

Lady Hawks

6th/7th Grade Team Report

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Our 6/7th Grade team just competed in the King of Prussia Invitational and it turned into a weekend of "What Could Have Been". The team went 1 - 3 over the weekend, but could have easily been 4 - 0 with some better play. Our first game was against the Renegades and after falling behind by double digits early, we were able to cut the score down to six late in the game; however, we ended up losing 31 -21. Our second game was against Kyniska and it was a very competitive game with the score going back and forth. In the end, we lost 28 - 25 and it was a valuable lesson for our girls how much foul shots matter, we went 5 - 17 from the line, OUCH!!!! Our third game was not as close but the girls played hard. We played DM Panthers and lost 35 – 18, but if we would have protected the ball better, it would have been more competitive. In our final game of the tournament, we played a younger Chesco Lightning team and we won 30 - 15. We are very happy we won this game but the thing that really made this game special to me was the sportsmanship of both teams, coaches and parents. There was really no doubt that we would win, but players from both teams played hard and played with smiles on their faces. If a player got knocked down, someone from the other team was there to help them up. AAU is really a cut-throat style of basketball, so when you come across a game like this, it really puts things into perspective. We have played against nationally ranked teams over our past two tournaments and it was not pretty at all. Our girls kept battling but when you are a young team, it takes time to build that chemistry that is needed.

The Lady Hawks will strive at every level to become a force and we will teach the fundamentals and sportsmanship. We have faced great teams where the opposing coaches showed no mercy and pressed the entire game, even when they are up by 30. We faced that this year and the girls on the other team were just playing hard and following their coaches' orders; however, these types of coaches are really teaching bad life lessons. I am proud of every player we have in our club and I look forward to having each of them back and to add more players and parents who want to be part of an organization who do things right, on and off the court.

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