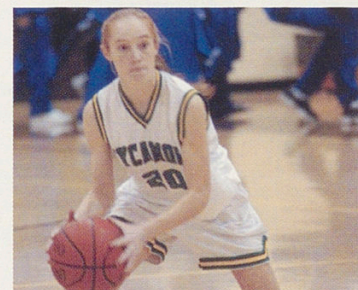




1. Looking around for possible passes, Tricia Welsch, 9 was fine with depending on her teammates for possible help. Team communication on the court is a great thing to have. 2. Get open! Jacky Roesch, 9, tries pivoting around her blocker to try and find an open teammate to pass the ball. Basic offense skills help out a lot in situations like that.



3. Shoving her opponent out of the way so she could get an opening to the ball, Jen McLaughlin, 9, stays aggressive and would not let anyone stop her. 4. Racing down the court, Grayce Ruehlmann, 9, rushes to get away from the other team's defense. She keeps her eye on her destination and keeps moving towards it.



Fast and efficient, Julie Hull, 9, moves across the court with great ease, flying past the other team.

## Staying on the ball

Team unity helped out

By Lauren Fox

**SHOOTING TOWARDS VICTORY!** The freshman girls basketball team was a power house of winners. They pulled out a great victory over their biggest competitor Princeton.

Knowing that their opponent was undefeated didn't shake them. It stayed a close game throughout, however with their ability to make free throws, and handling of Princeton's pressing defense toward the end of the game, they brought themselves to the top! Not only did **Coach Stefany Reedy** guide them along the way during the season, but team unity also played a huge role. After their game against Hamilton, the bus driver took the whole team over to **Jacky Roesch's, 9**, house for a huge sleepover including Reedy.

"We are a team off the court just as

well as on it," said **Tricia Welsch, 9**, about their team's closeness.

Team bonding is a huge element when trying to succeed on the court.

"Our team is really close, we always manage to have a great time together on and off the court," said **Grayce Ruehlmann, 9**.

If a team does not know how to communicate with each other following plays could be very difficult. During their close game against Mercy, they managed to pull ahead in the last quarter of the game and win! **Leah Morand, 9**, scored a season high of 15 points for the team.

"I think that we have greatly progressed as a team, learning how to work together," said **Tina Emery, 9**.



1. Wearing out the other team, Dana Fahlbusch, 9, tries to get around the other player in order to complete the play. Fast foot work helps her out a lot. 2. Time to focus. In a group huddle the team discusses their strategy and plays that they are going to carry out. The team works well together.



Looking for an opening, **Kelly Wills, 9**, looks around for a free player to throw the ball to. She needed to find the right player who would be able to get to the ball before someone on the opposing team.

