

**Knowing there are just moments left** before the start of the game, the home team sizes up their opponents, comes together and plans out their attack strategy.

They listen as the starting buzzer sounds, make a pride-filled team break and walk onto the court together. Each athlete gets into position.

As the ball comes into play freshman Violet Fields jumps,

claps the ball and attempts a steal. Her feet hit the ground, and with the ball in her hand, she races across the court.

Fields' team helps each other set up and make intricate plays.

"They push me into things that I don't think I can even do, and that's a great feeling," Fields said. "We all trust each other through the losses and injuries."

While on the court Fields fights alongside her team for a win.

"When I'm on the court, I feel happy because I love playing and I get really excited, but at the same time I feel scared because there's a chance I could do something wrong," Fields said.

For Fields, basketball builds her athleticism and makes her a better person, but the sport goes beyond her. It's about her team.

"When I'm trying to get a point, people don't understand that I'm doing it for my team. I want to

be a leader. Whenever I leave high school, I will remember that I tried my best while playing basketball along side my team."

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**Remember when**  
Game victories require team spirit, self confidence



**Playing against Plugerville,** freshman Azia Greenfield raced against the clock. As the buzzer sounded, her basket was

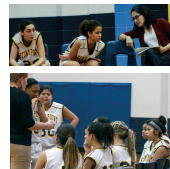
declared good. "I was happy because it brought us up in the game," Greenfield said, "but I was really surprised that it actually went in."



**During one of the most exciting games** for freshman Leslie Morales, one of her teammates, used long passes

and set up opportunities for Morales to score 16 points. "I was so happy because we were losing and I brought up the score," Morales said.

**Sideline support leads points scored**  
Wishing they could all be on the court, team members sit it out and watching the coach, the bench stays motivated and strong while also learning about real leadership.



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**Intensity** shaped 180 athletes' perspectives

Who is your biggest supporter in life, the one you couldn't live without?

What is your biggest accomplishment?



"Being a good teammate and defending the ball."  
-Sophomore Destiny Brown



"Bringing positivity to the team and being a good leader."  
- Sophomore Jadelyn Schachterle



"My hustle has improved greatly during games."  
- Sophomore Miara Warren

Girls Sub-Varsity Basketball Team spirit, self confidence

Remember that day? I do.

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Helping Garcia get in the groove in  
**Support**  
Working together, teammates push each other to win big

By Kaylie Yingling  
After looking for the person nearest to her, which usually happens to be sophomore Jadelyn Schachterle or sophomore Jazz Lewis, sophomore Bella Garcia makes eye contact with Jazz Lewis.

From one glance, the teammates get excited about trying to increase their score before the last buzzer sounds. "When you make a shot you feel good, and when your teammates make you feel good, they help you get in this groove that you need to shoot more to get more points," Garcia said.

get the ball to the hoop, and at just the right time, Garcia felt a rush of adrenaline. She jumped up to make a basket.

"We made a three point," Garcia said, "and we went into extra. My team's my family, and I want to make my family proud so whenever I score I do it for them."

Before moving to the next play, Garcia looked over to Lewis and gave her a knowing, understanding look.

"I think about them [my teammates, like Lewis] right after [a shot]. They can make me feel even better [even after a play]."



Choosing words carefully helps coach communicate game goals, life skills

**Sophomore Jazz Lewis** knows words matter, specifically the words spoken by her dedicated coach. "Fix your attitudes," coach will say when the group won't, come together over things that don't matter,"

Lewis said. Or "Take your shot," she's said using words for other purposes like encouragement. "I had never shot," Lewis said. "She wanted me to take my shot, but I was afraid to miss. When I took the advice during a game I made it and it felt really good."