

# THE SISTERHOOD OF THE SLAM - DUNKERS

the lady cavs bond over basketball

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On and off the court, the Lady Cavs basketball team was a force to be reckoned with. Because their off-court relationships were so strong, their daunting on-court presence was even more synchronized.

From summer conditioning to the winter game season, basketball was a year-round sport. Throughout their time on the team, the girls saw a lot of each other, which molded the dynamic between teammates.

"We're around each other every day for at least two hours, so even though you may not like the things that they do or the things that they say, you still have to be cordial and love them," senior JaBrie Drakes said.

United by their sport, they bonded over their shared passion.

"Being on this team means a lot to me. We have a great group of girls chasing after the same thing," Dashia Jackson, junior, said.

As the team grew better at their sport, they grew tighter as a unit.

"Being close to these great girls that love the same thing I do is amazing, I don't really get along with or get close to girls that easily, but these girls, they are my sisters. Our bond can't be broken," Armani Wright, sophomore, said. "We're a family. I don't even know how to explain it. I just know that they're there for me."

Like any family, the team had their ups and downs, but the girls still knew they could always count on each other.

"We need to rely on each other and hold each accountable. If nobody else got you, your teammates got you," junior Alexia Jackson said.

At the end of the day, the relationships they created on the court lasted outside school walls.

"I just love them," Wright said. "Those are my girls, and I wouldn't trade them for the world."



Running a fastbreak, sophomore Taylor Britt enjoys being able to run the new plays. "I felt excited because I knew that fast breaks were the easiest ways to score and more than likely we were about to score," Britt said. (Photo by Bobby Counts)

Junior Dashia Jackson passes the ball to one of her teammates. "I was trying to pass the ball to Ti'ana and once I did she'd shot a three. The feeling was intense because the pressure was on me," Jackson said. During a timeout, Coach Jabbari Deas explains how one of the girls should have made a left hand layup. "I was trying to get my point across but also not happy at all about our play," Deas said. (Photos by Bobby Counts)



Blocking a pass, freshman Danielle Eddy leaps into the air. "I felt like I was making it tough for her to make the pass; I felt like I was doing my job," said Eddy. During a home game, sophomore Shantara Weary stands by her teammate, excited to continue the game. (Photos by Bobby Counts)



Senior Alexandra Brooks raises the ball to shoot. "I felt like the pressure was on me because free throws matter in a game," Brooks said. Trying to stay focused on winning, sophomore Armani Wright continues a play called 40. "In this game we came out a little dead but in the second half we were on and we played our hearts out," Wright said. (Photos by Bobby Counts)