

The Living Room Times

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1st LR Times "Girls
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Living Room Times begins printing new 'special' newspaper

Times editor and team manager Loy
starts weekly girls basketball paper

Today's issue of *The Living Room Times* is the first in a series of "Girls Basketball Special" editions which will be printed on a weekly basis—weekly for the most part, anyway—from now through March.

The paper will report news involving the Newington High girls basketball teams, with the greatest focus on the varsity squad. *Times* editor Brendan Loy, who is also a girls basketball team manager, will write the paper.

The "special" *Times* may not always come out weekly, but the plan is for an edition to be printed nearly every week, usually on Mondays.



Above: Kim Milardo (left) passes to Kate Strong (right) in a practice Tuesday.

Right: Jen Bolduc (right) is defended by Veronique Fort (left) in Tuesday's practice.



Team rosters set as season nears

Regular season starts
in less than two weeks

Varsity Players

Alana Asrelesky
*Jennifer Bolduc
*Raeanne Boutilier
*Kathleen Burdelski
Leslie Carlson
*Jennifer Castelhana
Ela Lapciuk
Marisa Manzo
Kim Milardo
Kate Strong
Ashley Vicino

**will also play on JV*

**For JV and freshman
rosters, see page 2.**

The rosters for the varsity, junior varsity, and freshman NHS girls basketball teams were announced Wednesday, kicking off the season for a group of players with as much potential as any in the history of Newington girls basketball.

Senior co-captains Leslie Carlson and Ela Lapciuk will lead the varsity team, a squad with state championship aspirations. Ela and Leslie won't be the only key players on this team, though—in fact, according to Coach Sandy Pilz, juniors Kim Milardo and Katie Strong

will be the most important players this year in determining how successful the Indians will be. Other students who will be on varsity full-time are juniors Alana Asrelesky and Marisa Manzo, and senior Ashley Vicino. Freshmen Raeanne Boutilier and Kathleen Burdelski will play on both varsity and JV, as will "Jen squared"—sophomores Jen Bolduc and Jen Castelhana.

The varsity team started their preseason on Friday with scrimmage games against Fairfield and Joel Barlow. "We were really revved up, and we played quite well," Coach Pilz said of that scrimmage, which was broken up into several 10-minute games among two of the three teams.

Newington didn't do quite as well on Saturday against Shelton and Wethersfield because, Pilz explained, they

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Rosters announced, preseason underway for Newington teams

Junior Varsity

Taylor Bengston

*Jennifer Bolduc

*Raeanne Boutilier

Felicia Brown

*Kathleen Burdelski

Sabrina Calado

*Jennifer Castelhana

Natalie Chavez

Idalina Estanislau

Veronique Fort

Ashley Gill

Carolyn Harrington

Kim Pina

Sandy Ramos

Ryan Vicino

Alethia Weir

**will also play on varsity*

Freshman Team

Heather Carpenter

Heather Carbone

Colleen Gagne

Jen Haynes

Laura Salonia

Kristin Keyes

Kristin Vasil

Valorie Polisky

Sarah Flynn

Christine Fournier

Susanne Hanhan

Jamie Sirois

Varsity star Ela Lapciuk sidelined indefinitely because of back pain

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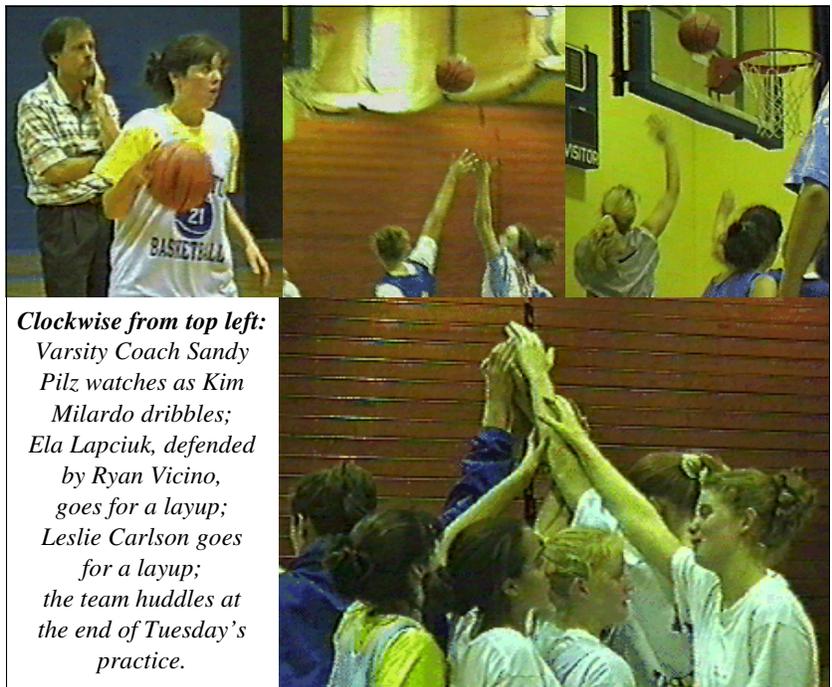
were tired out after playing so hard on Friday. But by Sunday, when they scrimmaged against Mercy, the Indians had recovered. "I was very pleased," Pilz said. Newington won three out of the four 10-minute quarters.

The news hasn't been good for senior co-captain Ela Lapciuk, last year's leading scorer. Pilz said Sunday that Ela "is out for an indefinite period of time because she has extreme back pain, and so we're not sure when she can come back, and we don't want to rush it, especially in the preseason."

But on the bright side, Pilz said, "We were forced to play without her, and we did okay. We handled ourselves well without her there."

Asked how the Indians' preseason play has affected his opinion of the team's chances of success in the regular season, Pilz said, "The bench is better than I expected. But it's still much too early to see how the total chemistry is going to be. It's going to take a while to develop that."

In an interview two weeks ago, Pilz said this year's team could potentially be even better than the 1992-93 team, the most successful girls basketball team in NHS history. When asked who is the best team this year among Norwich Free Academy, Southington, Masuk, and Newington, Pilz said, "It's going to be whoever wants it the most, whoever works the hardest, and whoever develops their chemistry. But all things equal, if all four teams want it equally, and if all four teams work as hard, and if all four teams develop their chemistry, I'd put my money on us."



*Clockwise from top left:
Varsity Coach Sandy
Pilz watches as Kim
Milardo dribbles;
Ela Lapciuk, defended
by Ryan Vicino,
goes for a layup;
Leslie Carlson goes
for a layup;
the team huddles at
the end of Tuesday's
practice.*