

Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball

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As the basketball season comes to an end, the girls' junior varsity team has accumulated six wins and eight losses. However, the losing record belies their talent, hard work, and determination.

Take Vanessa Williams as an example. Playing all positions and averaging fourteen points a game, Number 55 was able to boost Woodlawn's performance in many games. There is also the leadership provided by Coach Bryant, Coach Locke, and Coach Vaughn, all of whom have previous experience coaching organized basketball.

This year's junior varsity team featured just six players—but these six players maintained the season, largely through their inspiration and relentless teamwork. This perseverance held off any sense of defeat.

With no second string, the players often played tired. But they managed to run the floor and make it through every game, often with an end result of victory. The junior varsity coaches helped build the stamina and endurance of the team through running and rigorous drills.

And despite all this challenging athletic preparation, the hard work did not interfere with the school-work or grades of the players (every player on the team met the requirement of maintaining passing grades). Next year's team will come back with the same high standards, and strive for success both on and off the court.

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