

## 2013 – 2014 WEST HARTFORD GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

### **\*\*PROVIDENCE TEAM HIGHLIGHTS\*\***



1/5/14 – Syracuse 26, Providence 14:

Team Providence shook off the opening game jitters and played hard in the first game of the season. Rebecca Markie was the leading scorer for Providence with six points and broke the ice with the first bucket of the season. Vanessa Xiques must have had a can of Red Bull right before the game because her energy was all high level. Helen Garde warmed-up the offensive machine late in the game and contributed four points. Samantha Giuliano played excellent defense and was in perfect rebounding position to score her first two points. Libby Schmerzler played with great enthusiasm for the entire game as did all of her teammates. The girls are so excited for the rest of the season to unfold. Bring on game 2!



1/12/14 – Maryland 25, Providence 10:

Providence didn't quit against a great offensive effort by Maryland! Emily Cubbage was on fire, playing with extreme tenacity! It seemed like there were two Emily's out on the court last Sunday! Hayden Neubert continues to impress with her defense! You can count on Hayden always being in the pile, trying to rip the ball out of the hands of the opposing team! The offense for Providence is still a "work in progress", but the girls are working hard in practice to turn it around. As always, Providence displays a great attitude and looks forward to the next contest to show what they can do!



1/19/14 – Tennessee 26, Providence 24:

WHAT A GAME! Providence's offense finally emerged from its deep winter hibernation! Ella Reilly was magnificent today! Ella became the first double-digit scorer for Providence with 10 Points! The other "5th Grade Scoring Demon" for Providence, Becca Markie, played her

normal high-octane game with 2 buckets! Vanessa "Nessy-Bear" Xiques, had 6 points and gave Tennessee all they could handle as far as defense was concerned. Kudos go out to Ava Forand for her first points of the year! Samantha Giuliano despite being slightly "under the weather", poured in a bucket and played great "D". The first "TASTY JUMPER" of the year award goes out to Hayden Neubert for a thrilling shot off the backboard that almost took the rim off! The girls are so pumped about playing BBALL now, and that is what it's all about!



1/26/14 – Providence 31, UConn 18:

Providence had their "breakout game" of the season today! Scoring kudos go out to Vanessa Xiques and Helen Garde for combining for 20 points today! The offensive "Ice-Breaker Award" goes out to Macy Hanzlik-Barend for dropping her first bucket of the season! The 5th Grade scoring demons, Ella Reilly and Rebecca Markie, continue to electrify and amaze the crowd with their hard play at both ends of the court! Samantha Giuliano had 4 points and was in excellent rebounding position throughout the game. All the girls were so competitive today and are rooting each other from the start of the game to the finish! One last shout-out to UConn for not quitting and playing a hard fought game today!



2/2/14 – North Carolina 24, Providence 22:

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It truly was a hard fought battle at Conard High School today! The lead went back & forth for the entire game. Ella "Lightning" Reilly had another tremendous game, as did her fellow "5th Grade Scoring Demon" Rebecca Markie. Vanessa Xiques continues to develop as one of the finest players in the Junior Division and had 8 Points. Helen Garde played very solid on both ends of the court and finished the day with 6 points. Macy Hanzlik-Barend played some super feisty "D" today against North Carolina. This game was a "heartbreaker," but the girls gained some great experience today. Hats off to NC for playing a great game!



2/9/14 – Syracuse 30, Providence 10:

Providence had its work cut out against a very tough Syracuse squad! Today's game was all about having a positive attitude when being down by so many baskets. The good attitude award goes out to the entire team for not giving up and playing hard right up to the final whistle Today's "Tasty Jumper Award" goes out to Helen Garde. Helen made that basket after being defended hard by 2 very good Syracuse players! Ava Forand, and Emily Cubbage played very solid "D" today. The girls are looking forward to practice this week after being snowed-out last week and will work hard to get all of the "rust off" before next week's game.



2/16/14 – Maryland 38, Providence 24:

The girls on both teams certainly got a great workout in on Sunday! Despite the upcoming school vacation that severely depleted the number of players on both benches, a great game was played! Providence's Emily Cubbage had an outstanding game on both ends of the court, scoring her first three pointer of the season and playing great "D". Vanessa Xiques continues to impress everyone with her overall outstanding play and great attitude. Helen Garde contributed six points and played solid defense as well. A huge shout-out goes to Ella Reilly! Ella displayed great effort and extremely tough play that makes her so special game in and game out! A final shout-out to Coach Mike and all of the members of Team Maryland for showing great sportsmanship in yesterday's game!



2/23/14 – Providence 28, Tennessee 20:

Providence has paid the electricity bill, and the POWER IS ON! Vanessa Xiques was explosive yesterday with 14 Points, which sets the season scoring record for a single game! Emily Cubbage continues to steadily improve and impress! Emily "Cubs" Cubbage, is super quick on "D" and the "O" is coming along nicely as she finished with (6) points. The 5th Grade "Scoring Demons" Ella Reilly and Rebecca Markie continue to cause trouble for any team in the league with their super intense play! Samantha Giuliano had a great defensive effort yesterday and was a key factor in the victory for Providence. The "TASTY JUMPER AWARD"

goes out to Hayden Neubert, for a sweet one, that rattled in hard off the backboard! The Final Shout-Out goes to Coach Rick and all of the players on Tennessee, for playing hard right up to the buzzer and also making a great comeback!



3/2/14 – UConn 22, Providence 18:

Despite the final score, Providence finished the 2014 season on a high note! Congrats to Libby Schmerzler and Isabelle Rome for scoring their first buckets of the season! The coaches are all very proud that every player on Providence managed to score a basket this season. Ella Reilly played like a piano in the final game scoring a team high 8 points, while also making numerous steals on "D". We all missed our team scoring leader, Vanessa Xiques, who unfortunately suffered a broken foot earlier in the week. Vanessa demonstrated great team spirit still by attending Sunday's game to root for her teammates . Helen Garde, Emily Cabbage, and Hayden Neubert also contributed on the offensive end. Congrats to Team UConn, for winning their first game of the season! On behalf of all the coaches, I would first like to thank all of the wonderful parents for their support this year. Lastly, thanks to the girls of Team Providence who all got along so well this season and made it such a pleasure to coach and assist in developing your basketball skills!