

# **LADY TIGER BASKETBALL**

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The first five weeks of the basketball season proved to be tough for the Lady Tigers Basketball team, so tough that some athletes struggled to walk at times. Even so, numbers did not diminish like some may think. The Lady Tigers Basketball team began the season in November, with two a days, leading them into a 2-0 start. Their hard work and dedication had paid off. They are now 3-6.

With 22 girls, leadership should be apparent, but this year's young group of girls have struggled to hold each other accountable for continued success. Coach Mike Beying commented, "We are still looking for a few players to step up and be the leader that our youth looks to."

As with any basketball team, there is always room for improvement. Coach Beying said, "We need to have a lot of improvement in the scoring area of the game. I would like to see the team shoot above 50%." Right now, the team is at 33%. Some of the improvements the team has already made are in the areas of ball control and passing. "I see the team improve every day with this," stated Coach Beying.

Of all the teams the Lady Tigers face, Coach Beying believes that Wabaunsee will be the toughest. When the competition gets tough, the team must be able to execute their stuff. They won't do any special schemes or throw in any trick plays; they will only focus on what they do. "Our success is dependent upon the team's ability to run our defense and let that transition into our offense," added Coach Beying.

With that being said, by the end of the season Coach Beying wants his team to be able to execute their plays at all times with no possessions off. By doing so, the season will end successfully and lead right into a summer program of the same kind. The whole team is eligible to come back next year, "Keeping this group together for two or three more years will lead to something special."