

# ATTITUDE

*The junior high girls' basketball team had a little bit of swagger in their step and played to win every game.*

**-PATRICK YELSIK**

When one thinks of junior high basketball, they usually associate it with a time of learning and winning is not the main point of emphasis, but the 2000 girls' junior high basketball teams found themselves right in the thick of winning. The seventh grade finished with a 4-6 record while the eighth grade finished with a 7-5 mark. Though the teams became familiar with winning, learning and having fun were also priorities.

"Just being part of the team and having fun with my friends was the best part of playing for me," commented **Tausha Bakos**.

Reflected **Kelsi Mizer**, "My

favorite part of playing basketball was simply getting to meet new people."

In between the fun were some very tough games for the girls that didn't turn out as they would have wanted. Re-marked **Tiffany Luckhurst**, "The Sacred Heart game was disappointing for me because we didn't play up to our potential as a team."

The girls had numerous turnovers that game and missed some shots that could have made the difference.

"Losing the tournament championship game to Sacred Heart was disappointing for me because the game meant so much," said **Keri Good**.

All in all, the girls made great improvements throughout the season which resulted in wins, such as the game against Vestaburg when the girls played tough defense and made some key free throws down the stretch. Those free throws added in with hard play for four quarters resulted in a win. "The game against Vestaburg was our best game because we played with great teamwork," commented **Erin Koppleberger**.

**Bakos** simply remarked, "I don't think we had a best game. We played very good and very hard each and every game, which is all we or anyone else could ask from us."



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**MONEY!** Tausha Bakos puts up a shot amid traffic during a game against Vestaburg. Tausha scored 37 points on the year.



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**SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL** First row: **Coach Dianne Surdock, Emily Mepham, Abi Evans, Erin Koppleberger, Coach Carry Felton** Back row:

**Tiffany Luckhurst, Keri Good, Barbara Gall, Kelsi Mizer, Christy Boulus.**