

Aleanna Beroza, #14 for the Oilers, blocked a pass from a Viking. She made up one of the seven juniors on her team. Aleanna has played basketball for six years, two of which have been played on the MP Varsity Team.



Senior Jenna McGuire received a pass from #32 Hannah Maness. Jenna was one of two seniors on the team, as well as one of the captains on the Varsity Team.



Sophomore Taylor Gibson made a pass onto the court. Playing against the Vikings, Taylor stayed strong. Having home court advantage helped the girls remain competitive in the game.



## Never Underestimate

The '08-'09 season was tough for the Varsity Girls Basketball Team. They had a record of 3-16. Having only two seniors on the team put a lot of pressure on Jenna McGuire and Ashley Brown to lead them, however, Ashley Brown was out for most of the season due to injuries. Luckily many juniors stepped up and helped out. Brittney Horan, a junior, said, "I'm glad I joined basketball because it showed team unity. I got a chance to play with all my friends and it was really exciting. I did wrestling for two years and it was time for a change, and I think I made the right change."

Something that the girls lived by during this very long and challenging season was "leave nothing," and that was the way that they played on the court. While the record doesn't reflect it, there were many successes. Several games were close and the team came together under first year coach Steve Pickens. The juniors got a lot of playing time and experience that will benefit the team next season.

-Bethany DeLong



Senior Jenna McGuire headed to the free throw line. Being the only senior able to play for the season put a lot of pressure on Jenna. She has showed she can handle everything that comes her way.



Junior Karen Francek ran down the court to make a basket. "My favorite part was the bus rides," says Karen. She has played for three years at MPHS.



Shiloh Tuma, #30, dribbling the ball down the court was playing against the Vikings. She has this to say about the Vikings: "they were really good at executing to the basket, even though we tried our best to stick with them, they were just quicker than us. They were a skilled team." Shiloh is a very important member of the team.



One of two team captains for the team was Junior Aleigha Owl-Reinsberg, #42. She has played basketball since 7th grade. This was Aleigha's first year on varsity.

"This season was hard, but it ended up being a lot of fun. I met a lot of new amazing people."  
- Hannah Maness



Varsity Basketball- Row one: Aleanna Beroza, Brittney Horan, Ashley Brown, Jenna McGuire, Shiloh Tuma, Ashley Greenlee. Row two: Asst. Coach Rob Potter, Asst. Coach Tanya Malley, Taylor Gibson, Merisa Vanderloon, Aleigha Owl-Reinsberg, Karen Francek, Hannah Maness, Head Coach Steve Pickens



Junior Brittney Horan stays on top of the ball. This is her first year on varsity. She said "I had a fun year!"



Sophomore Taylor Gibson blocked on the court. Playing on varsity for her first year, she made a great addition to the team.