

Joshua High School 1957 -58 Lady Owls Basketball Team



The Joshua High School 1957 – 58 Lady Owls Basketball Team had a record of 31 wins and 4 losses during the 1957-1958 school year. They won the first place trophy in the Italy basketball tournament and in the Joshua basketball tournament. They won the District Championship with an undefeated record of 8 wins. They were Bi-District Champions in the first round of the playoffs by defeating Aledo 62 – 39. They then qualified for the Region III tournament where the Lady Owls won their

first regional game in defeating Bellvue 57 – 44. Next up was Princeton and once again the Lady Owls were victorious winning 42 – 34, thus qualifying them for the regional finals. The Lady Owls lost a hard fought game in the regional finals to Collinsville 63 – 57 and therefore claimed second place in the Region III tournament for what was then their second straight year as Regional Finalists.

Team members included:

Betty Bransom, Patsye Brown, Johnnie Carlock, Margie Carlock, Hattie Bell Cheek, Patt Cornelius, Ellen Edwards, Gale Hamilton, Betty Hawkins, Eloise Hawkins, Gail Honeycutt, Martha Majors, Kay Miller, Pat Newsom, Billie Newsom, and Frances Steed

Team member Eloise Hawkins Evans shared this reflection on the 1957 – 58 season “The 1957-58 girls basketball team was very good. We had a great coach, Bob Williams, and we were supported by our classmates, parents, and the entire community. The senior girls had been playing together since 8th grade, so we knew the abilities of each and how she played the game. We knew we were a good team and we expected to win. During that 57-58 year, we lost 4 games by a total of 11 points. We won as a team and lost as a team. We had a lot of fun and we shed a few

tears. I can still remember us sitting on the floor crying after losing the championship game and Coach Williams telling us it really wasn't the end of the world. It is an honor to be inducted into the Joshua Athletic Hall of Fame."

The Joshua High School 1957 - 58 Lady Owls Basketball Team is honored for their time and effort in establishing a standard of commitment to excellence.