

Lady Dragon Basketball



Basketball is a game played on a court with two teams, each team trying to shoot the ball through a hoop at the opponent's end of the court. The Shelbyville Lady Dragons have a long tradition of winning with each athlete striving to keep this custom alive. Many students at Shelbyville are interested in basketball because of the many lessons they might learn. Beginning during the 1952-53 school year, ladies basketball was adopted as a sport inspiring young girls to improve themselves through teamwork, self determination, and setting high goals.

The girl's basketball program at Shelbyville has a long history dating back to 1952. Edward Clinton Crisp coached the first girl's team at Shelbyville from 1952 until 1970.

Some high school students allegedly burned the first gym that the basketball program had. This was a loss for the team and coach, but in 1970, Shelbyville received a new gym from East Liberty. The Lady Dragons were unable to participate in the U.I.L. games during that season, but in 1971, Gay Collum finally obtained the coaching job for the Lady Dragons and stayed until 1974. Coach Daszella Moore took over the girl's team in 1974, and Mr. J.W. Cartwright accompanied her later. During their intense coaching and dedication, the teams won many titles and earned a reputation that is still remembered today. In the year of 1998-99, Coach Sondra Lawrence came to Shelbyville from Booker T. Washington in Shreveport, Louisiana. She willingly took the time to help the current basketball team improve their skills and will continue to dedicate her time to them in the future. Although she has not been here long, the community is optimistic that the players now will continue to strive for excellence as the teams in the past have done.





The girls' basketball program contributes to student growth by inspiring every student and allowing them to set goals for the future. Goals are a main part of becoming successful and being able to receive the gold trophy that every team strives to attain. As Coach Moore and Coach Cartwright told their athletes, "Try your best to be a winner in every game you play and always think positive in every situation that you face." Monica Henderson, a former student and assistant coach, played for the Lady Dragons in the early 90's and can testify that dedication determines the difference between a winner and a loser. Ms. Henderson believes that if a person puts their heart into the game and gives 100 percent, it is easy to become a winner inside

no matter what the outcome of the game is. Being on the 1993 team that advanced to the playoffs, Coach Henderson learned that if a team works together and states their goal every day, it can easily come to pass through commitment and hard work. As Coach Lawrence says, "Just give me your best and I will be satisfied." If a person tries their best, they are automatically considered a winner at Shelbyville.

There is no limit to the success of any person except what they put on themselves. As we have seen, the credentials and reputation from the past has greatly influenced the students at our school. It may seem difficult to keep the tradition going, but nothing is impossible for the Lady Dragons once their mind is set on a specific goal.



Captains and Coach

Left to right: Bobbie Nichols, Coach E.C. Crisp, Shirley Reynolds



Girls' Basketball

Girl's Basketball Team

Left to right: Bobbie Nichols, Shirley Reynolds, Christine Bailey, LaMerle Brown, Ethel Shue, Catherine Post, LaNell Singletary, Carolyn Wood, Audrey McCauley, Mary Jo Emmon, Janell Cordray, Martha Nell Smith, Marcia Collins, Vernell English, and Bobbie Wagstaff