

Remember when losing was the end of it all? Mom tried to make it feel better, but

Is It Only Just A Game?

Basketball. When you hear that word, you probably think of guys running up and down the floor, throwing a ball into a hoop. But basketball is more than that.

Basketball is emotion. Not just the emotions of the players, but of the coaches, cheerleaders and fans. Frustration, happiness, disappointment, nervousness. They're all a part of the life of anyone who is associated with the game.

As senior cheerleader Dianna Garcia stated, "I wanted to be a part of the action. It's frustrating standing on the sidelines." It's an aspect of the game we've all witnessed. We've seen it on the faces of the players as the score see-

"HE SHOOTS, HE SCORES!" Senior standout Charlie Howes can shoot, he can dribble, he can pass off. To stop him, all you have to do is figure out what he's going to do next!

sawed back and forth. We've seen it on the faces of the fans as the ball falls out of the basket instead of in. It's an integral part of the game. You can't escape it.

Sophomore Cory Gavenda remembers his first game on varsity. "I was very nervous. People were watching me!" But overcoming those nerves and playing the game was what made our team a success.

So, as you can see, basketball is more than numbers on a scoreboard and stats on a stat sheet. It's more than making baskets and winning games. It's about people and the emotions that go with them. After all, it is more than just a game.

INTENSITY AND DETERMINATION flicker in the eyes of Brian Gavenda as he tries to outfox his defender. Charlie Howes rushes to Brian's aid in this exciting victory over MPSH.



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