

# Bobkittens Are Big-9 Champs



GRAND BLANC GIRLS' Varsity team — Standing left to right are: Diane Kitchen, Elaine DeHart, Joan Nolde, Marilyn Caves, Mary Sue Davis, Phyllis Smith and Janet Ellinger. Kneeling, left to right, are:

Beverly Kiser, Barbara Lee Gleason, Janette Reed, Susan Griggs, Mrs. Jack Kern, Christina Martz, Sharon Kohn, Linda Stair and Judith Dawson.

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They may look like ordinary girls—tall, trim, neat—as they saunter down the halls of Grand Blanc High, but here are sixteen very special Bobkittens. For these girls are wearing the crown of the 1965 Championship Big Nine Girls Basketball League, and they fairly glow with Bobcat pride.

"Bobkittens"—a pretty tame handle for the highest scoring girls team in the history of Genesee County with an astounding 59 point average per game!

The girls were undefeated beating Atherton 52-27, Ainsworth 55-14, Fenton 59-26. Then in what must be the highest scoring girls game and certainly the most exciting one all year, the Bobkittens put down Davison 61-53, Kearsley 59-36, Mt. Morris 58-16 and Ainsworth again 68-32. For a grand total of 413 points.

It used to be the rules were meant to pamper the bloomed darlings who were daring enough to venture out on a court. Only forwards could shoot and the centerline divided offensive and defensive squads like a fence—and my dear, just one bounce! Now three dribbles are allowed and there is not only a roving forward who can cross the line, but a guard too, who is allowed to shoot.

This has of course speeded up the game and also makes for more wide open play. But as Mrs. Mary Ann Kern, the girls' coach said, "This is the most exceptional team I've ever seen. Not just for their ability but for their desire and willingness to work."

on Kohn—or "Panch". She is the roving guard and stands 5' 7½". Last summer Grand Blanc's own Bobkittens won the Flint Olympian title undefeated.

The southern belle of the squad is Linda Stair, a 5' 5" guard called "Stretch" by her teammates. When Mrs. Kern came to the Grand Blanc six years ago, the poor girls' team dwelled in the cellar and hadn't won a game in three years. The last championship team had been in 1949 when Miss Hazel Dowd was the coach.

The stationary guard and manstay of the team defensively is 5' 10" Diane Kitchen. "Kitch's" rebounding and ability to get that ball out of there are invaluable. The Bobkittens now bask in a 13 game winning streak have brought the County Championship home to Grand Blanc for the second year in a row.

That is the starting guard and all are Seniors including Bev Kiser, guard and Sue Griggs, forward. They will be honored in March at a banquet in Frankenmuth for all the girls' Basketball teams in the County. The Flint Journal will present trophies to the champions of each league, and there accepting for Grand Blanc will be those winningest Bobcats of them all:

The rest of the team is made up of Juniors Wendy Hunt, Joan Nolde, Elaine DeHart, Judy Dawson, Mary Davis, Barb Gleason, Phyllis Smith and Chris Martz. Bobcats of them all:

The hard work of these girls boost championship hopes for next year. Also the 5 win 1 loss record of the J. V. team coached by Miss Joan Vandenbosch gives a pretty rosy looking future. These girls won by such scores as over Ainsworth 51-10 and again 45-9, over Fenton 36-12, over Davison 32-12, and they proved they could win a close one 26-23 over Kearsley. They lost the opening game to Atherton 23-15.

Janet Ellinger—"Ellie", the leading scorer is a 5' 11" center sporting an 18 point average. Marilyn Caves—better known as "Snookie", only 5' 4" carries a 15 point average with her quick lay-up shot.

Co-Captain and play setter of the team, "Reedy", Janette Reed is the 5' 6" roving forward.

The other Co-Captain is Sharon Kohn.

They are waiting along with the Juniors to prove that next year they too, are Bobkittens with Claws.

## Bobkittens Headed for Another Championship

After a winning season last year, the girl's varsity is headed toward another championship. The team is again undefeated.

With the whole starting lineup back to play, a winning season seemed a cinch. The closest a team has gotten this year is eight points.

Coached by Mrs. Jack Kern the team has played some marvelous games. They defeated Atherton 52-27, Ainsworth 55-14, Fenton 59-26, Davison 61-53, Kearsley 59-36, and Mt. Morris 58-16. With the high scores attained in each game, the team may set a scoring record for Genesee County. In this area no team has ever reached such scores in the thirty years of girls' basketball.

Members of the team are: Marilyn Caves, Mary Sue Davis, Judy Dawson, Elaine DeHart, Jan Ellinger, Barb Gleason, Sue Griggs, Wendy Hunt, Fev Kiser, Diane Ketchen, Sharon Kohn, Christi Martz, Joan Nolde, Janette Reed, Phyllis Smith and Linda Stair.

High scorers for the team are Marilyn Caves and Jan Ellinger. Both girls have an average in double figures. Co-captains Janette Reed and Sharon Kohn also add fine playing abilities to the games.

Besides averaging 57 points a game, the team has a winning streak of 22 games. Caves, Davis,

Gleason, Griggs, Kitchen, Kohn, Nolde, and Stair participated in the Flint Olympics. Representing Grand Blanc they placed first which entitled them to gold medals. This is a record any team can be proud of.

Students should take pride in the fact that they have a championship team in the school. Well deserved credit should be given where it is due.