

Rule the court

Girls varsity basketball finishes second in the GMC

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SKEPTICISM SURROUNDED THE girls basketball team. With an extreme lack of height, many players were forced to step up and fulfill roles they normally were not used to, which in turn aroused uncertainty about how successful their season would be. Despite the disbelief, the outstanding ladies triumphed finishing second overall in the GMC behind Princeton.

"I couldn't have been happier with a second place finish even though I know we had the talent for first. Princeton definitely had a height advantage over us but we gave them a good game," said **Coach Paula Hayden**.

Many of the team members had to withstand injuries and sickness throughout the season which caused difficulty in practice and changes in lineups. But one of the most controversial topics of the season was attendance at the games.

For the first time, the boys and girls teams alternated Tuesday/Friday and Wednesday/Saturday games hoping that more people would come to both. In fact, it did just the opposite. The turnout for the boys was about the same but it seemed to be that the women's games had less of a crowd, especially on weekends.

These minor set backs ceased to phase the team's spirit, as the ladies entered the post season tournament with the goal of winning the sectional title. This meant defeating McAuley in the second round, the team who knocked them out of play in the prior season, and then conquering the second ranked team in the nation, Chaminade Julianne. Unfortunately, the girls had a heartbreaker against McAuley losing a well played game by four which in turn ended their season with a 17-5 overall record.



PASS THAT BALL. At guard position, **Bethany Marks, 12**, was in charge of setting up the plays. Marks was also the team captain. As team captain, she kept the ladies focused and together all the time.



Row 1: Natalie Wade, 11, Lindsay Crum, 12, Bethany Marks, 12, Abbie Tepe, 9. **Row 2:** Kelly Spry, 11, Laura Steiner, 11, Kim Standen, 10. **Row 3:** Coach Paula Hayden, Susan Shuller, 12, Allison Ivers, 10, Megan Sweeney, 12, Ginny Tremblay, 11, Karen Nesbitt, 9, Coach Dan Buchanan. **Not Pictured:** Jamie Nesbitt, 11.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Win/Loss	Us	Them
Seton	Loss	51	61
Lakota West	Win	45	39
Colerain	Win	50	39
Lakota East	Win	62	17
Middletown	Win	53	36
Hamilton	Loss	54	57
Mercy	Win	37	30
Glen Este	Win	40	37
Lakota West	Win	47	32
Milford	Win	47	29
Fairfield	Win	48	34
Oak Hills	Win	41	39
Princeton	Loss	43	53
Colerain	Loss	53	54
Lakota East	Win	59	24
Middletown	Win	45	37
Hamilton	Win	50	44
Fairfield	Win	49	15
Milford	Win	57	34
Mason (Senior Night)	Win	45	16
Western Hills	Win	64	28
McAuley	Loss	47	51

