



## Girls defend district title, go to regional finals.

Bright green and gold Lady Aves jackets, puzzle pieces hanging from simple ropes, and shirts displaying team nicknames were a familiar sight associated with the girls varsity basketball team. Coach Steve Imhoff stated at the beginning of the season, "This year we want to become a team!" The girls choose the motto "We are Family" and developed it throughout the season.

"We are a very close knit group; we have to be close in order to play well with one another," said senior Amy Scalcucci, "The puzzle pieces are an example of our motto. A puzzle is never complete when there is a missing piece, and our team is never complete if we are missing a fellow player."

Before one of the largest crowds in Lady Aves history, the girls lost to Milford 47-39 after defeating them earlier. Milford's win resulted in a tie between the Aves and Eagles for 1st place in the GMC. However, the girls were again propelled to the top spot in the GMC because Milford lost to Lima late in the season. This broke a three year streak held by Milford.

After beating Anderson, Princeton, and Amelia in the sectional tournament, the Lady Aves defeated Oak Hills and were crowned district champions. They won the first round in the regionals against Greenville 40-38 but lost in the finals to Milford.

The JV team completed a successful season with a 15-5 record. The team was united by talented players, hard work, and a winning desire which allowed them to carry a 9 game winning streak through the middle of their season.

Long term injuries plagued the team. However, Coach Hayden commented, "Whenever we had an injury, another player came through for us." The girls ended with an 11-3 record and were GMC co-champs with Milford.

The freshman Lady Aves with ample athletic ability, positive attitudes, and school spirit were also able to successfully complete their season with a 9-9 record. Freshman Coach Dan Buchanan stated, "I was very happy with how the season came along. The girls worked hard on and off the court."

The girls' success was evident in many areas ranging from high scoring records to smiling faces and pep gifts found in lockers before the games. "Coach Buchanan would always leave us little candies or pep-up poems in our lockers before each game," commented Stacy Brown.

The freshman team finished the season with a new understanding of the hard work and discipline required to successfully compete, coupled by the spirit and unity of Sycamore basketball.

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Girls Varsity Basketball	
Mercy	L 51-49
Princeton	W 67-32
Seton	W 61-45
Milford	W 52-41
Oak Hills	W 51-34
Lakota	W 54-33
Lima	W 53-34
Hamilton	W 65-58
Harrison	W 58-28
Fairfield	W 64-50
Middletown	W 41-18
Lima	W 55-46
Princeton	W 50-42
Glen Este	W 35-34
Lakota	W 68-42
McAuley	W 57-44
Milford	L 47-39
Hamilton	W 57-40
Middletown	W 54-29
Fairfield	W 71-24
Anderson	W 51-38
Princeton	W 66-37
Amelia	W 65-51
Oak Hills	W 60-50
Greenville	W 40-38
Milford	L
GMC Champions	
Final Record: 22-3	
Girls JV Basketball	
Mercy	L
Princeton	W
Seton	W
Milford	L
Oak Hills	L
Lakota	W
Lima	W
Hamilton	W
Harrison	W
Fairfield	W
Middletown	W
Lima	W
Glen Este	W
Princeton	W
Lakota	L
McAuley	W
Milford	W
Hamilton	W
Middletown	W
Fairfield	W
GMC Champions	
Final Record: 15-5	



Front Row: K. Kelley, H. Peterson, K. Rotte, S. Jackson, A. Zumbro. Back Row: M. Hester, J. Borod, A. Scalcucci, C. Brooks, A. Cohen, K. Naumann, B. Hackett, Coach Imhoff. Not Pictured: J. Good.