

BACK IN OCTOBER, IT WAS CLEARLY VISIBLE THAT THE GIRL'S VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM WAS WORKING OUT, LIFTING WEIGHTS, AND PREPARING FOR ONE OF THE BEST SEASONS EVER. Coach

Paula Hayden believed after seeing the new team practice and scrimmage, that these girls would be great.

"I believe this group of girls is going to be able to do great things. I say this watching the competition and intensity they bring to every practice. We should have fun this year!" said **Hayden**, at a preseason interview.

The girls proved their coach right, when they finished second in a three way tie, in the GMC and captured a record of 12-8. The hard work in the off season and continuing hard work during the season drove the

girls to a first round sectional game in the tournament. The reasons why the team proved to be yet again a powerhouse in Cincinnati was mostly because the girls worked together, played strong defense, and played good solid basketball.

"We all got along really well," said **Susan Shuller, 11**.

The girls worked together to produce a solid basketball team. **Lindsay Crum, 11**, led the team in steals, assists, and scoring. **Shuller**, and **Allie Bogenschutz, 12**, played back court grabbing up rebounds. **Natalie Wade, 10**, barely ever missed a free throw.

The season opened up at home against Glen Este. The games started fast and the girls took the lead with no problem. The girls won the game by 13 and then went on to beat Lakota East by ten.

The season looked promising with wins over Colerain and Lakota East.



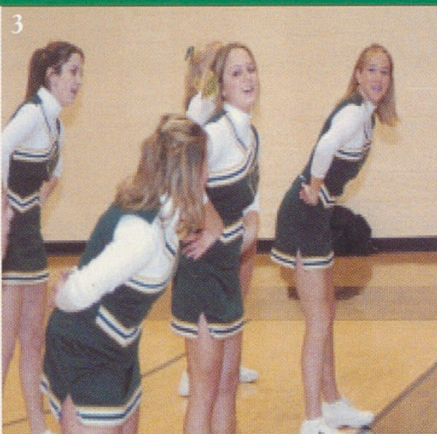
1. Smile for the picture! The girls gathered together for a picture on Senior Night. The seniors played their final game at home on February 6. **2. Defense!** **Megan Sweeney, 11**, pressured on defense. Sweeney followed the ball. She made sure no one scored while she was on the court. **3. Helped her team win a game!** **Allie Bogenschutz, 12**, was a huge help in the back court. She made big plays taking down rebounds, offensive and defensive.

Taking it to the hoop

Making the shoots and having the best season ever

By Laura Eastes

1. The girls waited for their names to be called. Each of the girls names were called before the game started. The girls would then huddle up and prepared for the game. **2. Finally!** The return of **Stephanie Everett, 12**, was long awaited. Everett was injured and was unable to play in the beginning of the season. Towards the end of the season, she was able to get off the bench and help her team.



3. Looking for an open girl, **Erin Mullen, 12**, prepared for a good pass. Mullen finished out her senior season strong with many points and assists. She became one of the leading scorers of the team. **4. Jump Ball!** **Megan Sweeney, 11**, began the game against Hamilton with some jumping action. The girls worked hard and pulled a head. The girls won 46-45.



5. Driven by anticipation. **Bethany Marks, 11**, drives the ball down the court. Marks turned up the heat against Milford. She scored 16 points against Milford, and helped the team win 34-32.

