

# 2013 – 2014 WEST HARTFORD GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

## \*\*SPARKS TEAM HIGHLIGHTS\*\*



VS.

1/5/14 – Sparks 26, Dream 23:

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The Sparks won their opening game of the year in a very exciting and close game vs. a tough Dream team. The Dream opened a double-digit lead at the end of the first half with aggressive defense and good shooting. The Sparks fought back in the second half though. The comeback was led by Grace Polk, Deanna Michaels, and Bryanna McCreith, who each had key buckets. Brae Sullivan made a key basket and was fouled in the process, which helped "spark the Sparks" intensity. Olivia Pascon was the leader on defense with several important rebounds. Avery Polk was instrumental in breaking the Dream's excellent full-court press which helped lead the fast break. Best of luck to the Dream the rest of the season.



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1/12/14 – Sparks 51, Storm 25:

The Sparks won their second game of the season over a young but talented Storm team. Grace Polk got the Sparks started early with several fast break assists to Bryanna McCreith, Avery Polk, and Deanna Michaels. The defense was led by Brae Sullivan who did an excellent job boxing out for several key rebounds, and Iris Maloney who also made key stops. Colleen Aspell and Gabriella Urso each played point guard for the first time in the Senior Division and both executed the offense well. Courtney Schroeder played well at both ends of the floor and scored her first points of the season. Good luck to the Storm the rest of the season.



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2/2/14 – Sparks 44, Lynx 29:

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The Sparks picked up a win against a strong Lynx team. The Sparks were led on offense by Deanna Michaels who netted 22 points, and by Grace Polk and Avery Polk, who ran the offense at the point. Colleen Aspell and Brae Sullivan received the hustle awards for the Sparks, overcoming injury and illness to contribute to the victory with multiple assists. Courtney Schroeder and Iris Maloney each scored key baskets for the Sparks down low. Bryanna McCreith and Olivia Pascon led the defensive effort with many rebounds each. Good luck to the Lynx the rest of the season.



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2/16/14 – Sparks 36, Shock 30:

The Sparks locked up 3rd place for the regular season with a hard fought win over the Shock. The Sparks had an all-around team effort but were led in scoring by the Polk sisters, Avery and Grace. An aggressive defensive effort was sparked by Bryanna McCreith and Olivia Pascon, and Brae Sullivan had several key defensive rebounds and steals down the stretch. Colleen Aspell again provided important minutes at the point guard spot and played her usual outstanding man to man defense. Iris Maloney also had big rebounds at both ends of the floor. The Sparks close out the regular season vs. the Mystics next week.



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2/23/14 – Sparks 44, Mystics 22:

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The Sparks were sparked by a late-from-vacation entrance by Olivia Pascon and rode the momentum to a 44-22 victory over the much improved Mystics. Gabriella Urso played outstanding in the win and Courtney Schroeder led the defense with many key plays in the first half when the Sparks took the lead. Deanna Michaels also returned from vacation to provide big offensive scores down low. Colleen Aspell led many key fast breaks and Bryanna McCreith led the team in scoring. Iris Maloney and Courtney took turns at the point guard slot and did solid work leading the offense. The Sparks finished the regular season 6-2 and are looking forward to the playoffs and wish the Mystics good luck as well.