

Seven years later...

Three of the four state titles at Jeff High have been won by female sport teams; most recently, it was the 2010-11 Lady Red Devils squad

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This year marks the seventh anniversary of the historic season from the Jeffersonville Lady Red Devils basketball team.

In 2011, the Lady Red Devils won the IHSAA 4A state championship, only the fourth state title in school history. (Three of the four state titles have come from female sports team: track - twice - and basketball.)

In the Class 4A championship game, the girls defeated Penn by a score of 42-29. The win vaulted JHS to an overall record of 28 wins and two losses during the season, the best final mark ever from a girls' team.

During that championship run, head coach Chad Gilbert had the luxury of returning players, partnered with a little bit of luck.

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"The experience was one you dream about," Gilbert, now the athletic director at Charlestown High School, recalls. "To win a state championship, you have to be good and you have to be lucky. The state championship was one that we worked extremely hard for many years to achieve the goal. We felt like we won the state championship for everyone that ever wore a Red Devil uniform before us, and everyone that has worn a Red Devil uniform after us."

Former basketball player Jamice Williams led the team with 3.8 assist per game, and still reminisces about the championship.

"Winning state meant the world to me," Williams says. "The team and I worked so hard to accomplish this goal and it was well worth all the sweat and tears. I wish I could put into words how much it actually meant to me, but it's hard. It was a one-of-a-kind experience."

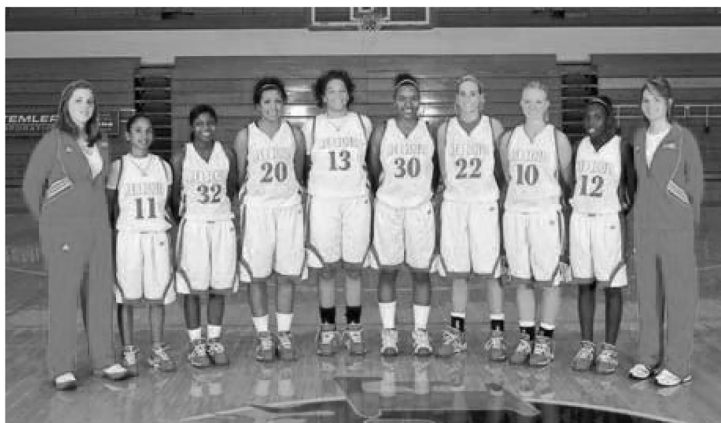
Senior Jacinta Gibson is currently a four-year starter on the girls basketball team. Growing up in Jeffersonville, Gibson looked up to the girls' team that won state.

"Winning a state championship has always been a dream of mine and to see those girls accomplish that gave me a lot of hope for my future as a Red Devil," Gibson said. "I look up to all those girls"

Averaging 61.2 points per game during the season, the Lady Red Devils convincingly beat their opponents, winning their regular season games by an average of 31.5 points per contest.

"We had a talented team that were great players, but even better people. The team and coaching stuff really enjoyed being around each other," Gilbert recalls. "We trusted each other. We believed in each other and we know when we walked out on the court together we would not be defeated."

2010-11 Jeffersonville Red Devils Class 4A State Champions



(Left to right): Bridget Eckert (manager), Jamice Williams, Brooklyn Kinnaird, Brooke Valentine, Lakin Roland, Jalynn McClain, Bailey Brendle, Kasey Falkenstein, LaVada Roberson, and Hannah Nifong (manager).



Team Facts

Town/City: Jeffersonville
County: Clark
Superintendent: Dr. Stephen Daeschner
Principal: James Sexton
Athletic Director: Lisa Stemler
Head Coach: Chad Gilbert
Assistant Coaches: Ty Anderson, Amy Austin, Scott Epley, Rick Myers, and Joe Wright
Student Managers: Jonika Crabb, Bridget Eckert, Hannah Nifong, and Virginia Sauer
School Colors: Red and White
Conference: Hoosier Hills
Enrollment: 2,100
Last Year's Final Won-Loss Record: 20-2

Season Results (27-2)

11/12	North Harrison	W	49-24
11/19	Silver Creek	W	37-24
11/20	Bedford North Lawrence	W	54-20
11/24	at South Central (Eliz.)	W	74-32
11/26	at Jennings County	W	59-32
12/3	Madison	W	71-38
12/11	Columbus East	W	51-40
12/18	Floyd Central	W	79-34
12/21	vs. Gary Wallace	W	93-23
12/22	vs. Fairdale (KY)	W	101-34
12/22	vs. New Washington	W	65-32
12/29	vs. Brownsburg	L	32-44
12/29	vs. Carmel	W	56-28
1/4	at Corydon Central	W	42-27
1/6	at Charlestown	W	44-12
1/8	at Castle	W	84-28
1/15	Jasper	W	64-38
1/18	at Seymour	L	60-63
1/25	at Scottsburg	W	52-42
1/29	Austin	W	77-32
1/31	at Louisville Eastern (KY)	W	79-27
2/2	New Albany	W	51-36
2/3	at Providence	W	68-39
Bedford North Lawrence Sectional			
2/8	Floyd Central	W	51-29
2/11	New Albany	W	54-42
2/12	Bedford North Lawrence	W	52-42
Bedford North Lawrence Regional			
2/19	Columbus East	W	53-52
2/19	Mooresville	W	59-44
Southport Semi-State			
2/26	Carmel	(OT) W	63-58

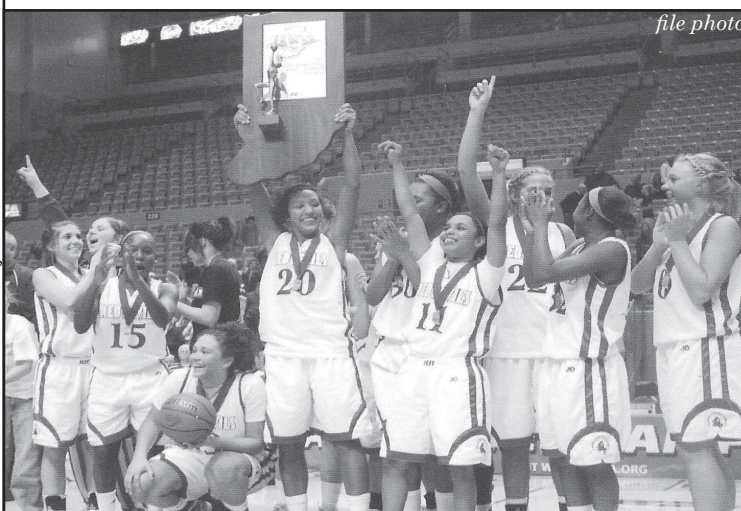
Team Roster & Statistics

Lt.	Dk.	Name	Ht.	Gr.	Pos.	GP	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG%	FT%	Ast.	Reb.	Pts.
10	10	Kasey Falkenstein	5-9	12	G	29	24-61	.380	.300	.885	2.5	3.4	2.8
11	11	Jamice Williams	5-0	12	G	29	51-124	.400	.167	.643	3.8	2.9	5.2
12	12	LaVada Roberson	5-5	11	G	24	21-46	.459	.467	.706	0.9	1.3	3.1
13	13	Lakin Roland	6-1	11	G/F	29	116-217	.528	.417	.701	2.9	7.0	12.1
20	20	Brooke Valentine	6-1	12	F	26	122-221	.552	.000	.644	2.3	6.0	12.0
22	22	Bailey Brendle	5-11	12	G/F	27	51-86	.586	.000	.690	1.4	2.1	4.5
30	30	Jalynn McClain	5-10	11	F	29	174-309	.563	.000	.618	1.5	6.0	15.6
32	32	Brooklyn Kinnaird	5-0	12	G	29	58-116	.447	.265	.548	2.7	1.8	5.5
53	53	Haley Vogen	6-0	9	F	18	19-30	.633	.000	.462	0.2	1.3	2.4

Team Totals / Percentages 636-1210 .513 .321 .655 17.7 30.8 61.2

State Finals History

First Appearance



Forward Brooke Valentine holds up the state trophy after JHS defeated Penn, 42-29, in the IHSAA 4A championship in 2011.

Athlete Spotlight- Caroline Elliott



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Senior Caroline Elliott has been swimming competitively since she was six years old, but the 2017-18 season may be her final one. Although she has received offers to swim in college, she is still weighing her options.

For now, she will continue to perform for the Red Devils, and serve as a role model for the younger girls on the team.

“I want them to know to keep trying, because this team is something they’re going to get to grow up with,” Elliott said about the younger swimmers.

In the pool, Elliott competes in the 100-meter breaststroke, an event she hopes to go to state in.

Elliott’s best time in the event is a 1:08, which she pulled off at Sectional last year. This season, Elliott was part of the 200-meter medly which broke the pool record on Jan. 6.

She has also swam a 26.1 in the 50-meter freestyle, one of the best times on the team.

“Caroline was an awesome teammate,” said JHS senior, and former teammate, Amber Dumstorf. She always encouraged me before races and at practice,”

While Elliott has proved herself as a swimmer, one could argue her involvement with clubs and organizations around the school is even more impressive. Currently, Elliott is the president of Key Club and Riley’s Dance Marathon, an officer of Friends of Rachel, and a member of National Honors Society and Anchor Club.

“I’m proud of my balance,” Elliott said. “Swimming is a very time consuming sport, and I’m proud that I’m able to juggle that while keeping my grades up and staying involved. It’s not an easy thing to do.”

For now, she’ll continue to compete at a high level for the Red Devils, while continuing her work in the community as a part of five different clubs at Jeff.

Rachel Walker



Right across the Ohio River in Louisville sits Bellarmine University, a school where senior Rachel Walker will continue her swimming career.

Walker has been a top swimmer at Jeff, which can be seen in her advancements to the State competition in multiple events the past three seasons. The decision to swim in college was huge for Walker, and she plans to major in Dentistry.

“I committed to Bellarmine because I’ve heard great things about their athletic and academic program,” Walker said. “Plus it’s also close to home. I’m really excited to start swimming at Bellarmine, and thank my parents and Grandpa Tom for helping me with this decision.”

Jacinta Gibson



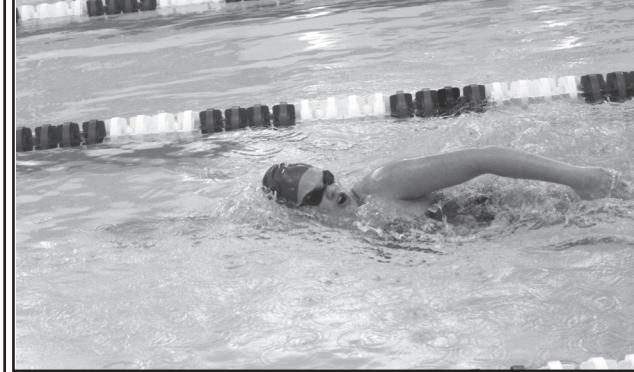
Girls basketball player senior Jacinta Gibson is making her dream a reality, as she has committed to play at Western Michigan.

“It was my first offer and I fell in love,” Gibson said. “I chose WMU because it had every major I was interested in and a beautiful campus. At WMU, I hope to help contribute in anyway that I can for them, and I want to learn how to score more in close game situations and to get in better shape.”

Gibson continues to be a vital team player at Jeff High, and is excited for what this season has in store, as well as what is to come.

“I want to thank my mom and Coach Warren,” said Gibson. “They both pushed me to succeed.”

Hallie Dixon



Senior Jeffersonville swimmer Hallie Dixon is on her way to Lebanon, Ill., as she has committed to continue her career in the pool at McKendree University.

Dixon is a state 500 freestyle swimmer that’ll bring a great amount of talent to McKendree University. She is a part of the 400 freestyle relay team school record holder.

“On my official visit the team made me feel really included, like I could be a part of the team and family they have created there,” said Dixon.

“I hope to improve in my times this season, as well as see continuous improvements from our team. I am excited in my commitment to McKendree.”