2012 – 2013 WEST HARTFORD GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

****MYSTICS TEAM HIGHLIGHTS****



1/6/13 - Mystics 42, Liberty 24:

Maggie Murray led a balanced scoring attack that included Kaye Paddyfote, Cynthia Paddyfote, and Bonnie Wilder. The team was two for three beyond the arc and made seven of eight free throws! Maggie Price and Gillian Haverty led a solid defensive effort. Meghan Alquist and Claire Sherrill were strong rebounders with Claire picking up her first Senior League basket. Sofia Mantilla and Diana Morales also made their Senior League debuts in this fast paced game.



<u>1/13/13 – Mystics 46, Lynx 30</u>:

The Mystics were led in scoring by Bonnie Wilder, with significant scoring contributions from Ana Jaworski, Maggie Murray, and Gillian Haverty. Cynthia Paddyfote and Bonnie Wilder led our team in assists. Gillian Haverty, Kaye Paddyfote, Cynthia Paddyfote, and Bonnie Wilder helped the Mystics record over twenty steals. Sofia Mantilla, Claire Sherrill, and Meghan Alquist contributed to a great overall team rebounding effort. The coaches were proud of the effort on defense and rebounding this week.



1/20/13 - Mystics 57, Dream 33:

The first half of this game was very entertaining, as both teams traded the lead many times. The Mystics and Dream combined for 49 first-half points, with the Mystics taking a one point advantage into halftime. The third quarter saw the Mystics blast out to an 18-2 run that put the game out of reach. Bonnie Wilder and Maggie Murray combined for 42 points. Ana Jaworski, Gillian Haverty, Claire Sherrill, and Meghan Alquist all contributed to the scoring. The coaches were pleased with the ball movement as the Mystics recorded 21 assists! Bonnie Wilder led the team in assists with Maggie Murray, Ana Jaworski, and Meghan Alquist all contributing at least two assists to our very unselfish team. Sofia Mantilla and Maggie Price contributed on defense as the Mystics recorded 17 steals.



1/27/13 - Mystics 39, Storm 17:

The Mystics were led by Cynthia Paddyfote, Maggie Murray, and Bonnie Wilder scoring eight points apiece to pace another well rounded attack. Meghan Alquist, Kaye Paddyfote, Claire Sherrill, and Sofia Mantilla rounded out the scoring effort. Once again our unselfish play led to double-digit assists being recorded, led by Gillian Haverty and Bonnie Wilder. The Mystics were strong defensively with Maggie Murray leading the way with seven steals. Maggie Price, Meghan Alquist, Kaye Paddyfote, Gillian Haverty, and Bonnie Wilder all helped record eighteen total team steals. The Mystics shot three of four from the free throw line as Claire Sherrill helped the effort by shooting two for two. This was a great overall effort over a tough Storm team.



2/3/13 - Mystics 23, Sun 21:

The Mystics played a well-coached and determined Sun team that controlled the tempo of this closely played and exciting game. The Mystics prevailed in the end with timely baskets by Claire Sherrill and Ana Jaworski, who scored with 10 seconds left for the only Mystic lead of the game. Bonnie Wilder and Maggie Murray led the Mystics in scoring on this day when baskets were hard to come by. Maggie Murray, Kaye Paddyfote, Ana Jaworski, and Cynthia Paddyfote combined for 15 steals to help hold the score close. Bonnie Wilder and Cynthia Paddyfote combined for fifteen rebounds and were helped by Meghan Alquist, Gillian Haverty, and Sofia Mantilla.



2/10/13 - Storm Nemo 100, Mystics 0:

Storm Nemo came and cancelled all games this week!



2/17/13 - Mystics 56, Sparks 21:

In Mike Sherrill's head coaching debut, the Mystics played a strong defensive game, including sixteen defensive rebounds and fifteen steals. Maggie Price, Gillian Haverty, and Maggie Murray applied strong defensive pressure throughout the game. Ana Jaworski led the team with five steals and Cynthia Paddyfote and Claire Sherrill led the team's rebounding effort. Leading scorers for the Mystics were Cynthia Paddyfote, Kaye Paddyfote, and Maggie Murray. Meghan Alquist scored six points in the fourth quarter and Bonnie Wilder distributed the ball well, leading the Mystics in assists. Bonnie Wilder also connected on the Mystics 2nd three-point basket of the season. This was a strong game over a well-coached Sparks team.



2/24/13 - Mystics 52, Lynx 45:

In a fun competitive game where a season league high of 97 total points were scored, the Mystics held on against a tough Lynx team. Each team had the lead several times in this back-and-forth game. Once again the Mystics had double digit assists with Bonnie Wilder and Kaye Paddyfote leading the way with great passes. Cynthia Paddyfote led our team with six steals. Kaye Paddyfote (15), Bonnie Wilder (14), and Cynthia Paddyfote (10) led our team with points. The Mystics had several key players step up and help with scoring with Gillian Haverty hitting two critical shots. Maggie Price also hit a crucial basket and a free throw during a Mystic run in the second quarter. With a minute left in this tightly contested game, Ana Jaworski drained a three pointer to put the game out of reach. Meghan Alquist and Claire Sherrill played great defense along the back line against their taller opponents. The coaches are very proud of the effort in this undefeated regular season.



3/3/13 - Mystics 40, Dream 13:

In the first round playoff game against the Dream, the Mystics continued their unselfish ways by once again having double digit assists! Bonnie Wilder and Maggie Murray led the way with great passes, creating open looks for their teammates. Another example of the Mystics unselfish play was that everyone scored! Cynthia Paddyfote (10), Bonnie Wilder (9), Maggie Murray (6), Kaye Paddyfote (4), Meghan Alquist (2), Claire Sherrill (2), Gillian Haverty (2), and Ana Jaworski (2) all contributed to the cause. Maggie Murray, Bonnie Wilder, Kaye Paddyfote, and Ana Jaworski combined for more than fifteen steals to lead the Mystics defensively. Every player garnered a rebound as well. A great team effort!



3/9/13 - Mystics 29, Liberty 18:

This semi-final matchup started slow as both teams missed some easy shots playing at Conard High School for the first time. The score at the end of the first half was 10 - 10. That total was the Mystic team low for the year, as the Liberty deserve credit for their hustle and intensity. The third quarter pressure the Mystics applied helped jump start the scoring. Maggie Murray opened up the fourth quarter with three quick steals and converted those for six points that put the game out of reach. Bonnie Wilder and Maggie Murray each scored thirteen points to lead our scoring. Cynthia Paddyfote, Kaye Paddyfote, Gillian Haverty, and Sophia Mantilla also contributed to the scoring column. Once again we shared the basketball as Meghan Alquist, Cynthia Paddyfote, Kaye Paddyfote, and Ana Jaworski all tallied at least two assists. Defensively the Mystics accounted for twenty steals with Maggie Murray, Maggie Price, Bonnie Wilder, Kaye Paddyfote, and Ana Jaworski all taking part in the theft of the ball. The Mystics effort in the second half helped close the game on a 29-8 run. The Liberty played hard the whole game and should be commended.



<u>3/10/13 – Mystics 41, Lynx 31:</u>

The Senior Division Championship Game had the Mystics and the Lynx meeting for a third time this season. The Lynx had closed the scoring gap in the first two games, with the Mystics holding on in the final game of the regular season to win by seven. This time defense and rebounding were the keys to victory as the Mystics held the Lynx to eleven firsthalf points to take a nine point lead into the half. The second half was a very even affair as the Mystics survived three players fouling out. Leading the rebounding effort was Maggie Murray (who had a double/double in less than 13 minutes of playing time)! Claire Sherrill and Bonnie Wilder each had six rebounds, a season high for Claire. Also contributing to the rebound totals were Cynthia Paddyfote, Kaye Paddyfote, Ana Jaworski, Sophia Mantilla, and Meghan Alquist. Gillian Haverty led the Mystics with four steals with Maggie Price, Maggie Murray, Cynthia Paddyfote, Kaye Paddyfote, Bonnie Wilder, and Ana Jaworski credited for thefts during the game. The Mystics scoring effort was led by Cynthia Paddyfote (11) and Maggie Murray (10). Gillian Haverty, Bonnie Wilder, Kave Paddyfote, Ana Jaworski, Claire Sherrill, and Meghan Alquist all chipped in points too. Bonnie Wilder capped off her season by once again leading the Mystics in assists with Maggie Murray, Gillian Haverty, and Cynthia Paddyfote all sharing the ball that led to made baskets. The Mystic players and coaches would like to recognize the effort and determination demonstrated by our final opponent, the Lynx. Well done!

AND NOW, A NOTE FROM YOUR COACH...

March 13, 2013

Team,

It is with great pride that I write this closing letter for the season. You should be very proud of your efforts and contributions during our undefeated season. We had a team where everyone contributed to our success. A great example of the many contributions was the final game of the season where we had four different players lead us in rebounding, assists, steals, and scoring.

It was during the first practice when I turned to the other coaches and commented on how we had good players, but even better, you had great teammates. The unselfish nature in which you shared the ball and supported each other made this team a fun one to coach.

Statistically, we averaged over forty-four points a game while only surrendering twenty-five points a game. Ana Jaworski bailed us out of our one close game against the Sun with a game-winning basket for our only lead of the game. We averaged over ten assists per game, with Bonnie Wilder leading that category followed closely by Maggie Murray. In scoring were led by Maggie Murray, with Bonnie Wilder, Cynthia Paddyfote, and Kaye Paddyfote making consistent scoring contributions.

As I look back on the weekly write-ups, I find that every one of the Mystic players contributed to our success. We had a game in the playoffs that everyone scored! Every Mystic player had personal growth and success this year too.

We bid farewell to our eighth graders; Maggie Murray, Maggie Price, Bonnie Wilder, Ana Jaworksi, Cynthia Paddyfote, and Kaye Paddyfote, wishing them luck with their future basketball teams in high school. We look forward to defending our title next season with our returning players; Meghan Alquist, Gillian Haverty, Sophia Mantilla, and Claire Sherrill.

Playing team sports is important, not for the winning and losing, but for the friendships formed outside your school group and working toward a common goal. Please continue to keep team sports in your lives. I will be watching and cheering.

Coach Jeff