

**KEEPING THEIR HEADS HIGH, THE JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM STARTED OUT THE SEASON ROUGHLY, HOWEVER THEY PULLED THROUGH AND KEPT PUSHING FORWARD.**

Not giving up, they ended up playing one of their best games against Middletown. Defeating the Middies both times in their back-to-back games really brought up their team morale.

"Every Saturday game that we had we would go out to breakfast before. These were truly memorable experiences and we had so much fun," said **Jen Mott, 9**.

Other than the Saturday morning breakfasts, the team also had sleepovers and pasta parties which were also great bonding experiences for the girls. Another great team asset was their connection

with their coaches. Having a supportive coach who they were able to relate to and connect well with was great for them.

"My relationship with Coach Harris was very unique. We were able to have a lot of fun and he joked around a lot which made it even more enjoyable," said **Kelly Spry, 10**.

This group of girls had a lot of fun together.

"Laser tag and our team sleepover were so much fun. This was an awesome team, and we all had a lot of laughs," said **Sarah Yanow, 10**.

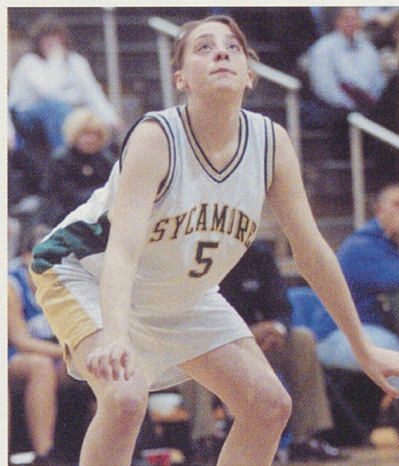
Not being able to work together as a team was not a question for these girls.

"We are like a little family, although it might have taken us awhile to work as a unit, we were always a family on and off the court," said **Rachel Yanow, 10**.

These girls had a great season, never ceasing to reach their goal of working hard and feeling good.



**A lack of ball control was not an issue for Natalie Wade, 10.** Keeping her eye on the defense, she moves her way down the court with her teammates there by her side to help her reach the basket. Team work is a key during their games, and helps them keep winning throughout the season.



# Pushing forward

## Working their way to the top

By Lauren Fox



**1. Get out of my way!** Cassy Booker, 10, does not hesitate to block out her opponent when trying to capture the rebound. Rebounds are pivotal when trying to gain control of the ball. **2. Prospects on the sidelines** Melanie Klein, 10, Natalie Wade, and Kim Standen, 9, are big supporters of their teammates, watching their every move. Team support and motivation is a great help for these girls when fighting for their wins.



**Jen Mott, 9**, weaves in and out of the defensive players on the other team to reach the basket. She keeps her mind on what she wants and works her way towards the other end of the court. Good offense helps her out on the way.



**3. Time for a time-out.** The team gathers for a group huddle to strategize their next move. Ending the meeting with a loud chant helps keep them excited about playing hard to win. **4. Over here!** Sarah Yanow, 10, keeps her eye on the ball as it heads towards her. Moving quickly and paying attention is key in winning the games. If one is not paying attention teamwork can not be possible.

