



1977 Girls Basketball Team

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1977 marked the second state tournament held in girls' basketball with two classes, A and AA. The New York Mills Eagles won the Class A tournament with a final record of 25-1. The Eagles' only loss came to Perham in the last regular season game. In the state tournament held at the Met Center, New York Mills defeated Buhl 68-43, Marshall University 55-36, and Mayer Lutheran 40-39. To celebrate the championship, a seven-mile caravan of cars escorted the team back and nearly 2000 people filled the Sports Center for the welcome

home event. It was the first year for the semi-finals and finals to be televised and broadcast state-wide. The Eagles' set team single game team records: most points (68), field goal percentage (64%), field goals (30) and points in a quarter (22). Janet Karvonen set five records: points in a game (29) and tournament (59), field goals in a game (14) and tournament (26), and field goal percentage in a tournament (61%). Kathy Lervold was named Coach of the Year and freshman Janet Karvonen was named the Prep Player of the Tournament.

Photo identification: Row 1: (left to right) Tina Rutten, Cindy Koste, Lisa Hagel, Brenda Rudolph, Carmen Sundeen, Marianne Von Ruden. Row 2: Mary Rutten, Kim Salathe, Jenny Miller, Janice Becker, Janet Karvonen, Laura Rud, Kathy Lervold—Head Coach. Assistant Coach: Carol Wilkowski. Managers: Sally Patron and LuAnn Tellers. Cheerleaders: Kristi Aker, Daidre Thompson, Lou Lepisto, Teresa Dreyer, and LeAnn Koehler.