



LADY PROPHETS FIRST



TRIP TO STATE MAKES PROPHETSTOWN HISTORY

The Lady Prophets entered post-season with high goals. With all of their hard work and determination, they reached the Class 2A State Championship. They have made history for Prophetstown High School, being the first Lady Prophet team to go to the state tournament. It is amazing for such a small town to achieve such a great feat.

Sectional Champions

The Lady Prophets played Oregon for their sectional semi-final game. Beating the team twice in regular season, the Prophets knew they were in for a challenge. Beating a team three times in one season was bound to be a struggle.

With only three seconds remaining and trailing 56-54, Heather Strike sank two go-home-if-you-miss free throws to force overtime. In overtime, the Prophets outscored Oregon 6-1 allowing them to advance to the sectional championship with a 62-57 victory over Oregon.

For the sectional title game, the Prophets faced Byron, a team they had beaten once already at the Polo tournament. Byron and Prophetstown were neck and neck the majority of the sectional championship, despite a halftime lead of 27-19 for the Prophets. With 5 seconds left, the game was tied at 53-53 when Clare Kramer drove in for a game-winning jumper over Byron's defender.

The Lady Prophets claimed only their second sectional title in program history, defeating Byron 55-53.

Super-sectional Champions

The Lady Prophets then advanced to super-sectionals to face El Paso -Gridley at Monmouth College.

The game started off tight, tied 13-13 at the end of the first quarter.

But Heather Strike sank three 3-balls, Clare Kramer had a double-double (18 points, 10 rebounds), and all starters had at least 7 points to propel the Prophets to victory.

The final score was 58-48.

The victory advanced the Prophets to the Class 2A State tournament for the first time ever.



State Semi-Final victors



The Lady Prophets ventured to state and prepared to play their first game against the IC Catholic Prep Lady Knights.

The Prophets kept a steady lead the entire game, with a score of 27-22 at halftime.

As the third quarter came around, ICCP could not keep up with the Prophets.

By the fourth, it seemed the girls would reach their goal of the state championship.

The Prophets had three girls finish in double figures in points for the game: Kramer (17), Stafford (13), and Strike (11).

The final score was 57-48, and the Prophets advanced to play for the title.

2nd place in Class 2A State Tournament



One Team...One Dream

10 Kassi Henrekj
12 Kaeli Kovarik
13 Corrie Reiley
14 Heather Strike
22 Calya Crane
24 Karlie Stafford
30 Shelby Adams
32 Cydney Westen
33 Brooke Remley
42 Mikayla Bolton
44 Clare Kramer

The Prophets played in the State Championship on Sat., Mar. 1.

Practically the entire town of Prophetstown ventured to the Redbird Arena in Normal, IL to watch the Lady Prophets play for first or second in state. Many remaining in town gathered to watch the broadcast on TV.

The girls played St. Thomas More, a Catholic school from Champaign.

Tori McCoy was the Sabers' primary weapon, a 6'4" sophomore more that the Prophets could not tame.

Prophetstown fell short with a final score of 34-70. The Lady Prophets ended the season with a record of 31-3 and made the entire community proud.

Congratulations to these 11 ladies and 3 coaches for all of their success in the 2013-2014 season.

2013-2014

Lady Prophets

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All that hard work at a young age paid off



Seven of this year's Lady Prophets have played together since fifth grade when they played on a Jr. Lady Prophets team. During their Jr. Lady Prophets years, their overall re-

cord for the four years was 111-30. The girls challenged themselves "by playing in big tournaments," says Clare Kramer. They won large tournaments, in the Quad Cities, playing against

bigger school teams such as Moline and Bettendorf.

Kramer's and Corrie Reiley's fathers, Mike Kramer and Lenny Reiley, coached the girls from the start. "They

transferred their passion for basketball to us" says Corrie.

The girls have spent countless hours playing basketball and that has gotten them to the place they're at today.

Clare says, "reflecting on all our hard work at a young age makes me thankful for even starting the sport because now, basketball is my passion." Clare is also glad they started playing together at such a young age because "we would not have been as close of friends as we are now."

Corrie Reiley believes that playing together for so long has given them "a lot of chemistry, and we are very comfortable playing together."

Playing together for years has caused the girls to grow together as

a team. Kassi Henrekin says "we have played together so long that we know our strengths and weaknesses."

The Lady Prophets are anything but a selfish team; one of their team mottos is "It's amazing how much can be accomplished when nobody cares who gets the credit." This became evident when these seven juniors combined with the four like-minded seniors for the 2013-2014 season.

With 11 unselfish girls playing passionately for the name on the front of their jerseys, anything seemed possible. Six years after their beginning with the sport, it was this team-first attitude that made their dream of going to state come true.



Robinson's positivity leads Prophets to success



At the end of his 37th year coaching Lady Prophet basketball at Prophetstown High School, Coach Don Robinson finally got to experience the moment that every small town coach dreams about.

He has coached Lady Prophet basketball teams to 12 conference titles and 14 regional titles. This is the first year his team has advanced to the state tournament.

"Having his constant support helps us to be successful," says senior Karlie Stafford.

Clare Kramer reminisces on halftime in the

state championship. While the team was upset with the score, Robinson was able to cheer the girls up in the locker room. Kramer says, "he's good at that...putting a smile on anyone's face."

Karlie says, "He's always supportive no matter the outcome of the game."

Clare agreed. "He's by far the most genuine person I've ever met; he's truly my role model."

Robinson's positive manner "sets a standard for the rest of the team, and that has really contributed to our success," says Karlie.

Clare believes "having Mr. Robinson as a coach is probably one of the best honors someone could have." Karlie also feels honored "to play for a coach like Coach Robinson."

Kassi Henrekin adds that Coach Robinson "inspires us to be the best that we can through his words of encouragement."

Robinson has taught The Lady Prophets to play as a team and created such a strong bond between them. He has made them believe that together, they can accomplish anything.