

# Girls Team Reaches State Semi-Finals

The RWA Varsity Girls Basketball Team dominated the conference and advanced to the State Semi-finals only to lose to an inferior team on an off night.

During the regular season, the Lady Eagle compiled an impressive record of 18 wins, 2 losses under the direction of first-year coach Deborah Russell.

In the Conference Tournament, the girls turned back Robert E. Lee and Catawba. Named to the All-Conference Team were Frances Anne Hendrix, Betsy Caldwell, and Liz Mattox. Frances and Liz also made the All-Tournament Team with Frances being named Most Valuable Player.

In the State Play-offs, the Lady Eagles defeated Byrnes Academy of Florence and seemed on the road to another State championship. However, in the semi-finals the next night, several key players experienced foul trouble early in the game and had to sit out. Despite this adversity, the Lady Eagles remained ahead until the fourth quarter when things began to come apart. They lose the game to Calhoun Academy whom the Lady Eagles had beaten only a couple of weeks before.

Frances Anne Hendrix was named to the All-State Team.

Members of the Girls Varsity Basketball Team are (kneeling) Gina Robinson, Abby Cathcart, Beverly Rice, Hannah Phillips, Rana Weed, and Retta Melton; (standing) Betsy Caldwell, Frances Anne Hendrix, Donna Miller, Coach Deborah Russell, Liz Mattox, Kay Gustafson, and Page Castles. Above left: Hannah Phillips pulls down a rebound and turns to make the outlet pass.

