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Anastasia Satchell
(22)

We got a lot closer over the season. I love all the girls on the team. They're awesome, and seeing them in the hallways outside of practice is fun.



Emma Mead
(21)

The team has improved, and I know I've gotten better at passing, communicating with my team, and seeing how everyone plays.



Caroline Scheck
(20)

The team definitely got a lot better. We kind of started to know each other more as a team, because at first it was a little rough. But then we did a lot better.

“Instead of saying basketball is all about winning, it's about improving as a person, as a player, and as a team.”

Jessica Oudakker (19)

PUSHING BACK Jessica Oudakker (19) fights to maintain possession of the ball as pressure comes in from all directions. Oudakker was the only senior on the younger team. “It was a great experience to work on my leadership skills and step outside of my comfort zone,” Oudakker said.

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EYES WIDE OPEN Amy Sessions (21) locks eyes on the basket overhead as the pressure increases. Despite the rollercoaster of a season, Sessions believed the team had improved and grown closer over the season. She attributed much of that improvement to Coach John Coder. “He’s taken us a long way, from a team with underclassmen who were brand new to a varsity team,” Sessions said.

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COMING IN STRONG Isabella Namoksy (21) keeps the ball in her possession as she sprints for the basket. She played the game since before elementary school and planned on continuing for the next few years. “My favorite memory was beating Weld Central,” Namoksy said, smiling. “We went in thinking we couldn’t win and then we won!”

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CANT HANDLE THE ANTICIPATION The team watches intently as one of the girls goes up for a basket. They had a slow start to the season but they quickly snatched some wins and became the team they were aiming to be.

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REFUSE TO LOSE Holding the ball just out of reach, Taylor Brown (22) scans the court to determine the most efficient way to get the next point. A freshman, Brown was new to

the school, but she didn’t let that stop her from enjoying every minute of the season. “It’s just like coming to practice everyday,” Brown said with a laugh. “It’s fun to hang out with all my varsity people.”

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PUT YOUR HANDS UP As she fights for a breath, Sierra Hayes (20) raises the ball overhead to get it past the persistent opponents. Hayes had been playing since third grade and still loved the sport, and team, more than ever. “I loved the team dinners,” Hayes said. “We all got to hang out without basketball and get to know each other better.”

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HIP HIP HOORAY AbbyMae Wheaton (21) and Anastasia Satchell (22) leap with excitement after a point is scored. After a long season, the teammates became friends on and off the court.

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IN IT TO WIN IT After running the ball down the court, Oydne Rice (21) searches for a teammate to pass the ball to. Rice played basketball for five years and didn’t plan on stopping anytime soon. Her favorite part of the season, and the sport in general, was getting to meet new people and make new friends. “With our new coach we have a chance to go to State,” Rice said.

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Jordyn **WEST**



Jordyn West (20) has played basketball for more than half of her life: twelve years! She started because her parents signed her up, but she quickly fell in love with the sport. “My favorite part is usually the girls,” West said. “I just like the people we play with because you really get to make connections with new people.” West has marched with her team through the ups and downs of the season as the team’s point guard. After a rough beginning, West helped lead her team back to the top. “We’ve actually gotten a lot better,” West said. “I think because we’re such a new team, it was hard for us to click at the beginning of the season. But now that we’ve gotten used to playing with each other more, we’ve been able to compliment each other.” She plans on continuing to play in her senior year and, hopefully, in college as well.

late season surge
DID IT AGAIN

If you need an example of a comeback, take a look at the girls varsity basketball team. The season began with a team made up of mostly underclassmen who hadn’t yet found the connection every team needs, and ended with a much higher record in their league. Together, they’ve improved and learned to play as a team rather than as individuals. “I think we got to know each other a lot more than we did at the start of the year, which helped us play better,” AbbyMae Wheaton (21) said. Coach John Coder, new to the program, can be thanked for some of that major

improvement. His main goal for the season was to turn the inexperience of youth into developed and practiced skills. The players agreed that he had a different perspective on the sport, and Emma Mead (21) said, “Having a new coach is definitely an adjustment, but it’s been a good adjustment. And we’re doing really well.” After a season with some memorable moments, such as the Steamboat Springs tournament, the furious fight for Riverdale Ridge game, and the end of season team sleepover, the girls couldn’t wait to see what came next.

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