

2012 – 2013 WEST HARTFORD GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

****TENNESSEE TEAM HIGHLIGHTS****



VS.



1/6/13 – Providence 24, Tennessee 18:

After a slow and apprehensive start, Tennessee came to life as Rae Gutcheon started the scoring with an exciting lay-up off a solid pick by Isabella Celio. Rae Gutcheon and Isabella Celio led the team in scoring with 6 points each. Marley Greene, Grace Cronin and Amina Shakeel each had two points. The defensive effort was led by Katherine George. Katherine's hustle and determination was infectious and had an inspiring effect on her teammates. Laila Rivas was outstanding, setting important picks in order for her teammates to get open on offense. Lexi Smolenski and Zoe Houde had great all-around games with heads-up defense and moving without the ball. This was the best 'first game' of the season I have witnessed in four years. Although Tennessee took a loss, the team will grow by leaps and bounds.



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1/13/13 – Georgetown 20, Tennessee 16:

Tennessee lost a close game to Georgetown. However, with many of our players sidelined due to injury, Tennessee played a hard and scrappy brand of basketball. Everyone contributed on defense and rebounded the ball terrifically. Isabella Celio and Zoe Houde led Tennessee in scoring with 6 points each. Amina Shakeel and Lexi Smolenski each had 2 points. Katherine George and Grace Cronin both hustled on defense which created havoc for the opposing team.



1/27/13 – Tennessee 30, Syracuse 16:

Tennessee and Syracuse played an exciting game this Sunday. The game was nip and tuck through the first three quarters, with Tennessee able to pull away at the end for their first win. As has been their trademark so far this year, Tennessee played great defense. Katherine George, Bella Celio, and Marley Greene were defensive stalwarts, holding their opponents to few points and making some great steals. The guard play of Rae Gutcheon, Zoe Houde, and Lexi Smolenski helped drive a determined offense, while Amina Shakeel and Danielle Weinberg did a great job on the boards and scoring. It was a great team effort.



2/3/13 – Pittsburgh 25, Tennessee 22:

Superb defense prevailed again, even though Tennessee came up a touch short with a close loss to Pittsburgh. It was a hard-nosed game. Certainly Catherine George and Lexi Smolenski were the two most improved players from the previous week. Catherine set terrific picks and played outstanding defense. Lexi Smolenski started to let her athletic instincts prevail and scored 8 points. Amina Shakeel scored 8 points as well. Liat Bachar, who had been sidelined due to injury, scored 4 points and played good defense. Marley Greene contributed on the defensive end as well. Zoe Houde and Grace Cronin made terrific passes at the guard position. Bella Celio showed everyone that she can play guard and dribble with the best of them. This game was a pleasure to watch and a pleasure to coach.