

The Girls J.V. Basketball Team: L-R, Lenore Wasson, Fredricka Ford, Latarsha Hudson, Emily Sullivan, Allison Bridge, Audrey Breland, Lorrenda Black, LuNell Sweat, Rena Haynes, Santay Small, Frances Gregory.

Rena Haynes must reach high above a Berkeley defender to send the ball on its course.



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Key to the future

Essentially, junior varsity teams were a training ground for varsity teams. The j.v. team taught the basic fundamentals of the game and gave the player experience which, in turn, built confidence. However, with the great success of the girls' j.v. basketball team, the shot of confidence found its way into the arm of the girls' varsity team.

The junior squad pushed its way through to an impressive 15-5 record, scoring a total of 461 points and defeating Summerville. Starting a variety of players, Coach Marsha Coe felt that her bench, as on the varsity team, was strong enough to secure points on the board just as well as her starters. Trying to let players experience different positions on the court, Ms. Coe changed her line-up quite frequently. Audrey

Breland occasionally stepped in as guard or forward for teammates Allison Bridge and Rena Haynes, who were the team's leading rebounders. Also Frances Gregory and LuNell Sweat could be seen sharing the center position, while guard Fredricka Ford, the team's leading scorer with 107 points, usually divided her duties with Latarsha Hudson.

Working hard and having a good attitude were important in a player, but skill and practice were necessary attributes as well. Many girls on the j.v. team were able to get much-needed experience by being involved with a basketball program at Colleton Middle School. The program consisted of a boys' and girls' team that played its own full schedule all over the state. The main reason for this team was not to be the best, but to

experience the feeling of the game. Ms. Coe felt that the program, one which she had been requesting for many years, had brought about an astonishing improvement in the team. Another asset to the team were players Allison Bridge, Latarsha Hudson, and Lenore Wasson, who played on the j.v. team while they were in the seventh grade.

With girls playing at a much earlier age, the future for basketball at WHS looks good. Looking to the future, player Emily Sullivan said, "I feel that with everyone able to return to Varsity and players coming up from j.v., the varsity will be as successful or more successful than the j.v. was this year."

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