



Lane McLeod, in her first year at WHS, was one of the many rookies to make it into the starting line-up. Lane proved herself to be a strong force on the team.

The 1986-87 Girls Varsity Basketball team: (l-r) Pam McDonald, Leitha Brown, Rhonda Robinson, Cathie Jakes, Angie Elliott, Anne Igartiburu, Monica Holmes, Anne Hall, Terri Siders, Michelle Mitton, Laura Kinard, Lane McLeod.



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Grasping the Future

Ending the basketball season with an 11-13 record, one of the best in years, the girls' varsity team showed that it was ready to play ball. Going further in the play-offs than ever before, the team ended the year in February but never utilized full ability as a team until the latter part of the season.

The team consisted of one senior. Ironically enough, that senior was Spanish exchange student Anne Igartiburu. The team also had two ninth graders, Michelle Minton who had a 10.7 points per game average for the year and Letha Brown who showed great raw talent, never having played organized ball. However, the power was concentrated in the sophomores and juniors on the team.

Sophomore Lane McLeod at guard provided extra support from the bench by shooting an average of 5.7 points per game. Leading rebounder

Rhonda Robinson, who was also a top student, muscled and fought her way through other players for a remarkable 259 rebounds and scoring 256 points for her team. Monica Holmes displayed her talent with a 12.1 average. She scored 278 points, making her the leading scorer, and fielded 163 rebounds. However, Head Coach Marsha Coe felt the girls who made up her bench also served a valuable purpose as the scoring efforts and triumphs of players Letha Brown, Cathy Jakes, Angie Elliott, Anne Hall, and Laura Kinard kept the team's momentum and spirit going.

Ms Coe felt another technique also helped the team to success. In several practice sessions the girls' varsity team would scrimmage the boys' varsity team. The contests were never considered a battle of the sexes; however, they allowed the

girls' and boys' teams to practice against set-up offenses and defenses and to gain valuable playing experience.

Ms Coe felt that the team had taken great strides toward a winning season over the past few years. She noticed that the girls seemed to play more as a team and felt that in her words, "It didn't matter who made the points as long as a basket was scored." The team worked very hard but tried to have fun while they worked. Junior Monica Holmes recalled, "I really enjoyed being on the team, because I've known all the girls since the ninth grade and we are steadily improving." She ventured to say: "Next year will be our best ever."

by Randy Beach