

2012 – 2013 WEST HARTFORD GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

****NORTH CAROLINA TEAM HIGHLIGHTS****



1/13/13 – UConn 37, North Carolina 19:

After falling behind early on in Sunday's game to UConn's well-oiled shooting machine, North Carolina's girls pulled together to start stealing balls, blocking shots, and making some points of their own. Unfortunately, UConn's numbers tallying somewhere in the high thirties carved out an advantage that was just too substantial for the girls in red (NC) to recover from. UConn looked good this past Sunday, no doubt about it, but they left North Carolina with a fairly unsatisfied hunger that UConn's ladies might be wise to keep an eye on in the future. High scorer for the NC team was Imani Levy who showed strong ball handling skills, speed, and some prolific action on the boards, putting up eight points. Also scoring for NC were Erin Murray, Paige Carter, and the twin towers of power Grace and Avery Polk. Two girls who noticeably kicked things up a notch this week were Molly Jones and Anya Mogensen, exhibiting some key aggressive defense and sticking tightly to their UConn counterparts. Strong court awareness was evident throughout the game by both Rachel Jopek and Frankie Lynch, who each handled the ball and made smart passes throughout the day. And Maggie Mohring displayed some handy dribbling while bringing the ball down court and was repeatedly successful in finding open teammates to pass to. Absent from play (but not from the gym) was an injured Olivia Bonee. Although still out for game number two of the season as a result of a concussion, Olivia WAS present on the NC bench showing strong support for her teammates while eagerly awaiting her highly anticipated return to action next Sunday.



1/20/13 – North Carolina 28, Syracuse 18:

North Carolina put up a hard fought win over a very tough Syracuse team. The Syracuse girls were able to take an impressive number of shots, unfortunately not enough made their way through the net to stave off a hungry pack of young ladies in red. North Carolina welcomed Olivia Bonee on to the court for the first time this season following the previous two games on injured reserve. This welcome came with Olivia posting six points for Carolina and rendering her tied with Avery Polk as the game's high scorer. A great deal of hustle resulting in several rebounds and turnovers, as well as two baskets of her own came from Frankie Lynch. Also playing strong games and putting up points for NC were Grace Polk, Erin Murray, Molly Jones, and Maggie Mohring. Anya Mogensen showed heart playing tight defense and getting her hands on the ball significantly more than in previous weeks. Imani Levy gave her standard 110% while on the court playing tight D and creating numerous turnovers. In addition to their scoring efforts, it was also evident that both Grace and Avery Polk displayed strong leadership skills, selflessly dishing balls off to younger teammates in an effort to encourage confidence and opportunity to score. Absent from play this week were Rachel Jopek and Paige Carter. Carter, sitting out the game as a result of an injury, was however in attendance and in uniform showing strong team spirit and support for her fellow Carolina ball players. Syracuse showed some great heart and sportsmanship of their own and will surely be a team to watch out for in the weeks to come.



1/27/13 – Maryland 27, North Carolina 23:

North Carolina opened up very strong against an impressive Maryland team Sunday and continued on a path of level-headed play and sharp execution, making for a very entertaining game. Although NC was able to capitalize frequently and in fact hold the lead for much of the game, the ladies of Maryland did ultimately deliver a strong arm and held out to come up with the W. High Scorer for North Carolina was Grace Polk with eight points. Other girls posting numbers for NC were Frankie Lynch, Avery Polk, Olivia Bonee and Erin Murray. Murray and Lynch grabbed the "North Carolina pick-pockets of the week award," as each girl repeatedly stole ball after ball throughout the day. Rebounding strength came largely at the hands of Bonee, Lynch, Imani Levy and both Avery and Grace Polk. Rachel Jopek, Maggie Mohring, and Anya Mogensen all played tough on defense, and each showcased sound ball handling skills. North Carolina clearly had moments of pridefulness contrasted by moments of frustration on the day, but throughout, maintained a classy exhibition of good sportsmanship and top-notch team spirit.



2/3/13 – Georgetown 28, North Carolina 22:

Ah...North Carolina vs. Georgetown, one of the classic roundball round-ups in collegiate history; tenacity, talent, entertainment, everything to mirror the epic 1982 NCAA Championship, save the presence of Air Jordan and Patrick Ewing. Well, and one other slight deviation in the two match-ups was who would exit the court victorious. Alas, this time around Georgetown would ultimately grab the spoils, but not without a melee of historic proportions.

NC held an upper hand for a strong majority of the contest, but late in the game Georgetown would start sinking some impressive Youtube potentialities to even the score at 20 - 20 to begin the final segment of play. High scorer on the game would be the perennial powerhouse Grace Polk with eight points. A close second in the scoring department was Frankie Lynch with a personal season high of 6 points. Others to provide numbers for NC were Paige Carter and Avery Polk. The Polk ladies also hit the boards with a vengeance with each pulling down eight rebounds apiece. Others to come up with the ball off the boards were Carter, Lynch, Molly Mohring, and Olivia Bonee. Getting hands on the ball and keeping the Carolina spirit alive throughout were Anya Mogensen, Molly Jones, and Rachel Jopek. Absent from play and sorely missed were Erin Murray and Imani Levy.