



Pullen Power Reunion

Former Brahmarettes gather at the newly named "Norma Lee Pullin Gym" for a picture with the woman herself. Over 60 former players attended the ceremony to relive and rekindle their high school memories. "I can tell you, without a doubt, playing for Mrs. Pullin changed my life," former player, **Donna Schorlemmer** said.

Thumbs Up

As **Norma Pullin** sees her name unveiled she gives the thumbs up with her approval. The high school gym was named after Ms. Pullin's in light of her accomplishments and titles as a coach in EBISD. "Every year was very special, every team was special," Pullin said.

Queen of Thirteen

High School Gym Receives New Name

Claire Coker

Reporter

This symbol of our might is better than the rest. Fight on to victory, forever Brahmarettes.

Former Brahmarettes from three decades came together in song to celebrate their legendary coach, **Norma Lee Pullin**. On Tuesday October 27th, EBISD honored the local legend by renaming the new gym as the "Norma Lee Pullin Gymnasium". The ceremony acknowledged all of Ms. Pullin's achievements as a volleyball coach.

Ms. Pullin came to East Bernard in 1967 and won her first state championship in 1973. She led her teams to 20 state appearances and 13 state titles. Under her

reign, East Bernard is now ranked 3rd in most state appearances and tied for most state tournament titles. After thirty five years she accomplished 937 wins and 209 losses, putting her at the 2nd most winning coach in Texas and 23rd in the nation. In 1999, she was inducted into the Texas Girl's Coaches Association (TGCA) hall of fame and given the UIL Denius-Sponsor Excellence Award in 1991. She was also chosen 10 times to be a TGCA All-Star Coach.

"I really haven't taken it all in yet," Pullin said. "It's an honor that most people don't have until they're gone, so I'm glad I was here to see it."

The statistics are impressive, but being coached under Ms. Pullin has been

more than a record for her former players.

"We didn't have to be amazing athletes," former player **Susan Hlavinka** said. "We just had to have the faith in ourselves that she had in us."

On Tuesday night, sixty six former team members were present, all there to relive the lasting memories of their high school years with Ms. Pullin.

"One thing I remember is that on the weekends, if there were a dance, I'd tell the players I had my spies out and I'd know what they did," Pullin said. "They believed it of course and never knew I was kidding."

Through their years with Ms. Pullin, her players were graced with much more than

the love of the game.

"If you look at the lives of those who had the privilege to play under Ms. Pullin, you will see strong, independent women who are determined in everything they do," former Brahmarette, **Laura Kubena** said.

Through all the jumps, sprints and traditions the Brahmarettes endured, they were all impacted by Ms. Pullin's coaching and dedication. All players past, future and present, have been touched by her words and teachings in their every day life.

"I think my legacy is you should love your friends, your family, and God," Pullin says. "Stand strong in your beliefs. Always be true to yourself and do right."