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KHSAA Form GE30
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Information about Nominee

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Is the nominee deceased? (circle)	YES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
<i>(if nominee is not deceased, please fill out address information below)</i>			
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Please list the primary category of nomination (circle)-

<input checked="" type="radio"/> PLAYER	<input type="radio"/> COACH	<input type="radio"/> OFFICIAL	<input type="radio"/> CONTRIBUTOR
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Birth Date of Nominee	11-7-63 1965
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Coached at which High School(s)	
Year of Retirement	
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	

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High School Attended	Fordsville High School	
Graduation Year		
Primary KHSAA basketball region as defined in 2(b)	3 rd	THIRD

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Primary Officiating Accomplishments at the High School Level	
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For persons being nominated in all categories, please complete the following additional information

Please summarize this person's accomplishments as a coach, player, official or contributor at the high school level in Kentucky.

Marialice lettered for 7 yrs - I don't know if anyone else has every accomplished that in Ky. Also when she graduated, she was number 2 in career points with 3266. I think Marialice deserves to be in the Hall of Fame. The committee could not find a better role model than Marialice. She graduated #1 in her class.

Please list any other factors about this individual that you would like for the Hall of Fame Committee to consider.

I certify that I have truthfully completed this information about the nominee with the permission of the nominee, that he/she will accept induction if selected, and I will cooperate with the KHSAA should additional information be needed for his/her consideration.

Darline Ashby
Signature

Darline Ashby
Name (print)

11-20-99
(Date)
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Attach any relevant press clippings and materials which would verify coaching win-loss records, or other statistical information. Also attach any other letters of recommendation of other information which may be helpful to the committee in making a final selection.

All-Staters have

one thing in common



Winston Bennett

Boys' All-State team

Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Avg.
Winston Bennett, Male High	6-7	195	Sr.	25.4
Paul Andrews, Laurel County	6-3	185	Sr.	21.3
Steve Miller, Lex. Henry Clay	6-6	195	Jr.	18.5
Craig Eversoll, Warren Central	6-6	177	Sr.	27.0
Terry Stewart, Ballard	6-2	175	Sr.	21.3
Phillip Hall, Carlisle County	6-2	195	Sr.	16.5
Vince Sanford, Lex. Lafayette	6-5	186	Sr.	16.1
Fred Tisdale, Logan County	6-6	187	Jr.	18.9
Tony Kimbro, Seneca	6-7	190	So.	21.5
Herbert Crook, Eastern	6-7	190	Jr.	25.1

Girls' first team

Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Avg.
Clemette Haskins, Warren Central..	5-9	135	Sr.	23.0
Julie Duerring, Boone County	5-9	125	Sr.	30.9
Debbie Miller, Casey County	6-2	168	Sr.	29.5
Belitta Croley, Henry Clay	5-10	145	Jr.	21.0
Laura Ogles, Allen Co.-Scottsville ..	6-1	135	Sr.	18.5
Melinda Carlson, Warren Central ..	6-1	145	Sr.	12.7
Tiphonie Bates, Whitesburg	5-7	125	Sr.	22.0
Marialice Jenkins, Fordsville	5-7	135	Sr.	24.0
Julie Sullivan, Western Hills	5-9	135	Sr.	21.3
Brenda Hamby, Southern	5-11	163	Sr.	17.8



Clemette Haskins

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voting, edging Debbie Miller of Casey County 37-36.

This year's team has size, with three players standing 6-1 or taller, and power with the likes of Miller, Southern's Brenda Hamby and Henry Clay's Belitta Croley, the No. 4 vote-getter and the only junior on the team.

And if finesse is what you seek, there are Haskins and Laura Ogles of Allen County-Scottsville. Add to that list the talents of Whitesburg's Tiphonie Bates and Western Hills' Julie Sullivan.

Moreover, the team members are leaders on and off the court.

"Melinda and Clemette are liked by everyone at Warren Central," Lloyd says. "Clemette is class president this year, and Melinda is student council president."

Adds Southern coach Bill Brown about Hamby: "I can't think of a single person who doesn't like Brenda."

A thumbnail sketch of each All-Stater:

They're winners

Haskins, other longtime stars close out consummate careers

By PERRY A. FARRELL
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

If girls' high school basketball coaches could turn back time, they probably would go to the days when their stars were just starting to blossom.

For Warren Central's Vanous Lloyd, Clemette Haskins would be a wiry eighth-grader just beginning to make her mark on Kentucky basketball, while a tall, thin center named Melinda Carlson would be on the bench, a year away from a starting berth.

* Meanwhile, Fordsville coach Darline Ashby would go back to 1976-77, when a 4-foot-6 sixth-grader named Marialice Jenkins moved up to the varsity on a permanent basis.

However, since coaches don't have the power to change time or hold on to players past the 12th grade, it's time to honor and say goodbye to the seniors and the rest

of the cream of the Kentucky girls' basketball crop for 1982-83.

Lloyd placed his two stars on The Courier-Journal Girls' All-State team, with the 5-9 Haskins, a first-team repeater from last season, holding the title of Miss Basketball and captain of the first team.

Haskins was the top vote-getter, receiving 75 of a possible 118 votes cast by the state girls' coaches. She led her team to a 37-1 record and the state championship.

"What more can you say about Clemette?" Lloyd asks. "She can do everything with a basketball except dunk it. She's a class player and a class human being and I'm going to miss her and Melinda. They're both very special to me."

Julie Duerring, Boone County's jump-shot artist, was second in the

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Haskins, other longtime stars



Melinda Carlson
Warren Central



Tiphonie Bates
Whitesburg



Laura Ogles
Allen County-Scottsville



Bellitta Croley
Henry Clay



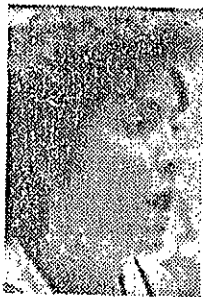
Marialice Jenkins
Fordsville



Julie Sullivan
Western Hills



Brenda Hamb
Southern



JULIE
DUERRING
Edges Miller
for 2nd in voting

Second team

Third team

Player, school	Ht.	Cl.	Player, school	Ht.	Cl.
Franседа Gunn, Marion Co. . .	5-10	Sr.	Monica Glass, Todd County Cent.	5-11	Sr.
Melissa Napier, Knox Central .	6-1	Sr.	Karen Miracle, Middlesboro . .	6-0	Sr.
Connie Logsdon, Apollo	5-10	Sr.	Tammy Burton, Lone Oak	5-11	Sr.
Kim Shepherd, Allen Central . .	6-0	Sr.	Corean Wells, Corbin	5-6	Jr.
Shannon Belcher, Madisonville .	6-0	Sr.	Beth Bates, Williamsburg	5-7	Jr.
Melanie Warren, Owens. Catholic	6-6	Sr.	Michelle Bishop, Boone Co. . . .	5-11	Sr.
Kathy Spinks, Belfry	6-1	Jr.	Martha Gerton, Washington Co.	6-0	Sr.
Carol Parker, Marshall Co. . . .	5-11	Jr.	Amy Falk, Bullitt East	5-10	Sr.
Elfreda Tucker, Moore	5-7	Sr.	Sherry Withrow, AshlandBlazer	5-7	Sr.
Lisa O'Neal, Atherton	5-6	Sr.	Tonita Cannon, Male	5-11	Sr.



DEBBIE
MILLER
Casey stand
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Jenkins makes

AP all-state

MARIALICE JENKINS — Talk about getting a head start on your peers. This 5-7 senior guard has lettered for seven straight seasons at Fordsville, scoring 3,266 points.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association doesn't keep statistics on all-time leading scorers, but Jenkins' total should put her second behind McDowell's Geri Grigsby.

"When she started out, she stood 4-6," said Fordsville coach Darline Ashby, who arrived on the scene the same time Jenkins did.

"Last year she was my tallest starter and she led the team in ev-

erything but steals. She's a great passer and would be averaging eight assists per game if our girls could catch her passes."

Jenkins, a third-team All-Stater last season, paced Fordsville to a 28-6 record, averaging 24 points, eight rebounds, four assists and seven steals. She shot 44 percent from the field and 72 percent from the free-throw line.

Jenkins is No. 1 in her senior class with a 4.0 average. She ended her career with an 18.5 scoring average, getting a high of 40 points against Whitesville Trinity last season.

Western Kentucky, Mississippi, Kentucky and Florida are some of the colleges Jenkins is considering.

Third Region

Best players — 1. Marialice Jenkins, Fordsville; 2. Connie Logsdon, Apollo; 3. Lesia Tinsley, Ohio County; 4. Sherry Gish, Muhlenberg Central; 5. Kathy Owen, McLean County.
Honorable mention — Gish, Muhlenberg Central; Logsdon, Apollo; Owen, McLean County; Tinsley, Ohio County.

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there was talent

Girls

First team

Name	HT	Year	School
Marialice Jenkins	5-7½	Senior	Fordsville
Connie Logsdon	5-10	Senior	Apollo
Sherry Gish	6-0	Junior	Muhlenberg Central
Lesia Tinsley	6-2	Senior	Ohio County
Melanie Warren	6-6	Senior	Owensboro Catholic

Second team

Name	HT	Year	School
Laura Bivens	5-7	Junior	Drakesboro
Suzanne Greathouse	5-8	Senior	Hancock County
Lynette Hayden	5-11	Junior	Owensboro Catholic
Kathy Owen	5-9	Senior	McLean County
Kris Miller	5-4	Fresh.	Owensboro Catholic

Honorable mention — Dani Dant, Jan Mitchell (Apollo); Sonya Galyen (Graham); Laurie Slites, Sandra Cook (McLean County); Dorothy Swanagan, Cynthia Lindsey (Owensboro Senior); Chris Barron (Daviness County); Cathy Mathews, Ann Prather (Breckinridge County); Sandra Harrison (Fordsville); Marty McRoy (Central City); Pam McDonald (Hughes-Kirk); Pam Cox, Dana Adkins (Hancock County).

Region III MVP: Marialice Jenkins, Fordsville

Region III Coach of the year: Mike Reeves, Owensboro Catholic



20 girls will bid for 11 All-Star spots

The players invited to the tryouts:

Guards — 5-foot-9 Julie Duerring, Boone County; 5-7 Tiphonie Bates, Whitesburg; 5-7 Elfreda Tucker, Moore; 5-9 Julie Sullivan, Western Hills; 5-7 Marialice Jenkins, Fordsville; 5-5 Lois Bunty, Oldham County; 5-8 Lori Ann Mills, Sheldon Clark; 5-6 Lisa O'Neal, Atherton.

Forwards — 5-9 Clemette Hoskins, Warren Central; 6-1 Laura Ogles, Allen County-Scottsville; 5-10½ Franseda Gunn, Marlon County; 5-10 Monica Glass, Todd County Central; 5-10 Amy Falk, Bullitt East; 5-11½ Gwenella Marshall, Shelby County.

Centers — 6-2 Debbie Miller, Casey County; 6-1 Melinda Carlson, Warren Central; 6-6 Melanie Warren, Owensboro Catholic; 5-11 Michelle Bishop, Boone County; 6-1 Melissa Napier, Knox Central; 6-0 Martha Gerton, Washington County.

In Region III, balloting was close for the MVPs. Owensboro Senior's Brad Loucks, named last week to the Associated Press' state team is joined by the all-state guard from Fordsville, Marialice Jenkins, as the two MVPs.

Mississippi's Hit



Marialice Jenkins brings Fordsville to the tourney.

Marialice Jenkins dodged the question with an embarrassed laugh.

But, truth is, she is the reason the Fordsville Lady Trojans have been invited to play in the Owensboro Lady Classic this week.

Says Fordsville coach Darline Ashby: "We're going there because of Marialice. They told me that as long as I had her, we'd be invited."

Jenkins, who leads Fordsville with 23 points a game, is but one of many talented girls who will be showcased when the third Owensboro Lady Classic begins Friday.

From Warren Central's Clemette Haskins — everybody's pick for this season's Miss Basketball in Kentucky — to Madisonville's Shannon Belcher, it could be the most talent-laden Lady Classic ever staged.

In the case of the Fordsville Lady Trojans, participation enables a small school to get exposure. And a chance for many to see why they deserve it: Marialice Jenkins.

FORDSVILLE vs. OWENSBORO SENIOR

— Fordsville's Marialice Jenkins will be the focus.

She has dominated play whenever the Lady Trojans have taken to the floor. This year, she is averaging 23 points and 6 rebounds a game.

Meanwhile, a few neighborhoods away at Owensboro Junior High, Warren East put a 68-46 hurting on Hancock County to earn a 2:45 p.m. meeting with Owensboro Monday. Owensboro advanced by beating Fordsville 60-53, despite 22 points apiece from Fordsville's Marialice Jenkins and Sandra Harrison.

Lady Trojans 13-3 on season

The Fordsville Lady Trojans got their 1983 portion of their schedule off to a successful start this past Monday as they down the Central City Lady Golden Tide 75-46. Central City was without one of their best players

That six-point deficit was as close as they got as Fordsville erupted for 25 second period points. Twelve of those came from senior Marialice Jenkins helping the Lady Trojans to a 39-21 halftime lead.

The lead went to 25 points after three stanzas at 57-32 and coasted in with the win with an 18-14 advantage in the fourth period.

Jenkins played her usual complete game for Fordsville as the All-State candidate finished with a game-high 24 points, nine rebounds, and five assists. Lady Trojan Teresa Howard added 14 points and eight rebounds to the cause in "one of her best games overall," according to Fordsville coach Darline Ashby. Fordsville's Sandra Harrison added 12 on long range jumpers.

Central City (46) — Sherman 19, Melton 16, Gott 7, Rose 4.
Fordsville (75) — Jenkins 24, Howard 14, Harrison 12, Huff
Decker 6, Hale 6, Neighbors 4.

stop

Central City

Fordsville wins Homecoming!

Fordsville.

A 'lifetime' of scoring spent there

By JOE HARGIS
Sunday staff reporter

FORDSVILLE, Ky. — To Fordsville's rivals, it probably seems like Marialice Jenkins has been playing basketball forever.

After all, she has been a starting varsity player for seven years. She's been the team's captain for four years. And as little as 32 minutes can seem like a lifetime when you have to guard her.

In a word, according to Fordsville coach Darline Ashby, Marialice Jenkins is "remarkable." She shoots, passes and rebounds well. She plays sound defense. She is even tops in her class academically with a 4.0 grade point average.

"I honestly feel like Marialice is among the top five basketball players in Kentucky and No. 1 in this area," Ashby says.

"She can do it all. But I'm a little prejudiced."

Jenkins is — without prejudice — one of the most prolific players in Kentucky prep girls' basketball history. According to information Ashby obtained from state high school officials, the 5-foot-7 Fordsville guard is No. 2 on the Commonwealth's all-time scoring list with 3,204 points.



While it seems Marialice Jenkins has spent her entire life playing

"When I was building up to it, it didn't seem like that big of a deal," Jenkins said. "But when coach called around and found out I was probably the No. 2 scorer in Kentucky, it meant a lot to me.

"Also, I did it (reached No. 2) at our homecoming, and it felt great."

Jenkins has played in 164 games over the past seven years. Illness kept her out of one game during that span and "and I hated to miss that one," she says.

Jenkins' scoring output has increased each year. Her Lady Trojan

ledger reads:

- Sixth grade — 92 points in 12 games.
- Seventh grade — 233 in 17 games.
- Eighth grade — 272 in 18 games.
- Ninth grade — 455 in 25 games.
- Tenth grade — 594 in 32 games.
- Junior — 802 in 33 games.
- Senior — 756 points. . . and counting.

Half of the 3,000-plus total has come in the past two seasons in what Ashby describes as a "free lance, run-and-gun offense." As Jenkins grew and improved, she says, so did the team.

She's made her point(s)

By PERRY A. FARRELL
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Girls' basketball coaches in the Third Region might have a hard time believing this, but Fordsville's Marialice Jenkins is finally a senior.

After seven years as a varsity performer, the 5-foot-7 point guard is finally running out of eligibility, but not before leaving her name in the state record books and on the school honor roll.

Including Monday night's victory over Grayson County, the pride of the Lady Trojans had scored 3,024 points in 163 varsity games, for a career average of 18.5. She's missed

only one game in her seven years.

Her highscoring mark was a 40-point effort against Whitesville Trinity last season.

In the classroom, she's No. 1 in her class with an 'A' average.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association doesn't keep statistics on all-time leading scorers, but McDowell's Geri. Grisby scored 4,260 to hold the unofficial girls' record, and Dixie Heights' Jackie Bearden scored 3,018.

You can be sure that Fordsville coach Darline Ashby has been doing a lot of checking, and believes her

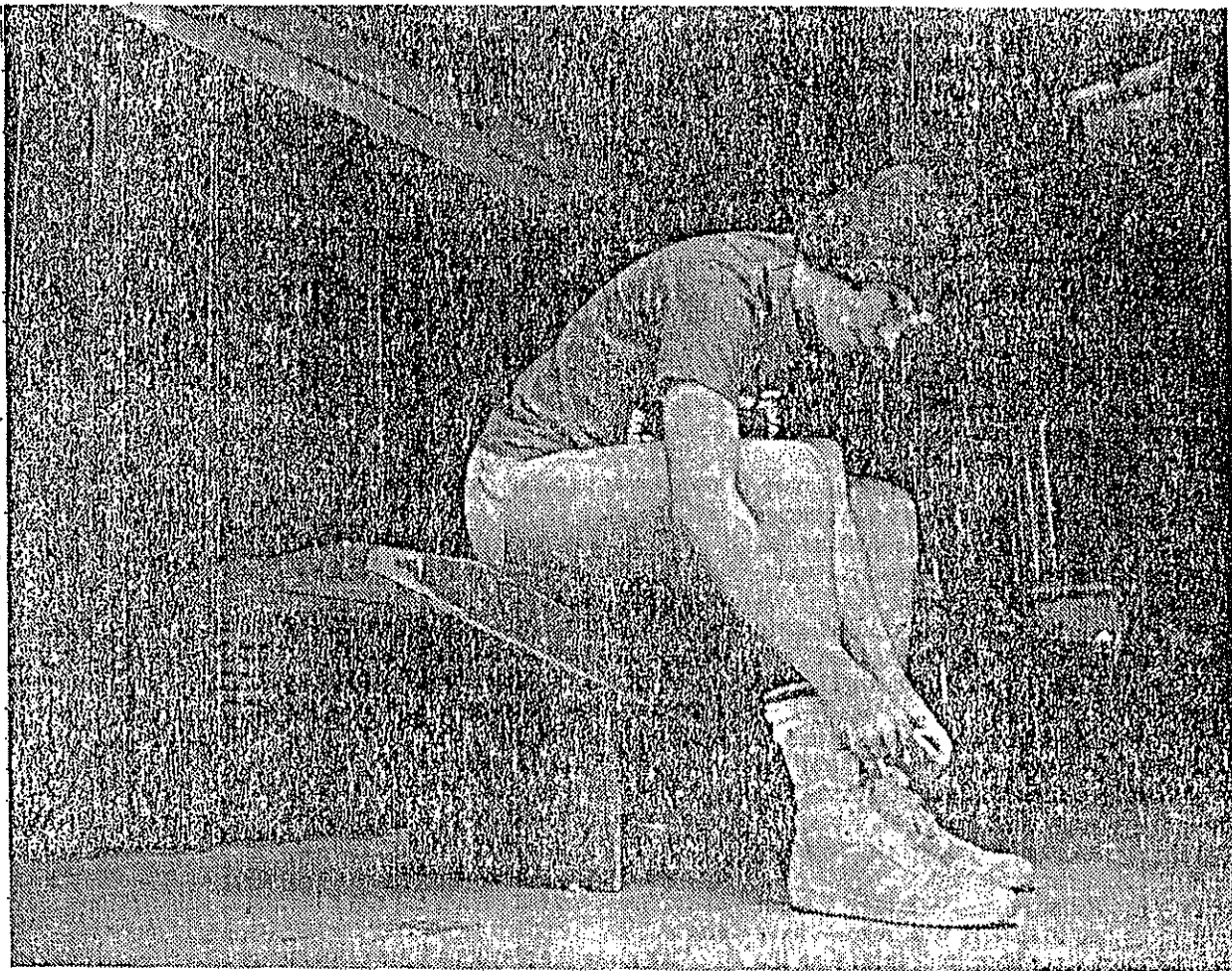
star will finish as the second all-time leading scorer in the state.

"When she started out she was 4-6," said Ashby, who arrived on the scene at the same time Jenkins did.

"Last year, she was my tallest starter and she led the team in everything but steals. She's a great passer, and would be averaging more than eight assists a game if our girls could catch her passes."

This season, Jenkins is back after guard spot after spending a lot of time underneath the basket as a junior. Fordsville is off to a 20-4 start, with Jenkins scoring 576 points, for an average of 24. If Jenkins can

Lady Trojans' bombshell win over Cloverport by the final count of 84-24. Jenkins scored number 3,000 at the 1:14 mark of the second period. The outstanding senior finished the evening with 32 points, all but two coming in the first half.



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basketball at Fordsville, it's only been seven years. That's a lot of points and a lot of lacing up.

Says Jenkins: "We did an about-face. Now if I'm hot, the team gets me the ball." If not, it goes to someone else.

"I'm not the only one who can score. I get a bigger kick out of passing the ball than I do scoring. I get more fired up that way," Jenkins noted.

"This year no one cares who scores. We rebound well as a team and we get the ball to whomever is hot. And then we tell them to shoot it until their arms fall off."

Fordsville, which has about 575 students (kindergarden through grade 12) has compiled a 99-69 record during

Jenkins' career. The Lady Trojans were 1-12 the first year she played for Fordsville and Ashby coached there. Two more losing seasons followed before an 18-7 turnaround in 1980.

Fordsville has been a winner ever since, putting together 25-7 and 19-14 records in subesequent campaigns. The current club is 26-5, best ever for a Lady Trojan team.

Jenkins is hitting 45 percent from the field and 71 percent from the free throw line this season. She averages 25 points a game, and Vanderbilt, Mississippi, Florida and "about 40 others" are

recruiting her, according to Ashby.

"I haven't thought a whole lot about college yet," Jenkins said. "I do want to play somewhere, but right now I want to concentrate on this season."

She wants to concentrate specifically on Ohio County, with whom the Lady Trojans are paired in the district tournament. Although Ohio County is not the district power it usually is, Jenkins says, "They're still pretty tough."

"We've never beaten an Ohio County team," she noted. And it seems as if they've been trying forever.

Fordsville's Marialice Jenkins has 3,024

maintain that average, she'll end up scoring more than 1,500 points in her final two seasons.

Jenkins went over the 3,000 plateau in a 32-point effort against Cloverport last Saturday night, when the Lady Trojans won 84-24. She added 18 when Fordsville beat Grayson County 68-52 Monday night.

Jenkins scored 802 points as a junior, 594 as a sophomore, 455 as a freshman, 272 in the eighth grade, 233 in the seventh grade and 92 in the sixth grade.

"My dad (Pat Jenkins Sr.) coached for 20 years," Jenkins said, "and my brother (Pat Jr.) played in

high school, so I've always been around basketball. My brother had to have someone to play against, so he played against me."

With her strenuous basketball schedule, how does she manage to keep an 'A' average?

"My dad's an English teacher, so school has always been important to me," Jenkins said. "When I first started playing, he said that if my grades went down we'd have to make some adjustments. But they never went down because I wanted to play."

Although she didn't score, Jenkins actually got to play two games as a

fifth-grader, but she had to make a decision between varsity basketball and a "Junior Pro" team she was playing on.

"In the middle of the year coach (Donna) Ford gave me a varsity uniform," Jenkins. "Then I was told I had to make a decision between playing varsity ball and the 'Junior Pro' team."

"The 'Junior Pro' team was in a boys' league that let girls participate. Since they were kids my age, I decided to keep playing on the 'Jun-



Jenkins featured on channel 13 Sports

J.W. Ballman did a spot feature on Marialice Jenkins last week on Channel 13 Sportsnews.

Mr. Ballman visited the school last Monday, February 14th. The spot aired Wednesday, February 16th.

Marialice is believed to be the second leading career scorer in the state of Kentucky with 3146 points.

Fordsville star hits 3,000th

Jenkins, seven-year starter, tops 3,000-point goal

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 r Pro' team. Now that I think back
 it, I wished I had stayed on the
 rsity."

With seven years' experience,
 Jenkins has noticed a steady im-
 provement in her game.

"Then (in the sixth grade), I just
 ot the ball and shot it," Jenkins
 id. "That seems like a long time
 go. Everyone seemed a lot bigger
 en.

"Now, I try to rebound a lot more
 and play better defense. I consider
 myself lucky to have had a chance
 play back then. When I see girls
 aying on the middle-school level, I
 realize how fortunate I've been."

Stephanie Warren, head coach at
 Whitesville Trinity — Fordsville's
 rival — said it has been Jen-
 ens' added varsity experience that
 as made the difference.

"We found her pretty tough," said
 Warren, whose team has lost to
 Fordsville 55-45 and 91-48 this sea-
 on.

Marialice Jenkins, star of the
 Lady Trojans of Fordsville High
 school, hit for 54 points in two
 Fordsville wins last week. In so
 oning, the seventh year starter
 topped the 3,000 point mark in her
 varsity career.



**MARIALICE
 JENKINS**

High scorer
 on the court,
 in classroom

many highlights and goals in seven
 years.

"Two years ago, we went 25-7,"
 said Jenkins, who would like to at-
 tend Western Kentucky, the Univer-
 sity of Kentucky, Ole Miss or Flor-
 ida.

It was evident from the outset
 Saturday night that Marialice
 Jenkins wanted to break the 3,000
 point mark in front of the overflow
 crowd in attendance at Fordsville's
 homecoming. And her teammates
 were there to help. Feeding their
 senior star and team leader, the
 Lady Trojans built a 25-4 first
 quarter advantage.

"When I was a freshman, we won
 our first game in the district, which
 meant we were going to the region-
 al. As far as we know, that was the
 first Fordsville team to make it to
 the regional.

"We were the smallest school
 there, but we had the biggest crowd
 of anybody.

"As far as team goals, we wanted
 to win 20 games, get past the first
 round of the regional.

"As for myself, I wanted to break
 the 3,000-point mark, and I've al-
 ways wanted to make first-team All-
 State (she made third team last sea-
 son).

"I believe everybody's goal is to
 make it to the State Tournament."

Messenger-Inquirer
FORDSVILLE — Marialice Jen-
 kins, in her seventh year of starting
 for the Fordsville Lady Trojans,
 passed the 3,000-point mark here Sat-
 urday night in Fordsville's 84-24 vic-
 tory over Cloverport.

With one minute to go in the first
 half Jenkins, a 5-8 all-purpose player,
 scored her 26th point of the game and
 the 3,000th of her career. She finished

The win improved Fordsville's re-
 cord to 19-4.
 Kim Sanders scored 17 to lead Clo-
 verport.
 the night with 32 points.

Jenkins needed 26 points to
 reach her goal and she got it with
 1:14 left in the first half.

The game was stopped at that
 point and Marialice was presented
 the game ball and a plaque in
 recognition of her ac-
 complishment.

Jenkins scores 3,000th

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Regional gives Jenkins



Marialice Jenkins
3,253 points and counting

By Steve Vied
Messenger-Inquirer

Consider this. At Fordsville High School, where grades one through 12 are housed in the same building, senior Marialice Jenkins has been starting for the Lady Trojans basketball team since before her first-grade school mates were born.

For seven years Jenkins has been starting. Fans who watched her career begin back in 1976 and followed her down through the years probably won't know how to feel next season when they go to a Fordsville game and don't see Jenkins bringing the ball up the court.

In a career that seemed to last forever, now it's suddenly down to the point where Jenkins is only guaranteed one more opportunity to wear the red and black of Fordsville. It could be more, but for that to happen Fordsville must defeat Whitesville Trinity this afternoon in a first-round

game of the 3rd Region Girls Basketball Tournament being held at Muhlenberg Central High School.

At the very least it will be one more chance for the classy guard to show off her considerable talents. A bonus chapter to a best-seller, if you will.

Fordsville, which won its first ever 12th district championship by beating Ohio County in last week's final, which was another first since a Fordsville team had never beaten an Ohio County team before, comes into the game with a 28-5 record. The Lady Trojans take on Trinity, 14-12, at 3 p.m., following the game between Owensboro Catholic, 26-6, and Graham, 20-11, which begins at 1 p.m.

Jenkins has had more than just a career of longevity at Fordsville, it has been a career of quality, too. Where other high school players are applauded for amassing 1,000 points, Jenkins has scored 3,253 to date, 2,500 in the last four years and over 1,600

one more chance to shine

the past two years alone.

What keeps the 5-8 point guard motivated after all these years? A simple love for the game.

"I've always been around basketball," she says. "My little brothers have been going to basketball games ever since they could stand up and they'll probably be the same way."

It didn't hurt that her father was the boys coach at Fordsville for years until last year and her older brother was a Trojan star a couple of years ago. But she says she was never pressured into playing.

"I've always loved it," she said. "I'm as happy going to a ballgame as to the movies or somewhere. If it got to the point where I didn't enjoy it anymore I don't think I'd play."

"They (her parents) didn't force anything. I remember in the sixth grade they just told me if my grades went down we've have to do something, but they never did. My family is

my best supporter."

As it turned out, no one ever had to worry about Jenkins' school work. She is currently at the top of her class with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

As for hardwood talents, Jenkins appears to be an almost consummate player. What she lacks in break-away speed she makes up for with basketball smarts and solid shooting, passing and ballhandling skills. She is averaging over 21 points a game. Her shooting range extends beyond the top of the circle, her turnovers are greeted with incredulity and her teammates have to be specially trained to catch her passes.

Her offensive skills have never ceased to amaze her coach and friend, Darlene Ashby.

"I've seen her hit two or three (shots) in the first half, go like three for 11, then come in the second half and not miss but two or three, maybe

go 12 for 15," Ashby said. "Fourteen points is the lowest she's had this year."

One might think that Jenkins will be deeply saddened to see her prep career end, but she has prepared herself.

"I keep setting my sights higher," she said. "I've enjoyed it and I've had a great time, but I've always looked ahead."

College basketball is definitely in her plans. But she doesn't know which college. She wanted to go to Western Kentucky University, where her parents went and her brother attends, but after showing some interest the staff of the Lady Hilltoppers basketball team has backed away from the Fordsville star. They mentioned something about having too many guards.

"I was wanting to go to Western, but

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they got in touch with me and told me they're not going to need a guard, or not going to need *this* guard," Jenkins said. "So I'm just kind of up in the air."

"Western was all I'd ever been around because both my parents went to Western. My brother's at Western. I just always figured I'd end up at Western. Now Florida has been in touch kind of heavily. I'm waiting to see how much a school really needs me. I don't want to go somewhere that might not think I have a chance to play. I don't want to see that I'm going to be sitting for three years or four."

If the college coaches take Ashby's advice, they will jump at the opportunity to sign Jenkins.

"She's just an ideal leader. Teachers as well as students like her," Ashby said. "She's just a good kid. I don't think you will hear anybody say anything bad about her. . . . The younger kids I have now, I tell them, 'Marialice never had the big head and you all aren't going to get it either.'"

"I feel like I'm losing a good friend this year."

1. Clemette Hastings, War. Cen.	5-9	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	27.1
2. Polly Stephenson, Boone Co.	6-0	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	19.4
3. Belitta Croley, Henry Clay	5-11	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	14.0
4. Debbie Miller, Casey Co.	6-2	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	26.0
5. Francisca Gunn, Marion Co.	5-10½	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	16.9
6. Julie Duerring, Boone Co.	5-9	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	24.0
7. Melissa Napier, Knox Central	6-1	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	24.0
8. Julie Sullivan, Western Hills	5-9	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	16.1
9. Kim Hoop, Bullard Memorial	6-0	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	15.4
10. Kim Shepherd, Allen Central	6-0	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	15.0
11. Yphanie Bates, Whitesburg	5-7	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	18.0
12. Sherry Gish, Muhlenberg Cen.	6-0	. . . . .	Jr.	. . . . .	25.0
13. Brenda Hamby, Lou. Southern	5-11	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	15.6
14. Marialice Jenkins, Fordsville	5-8	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	25.0
15. Beth Bates, Williamsburg	5-9	. . . . .	Jr.	. . . . .	14.3
16. Monica Glass, Todd Co. Cen.	5-11	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	17.0
17. Becky Anderson, Monticello	5-11	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	21.0
18. Michelle Carter, Russell	5-6	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	18.4
19. September Colbert, Grant Co.	6-0	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	18.0
20. Tonita Cannon, Male	6-0	. . . . .	Sr.	. . . . .	14.0

THIRD REGION
 Best Teams - 1. Apollo; 2. Muhlenberg County; 3. Ohio County; 4. Fordsville; 5. Breckinridge County.
 * Best Players - 1. Marialice Jenkins, Fordsville; 2. Sherry Gish, Muhlenberg Central; 3. Connie Logsdon, Apollo; 4. Lesia Tinsley, Ohio County; 5. Shannon Lord, Davless County; 6. Chris Barron, Davless County.

Trojan coach looks for help

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Fordsville High girls basketball coach Darline Ashby must combine the old with the new if she is to repeat the success of recent campaigns.

Ashby will be relying on several seniors to lead the way but must find some help from underclassmen to weather a tough thirty game schedule.

Expected to lead Fordsville on offense and defense will be senior star Marialice Jenkins. The 5'8" senior is beginning her eighth year of high school competition and will be called upon when the chips are down. Backing Jenkins will be returning starter Sandra Harrison, a 5'5" forward who can bomb in baskets from long range.

Two more seniors, with considerably less experience, are

expected to join Jenkins and Harrison in the starting lineup. Dana Huff, a 5'5" guard, and second year player Teresa Howard, must contribute for Lady Trojan success.

Also hoping to crack the starting five are junior guard Susie Doolin, freshman forward Leslie Hale, or eighth grade pivot DeDe Decker. Ashby indicated she may use whichever the situation calls for.

After preseason scrimmage wins over Butler County and St. Romuald, Ashby was able to pick out some apparent strengths and weaknesses. Listed in the plus column are more height and improved outside shooting. Listed as weaknesses are the lack of an effective inside game and a ten-

dency to rush shots.

Coach Ashby hopes to improve on these areas as the Lady Trojans were scheduled to open their 1982-83 season this Monday night in a home game versus the Drakesboro Cardinals.

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Louisville, Ky., Thursday morning, November 25, 1982



LADY TROJANS VARSITY

Debbie Lee, Susie Doolin, Yvonne Howard. Back row: Coach Darline Ashby, Sandra Harrison, Rowena Cambron, Marialice Jenkins, Dee Dee Decker, Teresa Howard, Leslie Hale, Dana Huff, Assistant Coach Dwight Goodall.

FORDSVILLE — Marialice Jenkins is back for her seventh season.

The 5-8 senior guard is everything one could want in a player, and more.

"She can shoot, pass, handle the ball, plays defense. She's a smart player," said Fordsville coach Darlene Ashby. "The trouble has been, she hasn't hand anybody to pass to since Mary Jo Priest a couple years ago."

Jenkins didn't pussyfoot last year. She scored 25 ppg and plucked 12 rpg.

Jenkins will play catch with Sandra Harrison, a senior guard, until her mates come along.

"Sandra has done a real good job with her outside shooting," Ashby said. "Her ball-handling has improved, too. If Marialice has to go underneath, she can handle the point. She's very quick, has spider arms."

Dana Huff came off the bench last year to aid and abet the Lady Trojans and has been starting at forward this season. Her partners on the frontline will be Theresa Howard and Dee Dee Decker, an eighth-grader.

Howard is only in her second year of ball-playing, but Ashby likes her jumping ability and defensive instincts.

Freshman Leslie Hale has been shooting 50 percent from the field and figures in the Lady Trojans' plans along with Susie Doolin, a quick junior guard.

Fordsville Trojans preview

The Fordsville Lady Trojans, under the watchful eye of coach Darlene Ashby, return only two starters from last year's squad. Marialice Jenkins should be the main cog in the Trojan wheel. The 5-8 guard/forward has already scored over 2,000 points in her illustrious career.

Also returning is Sandra Harrison, a 5-6 senior forward. Dana Huff and Teresa Howard are expected to fill out two of the three remaining starting positions. The other starting slot could go to any of three players: Dee Dee Decker (5-10, 7th grader), Susie Doolin (5-3 Jr.), or Leslie Hale (5-5 Freshmen).

Although this is just Howard's second year, she is expected to contribute plenty with her jumping ability on rebounding. Doolin has good speed, which will be a valuable asset in the Lady Trojan's success this season.

Coach Ashby says the team should have a pretty good year, when giving her pre-season analysis. She says the team has more height than last year. The outside shooting of her guards has improved over last year too.

The coach sees only two things that need improvement in the two pre-season scrimmages that they have played. The inside game and getting the players to stop "rushing their shots" are the areas that need improvement.

The Lady Trojans won both scrimmages this season. Butler County and St. Romuald provided the opposition.

The Lady Trojans opened their 1982-83 regular season Monday night as they hosted the Drakesboro Lady Cardinals. Results can be found elsewhere in this sports section.

Marialice Jenkins sets school record

MARIALICE JENKINS hit a milestone in her career Friday night in a 69-27 blasting of Potter Christian when she got the 2,000th point of her high school career. With Saturday's game, she now has 2,032 career points. Congratulations, Marialice!!

Lady Trojans win two more

The Fordsville Lady Trojans increased the season record to 10-6 Saturday night by topping the Lewisburg Rangers 65-52 at Fordsville.

In the first half the teams swapped the lead at the foul line on a number of trips up and down the court. Late in the second period, the Lady Trojans' pressure defense forced five turnovers by the Rangers.

The Red and Black took full advantage of the Logan Countians' mistakes and raced out to a 31-23 advantage at the break.

Fordsville was sizzling in the third period. Hitting on over 50 per cent of their shots from the field, the local team boosted the lead to 51-35 after three quarters of play.

Coach Darlene Ashby substituted freely in the final frame, as her team eased to a 65-53 decision.

Fordsville scoring: Jenkins 19, S. Harrison 12, J. Harrison 10, Bratcher 8, Leach 2, Howard 2, Decker 1, Huff 1.

In action Friday night at Bowling Green, the Lady Trojans crushed Potter Christian 69-27.

It was a memorable night for Fordsville's Marialice Jenkins. Among Jenkins' 29 points on the night was her career 2000th point. For a player to reach such a goal in their junior year is a remarkable accomplishment.

Others scoring for the Lady Trojans were Robbins 15, S. Harrison 8, J. Harrison 6, Leach 3, Doolin 2, Bratcher 2, Huff 2, and Hale 2.

Junior Marialice Jenkins scored 29 points to lead the Fordsville Lady Trojans to a 65-52 win over Lewisburg Saturday night at Fordsville. The effort put Jenkins over 2,000-career points to become Fordsville's all-time leading scorer.

Fordsville 90,
Mt. St. Joseph 37

FORDSVILLE — Fordsville raised its record to 12-7 with a 90-37 victory over winless Mount Saint Joseph Monday night.

Marialice Jenkins had 24 points and 10 rebounds for Fordsville and Joyce Harrison added 17.

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH 4 13 14 6-37
FORDSVILLE..... 24 16 23 27-90

Jenkins leads Lady Trojans to victory

Marialice Jenkins, last week's Messenger "Player of the Week" bombed in 30 points to lead the Fordsville Lady Trojans to a 56-48 victory over a fine Hancock County Lady Hornet team Monday night at Fordsville.

Jenkins was not the whole show by any means as the victory was a real team effort for Coach Darlene Ashby's Lady Trojans. Sandra Harrison added 12 points for the winners, who are now 11-6 for the season. Pam Cox bagged 21 points for lead

Hancock County.
FORDSVILLE 12 16 19 11 - 56
HANCOCK CO. 6 15 17 18 - 48
Fordsville (56) Jenkins 30, S. Harrison 12, Robbins 7, Bratcher 7.
Hancock County (48) Cox 21, Greathouse 12, Logsdon 9, Garrett 4, Watt 2.

Undefeated and still rolling

By MARTY FRIEDMAN

Sunday staff writer

FORDSVILLE, Ky. — Darlene Ashby has a secret. Start 'em young and keep 'em on the court.

So with a starting lineup of three seniors, a junior and a sophomore, Ashby has had the same starting lineup for the past two years. And in part, the team has been playing together for almost four years.

The sophomore, 5-foot-8 guard Marialice Jenkins, has been playing high school basketball since the fifth grade, seeing varsity action in one game that year. Being the daughter of Fordsville boys' coach Pat Jenkins hasn't hurt her interest in the sport.

Beginning as a midget, of sorts — she says she was under five feet tall — Marialice now leads the team with an 18-point-per-game average. But scoring in double figures is nothing new for her. She was barely missing that mark when she was in the sixth grade.

Teammate Andrea Robbins began play when she was in the seventh grade. But the 5-4 junior forward didn't crack the starting lineup quite so fast. She made the starting five last year and is now averaging almost eight points per contest.

The team's other three starters are: 5-6 senior forward Mary Jo Preist (12.2 points and 7 rebounds per game), 5-9 senior center Judy Weedman (10 rebounds per game) and 5-5 senior guard Becky Harrison.

Fordsville won its 13th straight game Saturday afternoon with a 65-24 annihilation of Owensboro Catholic in the Owensboro Ladies Classic tournament. Fordsville will play fifth-ranked Warren Central in that tournament Monday night.

In talking about Fordsville's recent move up the success ladder, Ashby said it was not that much of a surprise. This year's squad is the same team as last year's 18-7 squad. It was the girls' first good season, Ashby recalls.

Prior to that, they won no more than six games. In her first year at the helm, she enjoyed but one victory. But this team, she noted, has certainly helped her career ledger.

"At the beginning of the season my record was 30-38, but they've got me on the winning side now," she grinned.

And the Trojans have been running that tally up with every game — literally.

Ashby explained her style of play is one of fast breaking and taking advantage of the open spot. Running plays is something she'd like to accomplish, but doesn't foresee any success with in the near future.

"Last year we couldn't work on plays," she said, and hesitated for a moment. "We could, but we couldn't get 'em down."

Marialice explains, "we're not a play-running team," and laughed, "that's an understatement."

"We can set up," claims Andrea, "and that's about it."

All this leads Ashby to call Fordsville's style of play "a freelance game."

But all is not as easy as their typical 20-, 30-, and 40-point blowouts. Sometimes finding the open spot on the floor can lead to confusion.

Or it can lead to meeting one of your teammates who happened along the same idea just a second earlier.

While eating lunch during their 20-minute break — they practice during lunch hour — Marialice noted, "sometimes we find each other almost on the exact same spot."

And the net result, according to center Weedman, is "a couple of black eyes and busted lips." Not to mention the laughs they get out of later discussing their quest for the all-important "open spot."

After all, it's the only definitive game plan they have. Except for what appears to be blowing the opponent off the course. In their first 13 games, all but three were decided by more than 20 points.

Are they getting bored with it? "We've gotta get used to it first," says Marialice.



Pictures by Bill Kyle, Sunday staff photographer

Fordsville's starting lineup for the 13-0 Lady Trojans are (from left) Andrea Robbins, Marialice Jenkins, Becky Harrison, Judy

Weedman and Mary Jo Priest. The five have been Fordsville starters for coach Darlene Ashby for the past two seasons.

Bennett and Haskins head boys' and girls' AP All-State squads

By CHARLES WOLFE
Associated Press Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Winston Bennett and Clemmette Haskins, considered the cream of their respective crops in Kentucky high school basketball, head The Associated Press' 1983 All-State teams.

Bennett, a 6-foot-7 senior from Louisville Male, and Haskins, a 5-9 senior from Warren Central, were named to the honor squads for a second straight year by sportswriters and broadcasters from around Kentucky.

Also repeating on the girls' team was Debbie Miller, a 6-2 senior scoring ace from Casey County.

Maurice Payne, who led Male to a 29-3 record and the No. 1 ranking in the final AP poll, and Don Salyer, who guided Louisville Ballard to the Region 7 crown and state semifinals, tied in voting for boys' coach of the year.

Vanous Lloyd, whose Warren Central Lady Dragons rolled to a 33-1 record and the Region 4 title, was an overwhelming choice for girls' coach of the year.

—Fred Tisdale of Logan County, one of three juniors selected. The 6-7 Tisdale averaged 18.9 points and 11.7 rebounds as Logan County, a new school, finished 26-6.

—Brad Loucks, a scrappy, 6-2 senior who helped Owensboro to a record 32nd state tournament appearance. He averaged 18 points as the Red Devils reached the semifinals.

—Phillip Hall of Carlisle County, a 6-2 senior who won the Ted Sanford sportsmanship award during the state tournament. Hall was a 16.5-point scorer for the runnerup Comets.

—Vince Sanford of Lexington Lafayette, a 6-5 senior who averaged 16.1 points and 11.7 rebounds for the Generals.

—Herbert Crook, a 6-7 junior from Louisville Eastern. Crook led all Jefferson County scorers with 26.1 points per game and averaged 13 rebounds.

Haskins, who led balloting for the girls' all-state team by a wide margin, averaged 23.1 points and nine rebounds for Lloyd's Warren Central team. She also dished out 185 assists, stole the ball 108 times and blocked 44 shots.

Joining her on the all-state team was 6-1 senior teammate Melinda Carlson, who added 12.8 points, 10.7 rebounds, 100 steals and 173 blocked shots for the Lady Dragons.

Both are being recruited by a host of major colleges, including the University of Southern California, Lloyd said.

Haskins "is great to watch and she's great to coach," Lloyd said. "I've seen her improve every year. It's phenomenal for a kid as good as she is to improve, but she strives for perfection."

Carlson is a versatile player who swings between center and forward, but she may have been over-

shadowed by Haskins, Lloyd said.

Also named to the girls' team were:

—Laura Ogles, a 6-1 senior from Allen County-Scottsville. She hit 75 percent of her field goal attempts while averaging 18.6 points and nine rebounds.

—Tiphonie Bates, a 5-7 senior who averaged 22.5 points while helping Whitesburg to the Region 14 crown and the state's only perfect record, 36-0.

—Casey County's Miller, who averaged 29 points per game.

—Julie Duerring, a 5-9 senior who transferred to Boone County from a Cincinnati school. Duerring averaged 30.9 points, tops on both all-state teams.

—Franseda Gunn, a 5-11 senior who averaged 19.5 points and 13 rebounds for Marion County.

—Belitta Croley of Henry Clay, the only junior named to the girls' team. Croley averaged 21 points and 15 rebounds as the Lady Devils won a second straight Region 11 title.

—Marialice Jenkins, a 5-8 senior who averaged 24 points for Fordsville.

—Brenda Hamby, a 5-11 senior who averaged 17.8 points and 11.3 rebounds for Louisville Southern.

First Team

Winston Bennett, 6-7, Sr., Louisville Male

Paul Andrews, 6-3, Sr., Laurel Co.

Steve Miller, 6-6, Jr., Lexington Henry Clay

Craig Eversoll, 6-6 Sr., Warren Central

Terry Stewart, 6-2, Sr., Louisville Ballard

Fred Tisdale, 6-7, Jr., Logan County

Brad Loucks, 6-2, Sr., Owensboro

Phillip Hall, 6-2, Sr., Carlisle County

Vince Sanford, 6-5, Sr., Lexington Lafayette

Herbert Crook, 6-7, Jr., Louisville Eastern

Co-Coaches of the year — Maurice Payne, Louisville Male, and Don Salyer, Louisville Ballard

Honorable Mention

Craig Bass, Madisonville; Morris Stoner, Shelby Co; Tony Kimbro, Lou Seneca; Jeff Kyle, Middlesboro; Greg Bates, Lex Henry Clay; Jeff Conatser, McCreary Central; Arthur Hanson,

Pulaski Co; Chris Keen, Allen Co; Jeff Edwards, Caverna; David Joiner, Christian Co.

Jimmy Turner, Sheldon Clark; Mike Scott, Greenup Co; Greg McQueary, Taylor Co; Jimmy Crawford, Bardstown Bethlehem; David Hensley, Cawood; Stepphone Bishop, Lex Tates Creek; Junior Roberson, Bowling Green; Jeff Allen, Breathitt Co; Mike Turner, Owsley Co; Charlie Andrews, Laurel Co.

Kevin Jones, Somerset; Sidney Aicorn, Lincoln Co; Ricky Staley, Wayne Co; Steve Molen, Pulaski Co; Tim Dick, Wayne Co; Kerry Vanover, Everts; Gary Byrd, North Hardin; Willie Schlarman, Fort Thomas Highlands; Ken Edwards, Paris; Tony Cox, Berea.

Russell Butts, Warren Central; Chris Johnson, Bowling Green; Chris Parrish, Bowling Green; Chris Raymer, Edmonson Co; Vince Shanklin, Todd Central; Luther Forest, Hopkinsville; Stacey Mason, Logan Co; Tim Patterson, Elizabethtown; Penrod Eaves, Central City; Ken Johnson, Danville.

Gerald Claywell, Cumberland Co; Tony Morton, Corbin; Chuck Taylor, Owensboro; Gene Sublett, Lou Valley; Chuck Cantrell, Ashland.

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Debbie Miller, 6-2, Sr., Casey County

Julie Duerring, 5-9, Sr., Boone County

Franseda Gunn, 5-11, Sr., Marion County

Belitta Croley, 5-11, Jr., Lexington Henry Clay

Marialice Jenkins, 5-8, Sr., Fordsville

Brenda Hamby, 5-11, Sr., Louisville Southern

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Honorable Mention

Melissa Napier, Knox Central; Dana Cunningham, Warren East; Lisa Dunbar, Todd Central; Beverly Eads, Cawood; Sherry Gish, Muhlenberg Central; Becky Anderson, Monticello; Monica Glass, Todd Central; Paula Wells, Logan Co; Beth Bates, Williamsburg; Connie Logsdon, Owensboro Apollo.

Melodie Warren, Owensboro Catholic; Shannon Belcher, Madisonville; Julie Sullivan, Frankfort Western Hills; Polly Stephenson, Boone Co; Sandy Brown, Whitesburg; Thelma Whitt, Whitesburg; Margaret Duff, Somerset; Jan Garland, Laurel Co; Kim Herald, Breathitt Co; Samantha Harrison, Powell Co.

Missy Davidson, Clay Co; Debbie Bowman, Rockcastle Co; Trudy Purcell, Caverna; Vanessa Hudson, Warren East; Pam Gooch, Franklin-Simpson; Tracy Jones, Barren Co; Sherry Barrett, East Hardin; Darlene Hobbs, West Hardin; Diana Smith, Danville; Madge Smalley, Washington Co.

Martha Gerton, Washington Co; Amy Falk, Bullitt East; Lisa Johnson, Bardstown; Betty Crum, Sheldon Clark; Kim Taylor, Christian Co; Kandi Williams, South Hopkins; Karen Corbett, Lou Assumption; Effreda Tucker, Lou Moore; Maria Schoembaechler, Lou Angela Merici; Lynette Harden, Owensboro Catholic.

September Colbert, Grant Co; Kim Shepherd, Allen Central; Kim Riepe, Ballard Memorial.

Basketball is king for his Fordsville,

Earl Cox

Courier-Journal
sports columnist



Let's drop in this morning on what has to be one of Kentucky's happiest basketball families, the household of Patrick and Nancy Jenkins of Fordsville.

You know Fordsville. It's our kind of place, just as Sharpe, Brewers and Cuba were. All of those were little schools that captured the hearts of basketball fans by winning the state championship.

Fordsville, population about 800, is between Dundee and Deanefield. It's in Ohio County, same as Beaver Dam. Surely you remember Beaver Dam and its coach, Mossie Martin, and the Beavers' cheerleaders who made their team famous with this yell at a Louisville Invitational Tournament one year

"Mossie, Mossie, open that door.
"Let them Beavers on this floor!"

Beaver Dam High is no more. It was merged with Hartford High to form Ohio County High. Fordsville High is part of the county system, too, but was not included in the consolidation because it's about 20 miles from Ohio County High. And little Fordsville, with an enrollment of about 175 in its upper four grades, is doing quite well in basketball, thank you. The Jenkins family is largely responsible:

✓ Daddy Pat Jenkins has coached the Fordsville Trojans to an 8-6 record, the school's first winning season since 1960-61.

✓ Son Patrick is a 6-3 junior forward for the Trojans, averaging 15 points (second only to guard Barney Hall and his 23 points) and 14 rebounds.

✓ Daughter Marialice is a real sparker for Darline Ashby's Trojanettes. This 5-4 ball of fire is in her second season as a regular — and she's just in the eighth grade! She's something else, averaging around 19 points a game. This remarkable young lady has been a varsity member since she was just a kid in the sixth grade.

✓ Momma Nancy doesn't keep score

or statistics or anything like that. "She just yells," said her husband. But does she ever have to keep her lungs in condition! On Monday nights she goes to see Marialice play. On Tuesdays she goes to the boys' game. She gets Wednesday off, but on Thursday it's the girls again. On Friday and Saturday it's the boys.

"Just one time this season have the boys and girls played at the same place," said coach Jenkins, chuckling at his wife's plight.

The two other Jenkins children, first grader Marthew, 7, and John Mark, 5, are too young to play, but you can't keep them out of the gym. Just as Pat, Jr. and Marialice before them, they are there firing 'em up everytime the doors open.

Can John Mark get the ball to the regulation basket?

"Oh, yes, he can get it up," said his father.

Are the Jenkinses concerned about pressure on Marialice? For instance, the Jefferson County school system will not allow students below the ninth grade to play contact sports. And, yes, Dr. Nasmith, your game is considered a contact sport in Jefferson County! Soc-

cer is considered a contact sport, baseball isn't, but that's a story for another day.

Coach Jenkins, answering the press-sure question, said, "No, we have no reservations at all about her playing. I've been coaching for 16 years and she's always been around the gym."

Jenkins has been around. He was recruited out of Lebanon Junction by a young coach just getting his start in college coaching. Fellow by the name of Joe B. Hall — wonder what ever happened to him? Anyway, this fellow Hall was hired by Regis College in Denver, fresh from Shepherdsville High. Jenkins spent one year at Regis and then transferred to Western, where he met Nancy, from Marion. He has coached at six different Kentucky schools and spent two years coaching in Illinois.

The Ohio County superintendent is Reathel Goff, who coached some fine teams at Hart Memorial. Mossie Martin is now the school district's financial officer.

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