

# Forrestdale Girls Basketball Team

## Bulldog Strong



This season the Forrestdale Girls' Basketball team was unstoppable! The team was led by Coach Mary Beth Coleman, a passionate basketball coach and former collegiate basketball player herself. With a deep roster comprised of nine eighth graders, five seventh graders, and one sixth grader, the team was consistent in their defensive skills, ability to hit free throws, and clutch three point shooting.

Their heart and skills led the team to victory, winning the division and the Coastal Intermediate Basketball League (CIBL) Championship in a close game versus Tinton Falls. The Lady Bulldogs were undefeated in the regular season with a record of 19 - 0. Grade 8 students, Molly Kelly and Julia Corsentino were named to the CIBL All-Star Team. Molly Kelly said this about clinching the division, "IT was a very exciting time for me and my teammates. After also winning the Mid-Monmouth Championship, we were very happy to win another championship."

In the postseason, the Forrestdale girls competed in the Run for the Roses Tournament where the team finished in second place out of sixteen teams, losing in the championship game to St. Catharine's of Spring Lake by the score of 42 - 36. All tournament team members were Julia Corsentino, Sarah Hughes, and Molly Kelly.

The team finished the season with an overall record of 22 - 1 and proved to make the entire school community proud, especially Coach Coleman who noted, "I could not be more proud of this year's team and all that they have accomplished. From day one their goal was to hang a championship banner in the gym. They accomplished this by their tremendous work ethic, teamwork and having a positive attitude every day at practice. Their chemistry on the court was fun to watch and I truly enjoyed coaching such a great group of young ladies. The eighth graders were positive role models to the younger players and I know that they will have successful basketball careers in high school."

