

Millsap High School

Athletic Hall of Fame

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Left to Right: Patsy Rowe, Marilyn Mock, Linda Mock, Linda Walters, Vickie Guess, Sharon Armstrong, Eldonna Wright – Captain, Janice Smethers, Drinda Henderson, Coach Golphenee, Coach Morrison, Pam Kinman, Teresa Reasoner, Martha Walker, Robbie Kampman, Betty Wilson, Sue Rutledge - Captain, Donna Huse, Judy McAuley and Nancy Jones. Managers: Reba Byrd & Pam Bodiford.

As the UIL lifted restrictions of only two dribbles and having to shoot or pass within 3 seconds of getting the basketball, the 1964 team blossomed and set the precedence for future Lady Bulldogs as they used their speed, height, shooting and dribbling skills to help elevate their success. The lifted restrictions proved that girl basketball players were able to use their speed to drive past their guards and score just like the boys.

Finishing District undefeated, the Lady Bulldogs headed to Bi-District relying on starters: Forwards – Eldonna Wright, Drinda Henderson, Sharon Armstrong and Guards – Janice Smethers, Sue Rutledge and Martha Walker. The team averaged 55 points per game while only giving up 37 points. It is noted that several team members contributed to the teams success both offensively and defensively.

When March madness rolled around, the streets of Millsap were practically deserted as many basketball fans went to Denton to see their Lady Bulldogs play in the first-ever Regional tournament recorded for the girls' program. Millsap easily won their first game over Clifton 52-32 and proceeded to the final round against a scrappy Baird team. Despite the great offensive showing of Eldonna Wright who scored 33 points for the Lady Bulldogs, Millsap fell short in the Regional Championship game to the eventual State Champions from Baird.

This banner 31-6 season, set the standard for future Lady Bulldogs of the latter 1960's and 1970's. All-District honors for the year included: Offensive standouts – Drinda Henderson and Sharon Armstrong joined by Defensive standouts – Janice Smethers and Martha Walker.

The 1964 Lady Bulldogs hold a special place in our hearts as “one of the best MHS girls' teams ever”.

1964 Girl's Basketball Team