

# Island Sports

## Lawn girls' hoops squad positive about season

By Adrienne Downing

The Lawn school girls' basketball team waited through three-fourths of their season for a win, but when the opportunity came they made sure the win was a convincing one.

"We had played Martin early in the year and we lost to them, but when we played them the second time, we shot well and played well," Dave Pritchard, head coach, said. "We forced them into playing our game, and it worked in our favor."

The Warriors downed Martin 45-28, for their first win of the season.

By all accounts, the season was a "tough" one for the girls, who were sometimes missing two or three starters a game due to illness.

"We were a young team, and there were quite a few games where we played very tough only to lose," Pritchard explained.

Because the team was larger than in past years, it was sometimes difficult getting the young players the playing time they needed to have game experience, he said. A problem he solved by having the team play a few five-quarter games, a game where both teams and the referee agree to



The Lawn school girls' basketball team recently completed its season.

play one extra quarter at the end of regulation play.

Despite the adversity, Pritchard said that he was impressed with the way the team kept a good attitude through everything.

"Even after a few losses they were still singing on the bus on the way home from games. These girls are pretty competitive and I am proud of the way they played," he said.

Kelly Brown and Jessica Brown, both eighth-graders and co-captains, provided the leadership for the team this year.

"They both played strong and they were very good leaders," Pritchard said.

He also noted the contribution of eighth-grader Tori Delmonico.

"She came in when we really needed her and scored, and that was a highlight for her," he said.

Defense was the team's strength, although they struggled on the offensive side of the game.

"We had trouble putting the ball in the net and generating offense," Pritchard pointed out.

Point guard Nicole Perez, a seventh-grader, pointed out that

while getting a win was fun for the team they also received satisfaction from a game well-played.

"Thompson was the hardest team in the league last year, and they were again this year," she said. "We played well against them and that was a good feeling."

Lawn does face some tough competition, being the smallest school in their league.

"Five or six years ago, we just played games against teams that we would pick up, like Prout and a few other schools," the coach

explained. "But now we are playing in a league and that can sometimes be hard when you are a small school."

Pritchard is not daunted by the season, however because he saw improvement in his girls as the season progressed that will help the team next year.

"I would say the most improved player would be Cara Liberati. She went from a player who had trouble with her shots at the beginning to someone who gave us some good minutes. She had some nice looking shots at the end," Pritchard said.

The season ended for the Warriors with a 45-35 loss against Narragansett in the 2nd season tournament

"They got down, but they never quit. That is what this team is all about, their grittiness, their determination," Pritchard explained. "I am really proud of the fight that they showed."

He hopes that the returning sixth and seventh-graders will come back strong for next year. The key, he says, is for the girls to keep playing the game and learn from this year.

"If they use this season as a springboard, their game will get better," he concluded.



All smiles after a great season

Emmy Lutes, left, and Kendra Davis relax after the last regular swim meet of the season.

Photo by Anne Woolley

## Time to register for baseball

Baseball players can register early by picking up forms at the recreation center or at Baker's Pharmacy. Forms can also be downloaded at <http://www.jamestownri.com/>. In-person sign-ups will occur Wednesday, Feb. 21, Thursday, Feb. 22, and Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Community Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Both boys and girls can play and their ages must range from 5 through 12 on April 30. Copies of birth certificates are desired at registration and will be required the week of April 23. Try-outs for major leagues (ages 9 through 12) and boys Babe Ruth (ages 13 through 15) will occur Saturday, April 7. Major league tryouts will start at 8:15 a.m., Babe

Ruth will start at 9:30 a.m. Opening day is scheduled for Saturday, April 28.

The following important deadlines should be noted. Babe Ruth registrations are due by Friday, March 23. Major league registrations are due by Friday, March 30. All other age group registrations are due by Friday, April 20.

The next baseball committee meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. at the police station. Jamestown baseball will need several adults to serve in various positions such as concession stand coordinator, instructional league coordinator, instructional league manager/coaches, and others.

## Book group to discuss Kundera novel

The next Evening Book Discussion at the Jamestown library will be held Feb. 20. The book to be discussed will be "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" by Milan Kundera. The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

The following books have been chosen for discussion in the upcoming months.

- "All the Pretty Horses" by Cormac McCarthy, March 20.
- "Accordion Crimes" by E. Annie Proulx, April 17.

• "Breathing Lessons" by Anne Tyler, May 15.

Meetings are free and open to the public. New participants are welcome.

Copies of the books can be obtained by placing a hold on the many copies available through the statewide network. The discussion is free and open to the public and led by Richard Tyre, a Jamestown resident.

For more information, call the library at 423-7280.

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