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FROM THE BENCH

# Basketball Buzz

## Green Bay Preble High School

The Preble Girls Basketball Team enjoyed one of the best seasons in recent history of the program. They won ten of their last eleven regular season games and earned the fourth seed in the WIAA tournament. That stretch saw the Hornets secure big wins at Ashwaubenon (48-30), at Notre Dame (49-43) and an impressive victory over Appleton North (45-43) who was the co-champion of the tough FVA Conference. The Hornets finished the regular season 15-7 and 12-4 in the FRCC.

Kenzie Perttu and Kaitlyn Jacobs led the team in scoring and rebounding all season. Coach Proctor credits her teams defense for the successful run though, "our overall team defense improved every week and that proved to be the difference in a lot of close games. We were young with 6 of our 10 players playing varsity for the first time so it took us a little while to truly understand how intense and fast pace the varsity game is."

The Hornets went on to defeat Sheboygan North 52-50 to claim their first Regional Championship in eight years. Next up for the Hornets was a sectional match up against #1 seed Pulaski. A team that no player on the Preble roster had ever beaten. It was back and forth in the first half but Preble kept the lead throughout the entire second half. Kenzie Perttu went on her own 9-2 run during a crucial second half stretch. Perttu ended the game with 28 points while going 15 for 15 from the free throw line. Preble hung on to win 46-44.

The Sectional final saw perennial power De Pere upend the Hornets. De Pere was hot from the outside hitting eight 3 pointers. According to Proctor, "we played tough defense for five or six passes but De Pere is so patient that they will move the ball and wait for you to either let down or be late on your assignment and then they exploit your defense. They have great team balance and were very impressive".

It was an exceptional season for the Hornets as they finished 17-8 while playing one of the toughest schedules in the state. Nine of Prebles opponents were ranked in the top ten in the state in their respective divisions.

### Hornet Spotlight ... ... Seniors 2011

The Hornets had three seniors this year and each have contributed greatly to the teams success.

From top to bottom - Kaitlyn Jacobs, Emily Young and Betsy Albers



### Coach Proctor ... from the bench

We enjoyed our run during March Madness. We had an exciting season and I am so proud of all of our players. We set our goals high and competed well. Kenzie was named Player of the year in our league and both she and Kaitlyn were named First Team All Conference. Thank you Kaitlyn, Emily, Betsy, Kenzie, Heather, Kendra, Alyssa, Erin, Brooke and Cayla for a great year. Go Hornets!





