a Lakota player, Emily McNutt and Kristen Rotte anticipate the rebound.

Concentration and spirit. . . Becky Beeson and Carra Brooks help teammates off the court by cheering them to victory.



## Slamming to Victory!

"I couldn't ask for anything more," Coach Steve Imhoff said about the girl's varsity basketball team's effort this year.

Although the team ended its season 11-12 overall in the Greater Miami Conference, Coach Imhoff boasted that his team gave 100 percent of their effort. "The girls were very unselfish, in that they got more satisfaction out of others' recognition than themselves," he said.

This year the team changed its traditional "upperclassman" makeup. It consisted of only one senior, Annie Kleiser, four juniors, and six sophomores.

"It's a lot of fun being the only senior on the team. It doesn't bother me that everyone is younger because we all get along great," said Kleiser.

Both Coach Imhoff and Assistant Coach Rick Good felt that every girl on the team had contributed towards the team's success. Key players were Kleiser who led the Lady Aves with 51 assists and 59 steals this season and sophomore Amy Scalucchi who led the team with 133

rebounds and averaged 13 points per game.

Regardless of the team's standing, Coach Imhoff was satisfied with their accomplishments.

Maturity, confidence, and cooperation resulted due to the girls willingness to unite as a team. Their performances showed constant improvement. "This team had great unity, and team spirit. They really pulled together and worked hard with one another," said Coach Imhoff.

The girls stated that excellent coaching and support gave them the confidence to strive to succeed.

"They (the coaches) supported us all the time, especially when we lost; they picked our spirits up," said sophomore Kim

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Off the court, the girls knew more than just shooting hoops. They contributed to bringing spirit back to our school by painting faces at the boy's basketball games, and they organized a photo session with Santa Clause. Students were able to have their picture taken with him to raise money for the Altercrest Boys' Home.

Next year, Coach Imhoff is looking to a good start because of returning members!

by Stephanie Kahn

