

## Athletics

### 1977 Watchdog Girls' Basketball Team

Head Coach—Mr. Ed Evenson

Assistant Coach—Mrs. Cathy Olson



Top row (left to right): Ann Dolan, Leslie Dolan, Sheila Nelson, Assistant Coach Cathy Olson, Marla Klostergaard, Sharon Twite, and Linda Farley

Bottom row (left to right): Glenda Carnes, Janet Ambur, Karla Rick, Manager Tracie Hofer, Head Coach Ed Evenson, Manager Ruth Kennedy, Natalie Larson, Shelly Kennedy, and Sharon Stuessi.

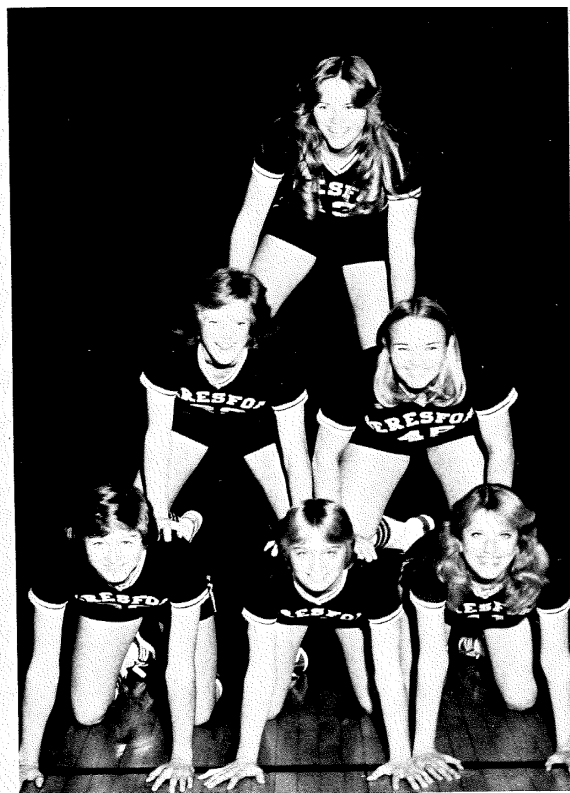
Girls' basketball became an official sport at Beresford High School during the fall of 1975. That year, Head Coach Ed Evenson led the Watchdogs to a 9-6 record. They won the District Tourney and placed fourth at Regions. That year, sophomore Karla Rick was the team's high scorer with 237 points. She was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference Team and was named to the Class "B" All-State Third Team. Shelly Kennedy was the second leading scorer on her team with 135 points. She was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference Team.

During the fall of 1976, Coach Evenson and his Watchdogs completed the season with a 17-6 record. The Watchdogs were District Champions for the second straight year and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Region. Karla Rick led her team in scoring with 371 points. She was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference Team for the second straight year and was named to the Class "B" All-State 3<sup>rd</sup> Team. Shelly Kennedy was the second leading scorer on her team with 353 points. She led her team in

steals with 160 and led her team in assists. Natalie Larson led her team in rebounds with 245—93 offensive and 152 defensive.

During the fall of 1977, Coach Evenson guided his Watchdogs to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the 1977 State “B” Tourney in Huron and a 20-5 record. It was the first-ever trip to the State “B” Tourney for the Watchdogs and only the third year that BHS had a girls’ basketball team. The Watchdogs were District Champions for the third straight year and they won the Region for the first time in school history. In the Region, they had an exciting one point win over Irene, avenging a previous loss during the season and then had a three-point win, over a highly ranked team from Freeman Public. At the State “B” Tourney in Huron, the Watchdogs beat Ipswich in the first round (36-29), then lost to Clear Lake (37-51), and then beat New Underwood (43-33) to finish third at State. Karla Rick led her team in scoring with 397 points. She was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference Team for the third straight year and was named to the Class “B” All-State 2<sup>nd</sup> Team. Shelly Kennedy was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference Team for the third straight year.

Karla Rick ranks seventh on the Watchdogs Girls’ Basketball Career Scoring at 1005 points, which includes three years of stats as BHS did not have basketball as a girls’ sport during her freshman year, nor did they have the three-point line during her career as a Watchdog. She ranks fifth in Most Points Scored in a Season at 397 in 1977. Karla ranks third in Career Rebounds at 737.



**Watchdog Senior Girls’ Basketball Players**

Top—Janet Ambur  
Middle—Sharon Stuessi and Glenda Carnes  
Bottom—Karla Rick, Shelly Kennedy, and Natalie Larson

## Girls' Basketball Scores—1977 Season (20-5)

Team	Beresford Watchdogs	Opponent
West Central	51	20
Viborg	44	23
Irene	40	51
Elk Point	36	21
Parker	42	31
Canton	48	34
Wakonda	54	27
Flandreau	41	30
Brandon Valley	24	35
Lennox	39	31
Dell Rapids	48	26
Jefferson	34	47
Centerville	40	20
Hurley	46	43
Elk Point	40	24
Lennox	34	35
Flandreau	35	25
Alcester	59	32
<b>District Tourney</b>		
Centerville	43	12
Viborg	54	36
<b>Region Tourney</b>		
Irene	45	44
Freeman	30	27
<b>State "B" Tourney</b>		
Ipswich	36	29
Clear Lake	37	51
New Underwood	43	33

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