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Finding Aid - Coach Michael J. Thompson

Chicopee High School Girls Basketball Collection 1980-1990



Thompson and the 1980-1981 Pacers Team

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A collection of yearbooks, scrapbooks and scorebooks donated by CHS Girls' Basketball Coach, Michael J. Thompson, covering the years 1980-1990.

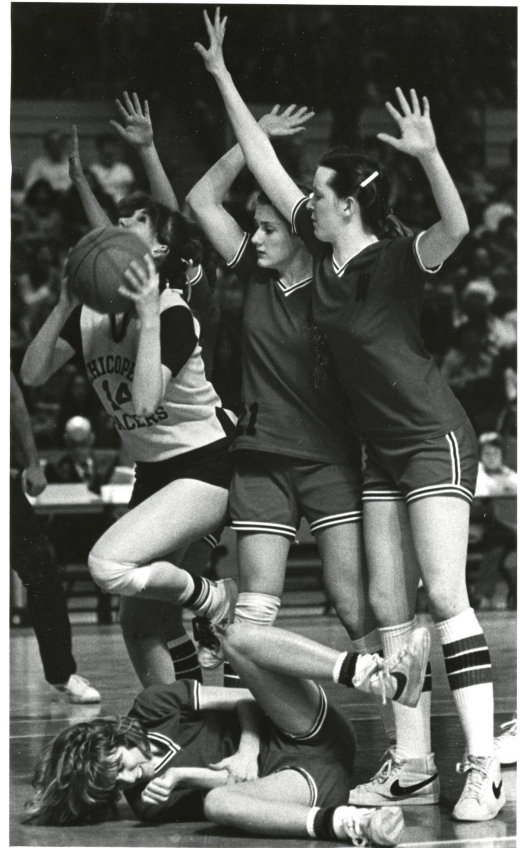
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Abstract:

The Chicopee High School Girls Basketball Collection was donated by coach Michael J. Thompson. Thompson coached the girls varsity team from 1980 to 1990 and accumulated a record of 161-41. He led the Pacers to ten straight appearances in the Western Massachusetts Division I tournament winning the title four times, 1980, '81, '84 and '86. He moved on to coach the women's basketball team at Western New England College (now University). In his final season with the Pacers he was chosen as Coach of the Year by the Holyoke *Transcript-Telegram* and had a record of 14-8 going into the Division I Tournament.

The materials in this collection contain scrapbooks from each season created by the coaching staff, official scorebooks from each of the eleven seasons Thompson coached, yearbooks of the team from the 1970s and early 1980s and scorebooks from some of the coach's freshman team season.



Creator: Michael J. Thompson

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Historical Note:

The Chicopee High School Girls Basketball Collection was donated by coach Michael J. Thompson. Thompson worked at Chicopee High School as a Guidance Counselor for 20 years and coached basketball for 18 years. He coached the boys freshman team before becoming the head coach for the girls varsity team in 1980. Thompson coached the girls team from 1980 to 1990 and accumulated a record of 161-41. He led the Pacers to ten straight appearances in the Western Massachusetts Division I tournament winning the title four times, 1980, '81, '84 and '86. He moved on to coach the women's basketball team at Western New England College (now University). In '86 Thompson was chosen by Massachusetts Basketball Association as one of its coaches of the year and commended with an official proclamation from the mayor of Chicopee, Richard Lak, as the most successful coach in

the history of Chicopee Women's basketball. In his final season with the Pacers he was chosen as Coach of the Year by the Holyoke *Transcript-Telegram* and had a record of 14-8 going into the division one



tournament. Thompson graduated from Ludlow High School and attended college at Providence College. He started working at Chicopee High School right out of college.

Between 1980 and 1990, Chicopee produced award-winning players like Laurie Boutin, Barbara Tourville, and Jane and Lucia Marjanski, all of whom went on to play on college basketball teams. The Pacers qualified for the playoffs each of the 10 years that Thompson led the team, contributing to their 11 year record-breaking streak.



1981 Pacers team celebrates victory over Holyoke in Division I Western Massachusetts Girls Basketball Tournament

Team Rosters:

1980 Team: Ellen Soja (C), Laurie Boutin (F), Diane Lynch (G), Sharon Piela (G), Lisa Pasternak (F), Lisa Suckeniez (F), Laurie O'Connell (G), Mary Szetela (G), Joanne Stanton (G), Jane Marjanski (F), Paula Goudreault (G)

1981 Team: Laurie Boutin (F), Laurie O'Connell (G), Lisa Suchenicz (C), Jane Marjanski (F), Paula Goudreault (G), Lisa Pasternak (F), Maureen Johnson (G), Maxine Adamczyk (G), Diane Benard (F-G), Tara Forsberg (G), Lucia Marjanski (G)

1982 Team: Jane Marjanski (F), Paula Goudreault (G), Lisa Pasternak (F), Diane Benard (G-F), Tara Forsberg (G), Lucia Marjanski (G-F), Rae Ann Kotowski (C), Robin Provencher (G), Susan Tardiff (G), Barbara Tourville (C)

1983 Team: Diane Benard (F), Tara Forsberg (G), Lucia Marjanski (F), Barbara Tourville (C), Robin Provencher (G), Sue Tardif (G), Carol Chmura (F), Joy Denault (G), Michelle Breton (G), Donna Dube (G-F), Lynn Kotowski (C), Teresa LaPlante (G)

1984 Team: Barb Tourville (C), Sue Tardiff (G), Robin Provencher (F-G), Michelle Breton (G), Carol Chmura (F), Sarah Szetela (F), Kris Grace (F), Patty Parent (F), Donna Dube (G-F), Debbie Matysik (G)

1985 Team: Patty Parent (C), Sarah Szetela (F), Kristine Grace (F), Terry LaPlante (G), Paula Vandal (G), Karen Czczot (F), Maggie Anischik (G), Sarah Goff (G), Michele Sammataro (G), Maureen Muldoon (F), Susan Jezouit (C), Karen Donnelly (C)

1986 Team: Terry LaPlante (G), Sarah Szetela (F), Paula Vandal (G-F), Maffie Anischik (G), Sarah Goff (G), Maureen Muldoon (F), Michele Sammataro (G), Sue Jezouit (C), Sue Cybulski (G), Karen Donnelly (C)

1987 Team: Sarah Goff (G), Sue Jezouit (C), Sue Cybulski (F), Maureen Muldoon (F), Maggie Anischik (G), Michelle Sammataro (G), Betty Sears (G), Noel Pasternak (C), Nancy Bazan (F), Laurie Grace (F), Trisha Kokoszka (C), Leslie Goff (F)

1988 Team: Betty Sears (G), Noel Pasternak (C), Tricia Kokoszka (F), Leslie Goff (F/G), Nancy Bazan (F), Debbie Green (F), Ronia Kobylanski (G), Maureen Michon (G), Kara Wojnarowski

1989 Team: Trish Kokoszka (C), Leslie Goff (F), Maureen Michon (F), Kara Wajnarowski (C), Colleen Murphy (G), Michelle Robak, Nicole Piligian, Kelli O'Connell (G), Kristine Canavan (F), Melissa Castonguay, Catherine Szetela (F), Lisa Walsh (G)

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Scope and Content:

This collection consists of 10 disassembled scrapbooks, spanning the years between 1980 and 1989, 14 scorebooks from both the boys and girls teams between the years of 1974 and 1988, and 6 Pacers Basketball yearbooks. The bulk of the collection, originally in the form of yearly scrapbooks, focuses on the Pacers, Chicopee High School's Women's Basketball team over the course of the decade that Mike Thompson served as coach. The scrapbooks, compiled by Thompson, were made up of newspaper clippings and photographs that documented the team's rise as one of the leading teams in Western Massachusetts.

Box 1 contains individual folders for newspaper clippings and photographs for the 1980-1984 seasons. Box 2 assembles the newspaper clippings and photographs from the 1985-1989 seasons. Box 3 includes the scorebooks from the years that Thompson coached the Boys JV Basketball team (1974-1979), Girl's Varsity scorebooks from 1979-1988, and the Pacer Basketball yearbooks from 1977-1983.

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Scrapbook, 1985

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Scrapbook, 1986

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Girls Varsity Scorebooks, 1979 - 1988

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Basketball Yearbooks, 1977 - 1983