

# UNITY

PLAY AS A TEAM; WIN AS A TEAM!

"I really enjoyed coaching at Ashley. At the Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart district game, after our big victory a lot of fans congratulated me that I had never met before," commented first year Coach Brian VanBuren. "Not only did the team play with pride and unity, the fans showed us how they all came together, as well."

This indicates how the girls' basketball team won both on and off the court. Their record may not have shown their wins by the scores, but their pride made up for it all.

"We worked hard as a team with the support we had for each other. I really had a fun last year and I wouldn't change a second of it, except to maybe do it all again," stated senior Dianne Surdock.

The team also faced injuries from two of their starters, junior Kristin Bornemann and senior Heather Polash, that put them both out for the season. This would certainly dampen the attitudes of

some, but not this team. It just made them more determined to play their absolute best.

"I injured my knee at basketball camp and had to have surgery that put me out for the season. However, I noticed these girls wouldn't take anything from anybody. They were determined to do their best and that is exactly what they did," said Bornemann.

The team also received the Sportsmanship Award for their great attitudes toward the other coaches and teams in their league. They

were voted this award by the teams in their league. Therefore, not only did their fans recognize their own remarkable sportsmanship, but other teams and coaches did, as well.

The team had high expectations for the playoffs. However, the stars weren't exactly pointed their way and they only made it to the final district game.

"I was still proud of the team and I was glad to be a part of it," reflected Evon Sastamoinen on her last year playing for AHS.

Terri Kral



**STAND ASIDE!** Junior Miranda Coon scurries past a Webberville Spartan. "Webberville was the team everyone was waiting to play," Miranda stated.

**STEP BACK, GIRLY!** Senior Dianne Surdock rushes to the elbow as junior Lissa Czeiszperger posts up against a Vestaburg Wolverine. Lissa played at the forward position for the Bears.



C. Prikasky



J. Downs

**VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 First row: Carry Felton, Terri Kral, Amy Cermak  
 Second row: Evon Sastamoinen, Dianne Sur-

dock, Miranda Coon, Lisa Strnad, Lissa Czeiszperger  
 Back row: Kristin Bornemann, Heather Polash.