

## **READING – *Basketball Star***

When I was a child, I loved playing basketball. I was great at it, too. I loved running on the court, dribbling the ball, and shooting hoops. My dream was to one day play in the NBA as a professional basketball player.

When I was 13, my friends and I decided to form a neighborhood basketball team. We called ourselves the "Basketball Stars." We practiced every day after school. We taught each other how to shoot and how to play defense. I learned how to shoot three-pointers and dunk a basketball.

Our first game was against another team in the city. I was so excited, but I was also so nervous. When the game started, I ran down the court with the ball. I dribbled past the other players and scored a basket!

Before we knew it, the game was over. We won! We scored over 40 points. My friends and family were so proud. We cheered and hugged each other. It felt amazing to win our first game as a team.

After that, we played more games against other teams. Sometimes we won, and sometimes we lost. It didn't matter to us. We always had fun playing together.

I think about my basketball days all the time. It was the best time of my life. I made a lot of friends on the court and I created so many memories with my friends and teammates.

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