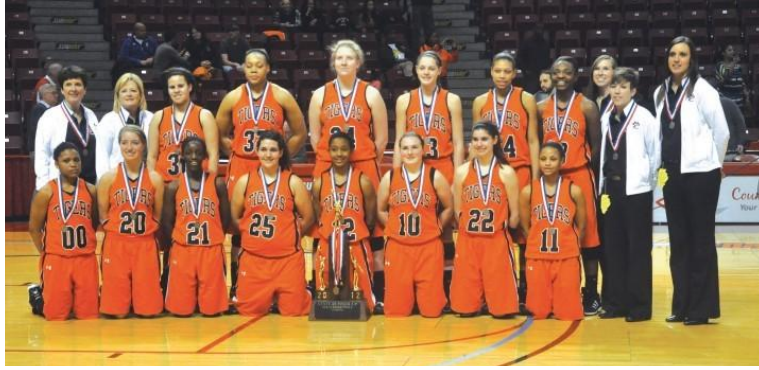




2011-12 EHS Girls Basketball

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After being on the cusp of earning the program's first state trophy for a handful of seasons, the 2011-12 Edwardsville girls basketball team was the first to break through and make history.

The 2011-12 team finished second at the Class 4A state tournament, earning the first state trophy in program history and setting records along the way. "That was a special group. I'm really excited for them to be recognized like this," former coach Lori Blade said.

Members of the team included Leah Jason, Sydney Bloch, Amayha Dycus, Lauren White, Kortney Dunbar, Kennedy Martin, Morgan Sharpe, Sarah Parker, Aaliyah Covington, Ashia Jones, Erin Bell, Quianna Hampton, Emmonnie Henderson and Leigh Kesper. The coaching staff included Blade and assistant coaches Donna Farley, Tanya (Guell) Holler, Jackie Harlin and Katie Bevis.

White and Henderson have already been elected to the Hall of Fame as individuals. Henderson was inducted in 2022 and White in 2024.

The state tournament appearance in 2011-12 was the first for Edwardsville since 2006-07. Following its last appearance, IHSA announced the switch from the two-class system to the current day four-class system.

Edwardsville had lost four straight super-sectional games entering the 2011-12 season. Three of those losses were to eventual state champion Bolingbrook. "We were so close so many times and that was the first group that was able to break through and open the doors for down the road. That team was a great example of being able to accomplish that," Blade said.

The Tigers opened the 2011-12 season with 26 straight wins before a loss at Quincy Notre Dame. They then reeled off eight straight victories, including wins of 48-41 over Chicago Marist in the super-sectional and 51-34 over Loyola Academy in the semifinals.

In the semifinal win, Henderson finished with 15 points and 20 rebounds, while Dunbar had 11 points and White had seven points.

Henderson's 20 rebounds set a Class 4A state record that still stands to this day.

In the championship game, EHS lost 63-51 to Whitney Young. Edwardsville finished the season with a 34-2 record. The 34 wins set a single-season program record that still stands. It broke the previous record of 31 wins set each of the previous three seasons.

For the season, Henderson averaged 15.6 points. She was an Associated Press all-state second-team selection. White ran the offense and averaged 6.4 points. The offense compiled 2,083 points this year, averaging 57.9 points per game.

Five of the players on the roster went on to play Division I basketball, including Henderson (Louisville), White (Northern Kentucky and SIUE), Dunbar (Tennessee), Covington (Saint Louis) and Jones (Tennessee-Martin and Memphis).

Since 2011-12, EHS has made two state tournament appearances with a second-place finish in 2016-17 and a fourth-place finish in 2017-18. It was the 2011-12 team that paved the path.