

Millsap High School Athletic Hall of Fame

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In the evolution of girls' basketball in the State of Texas, the original game had several different rules. The girls played a type of half-court game with three forwards and three guards on each side who could not cross the center court line. The players could only take two dribbles and had three seconds to shoot or pass. These rules applied to the game when Dorothy Henderson played for the Lady Bulldogs in 1942-1946.

Dorothy began attending Millsap in her early elementary years. She loved the game of basketball and softball playing both sports all four years of her high school career.

Concerning basketball, she practiced every chance she could whether it was dribbling on the dirt and shooting on an outside goal with a wooden backboard at her house or in the school gymnasium on the hardwood floor.

Basketball was a huge part of her life and she started all four years in high school. Dorothy was chosen as Team Captain both her Jr. and Sr. years. She played a post position on the forward end and dominated her opponents as she led her team in scoring both years

averaging 13 points per game her Jr. season and 12 points per game as a Sr.

Coming off of a 22-11 season as a Jr., hopes for a team championship the following year was exceedingly strong. One thing that was truly impressive concerning Dorothy was that she had a season point total of 428 (avg. 13 ppg) as a Jr. and her next closest teammate scored 89 (avg. 2.7 ppg).

As a Sr. the Lady Bulldogs, once again led by Dorothy Henderson, recorded a 20-11 record and played for the County Championship ending the season as County Runner-up Champion. The tall, lanky post by the name of Dorothy Henderson, finished the highest in the scoring department for the 2nd season with 386 total points (averaging 12 ppg) and her teammate closest to her recorded 135 points (averaging 4 ppg).

Dorothy definitely made a difference for the 1945 & 1946 girls' basketball program while leaving a great legacy for her upcoming four nieces to follow in her footsteps as Lady Bulldog Basketball players. These nieces include: Bettie Nevil - Class of 1956, Drinda Henderson - Class of 1965, Jane Henderson - Class of 1969 and Charla Henderson - Class of 1975, all of which also played the forward position and had great success as a Lady Bulldog, individually as well as with their team.

Dorothy Henderson ~ Basketball 1946