

## 1997-1998 Season



**ROW 1:** Holly Feigh, Jen Smith, Jenna Gates, Jen Queen, Mandi Peacock. **ROW 2:** Natalie Hasson, Shelby Smyers, Gena Singling, Elecia Kruse. **ROW 3:** Mr. Andy Bloom - Head Coach, Jenn Spanik, Lyncola Sinclair, Shelley Miles, Mr. Rick Feigh Assistant Coach.

by Russ Cmor  
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**FLINTON** - Andy Bloom's cupboard isn't bare. But it's very sparse when compared with that of recent years.

Last year the Glendale High School girls' basketball coach opened practice with 10 seniors on the roster. This year the entire Lady Viking roster numbers a dozen players.

"We've never had 12. Usually we've had 15 or more," Bloom said of the usual roster size in his 10 years as head coach. "Our numbers are down in junior high, too. We're not going to play JV this year because of number problems."

Glendale posted a 12-13 record last season, winning its sixth straight Moshannon Valley League title en route. But seven of the top eight players from that team have graduated, including MVL all-stars Mary Jo Rea and Nicole Ruffaner. Rea, the team's leading scorer, was a first teamer and also picked to the Progress-area second team.

The only letter winner back is sophomore Elecia Kruse. Kruse isn't a bad player with which to rebuild, however. She too made both the MVL (honorable mention) and Progress (second team) all-star lists after leading the Lady Vikings in rebounds and steals and finishing second in scoring and blocked shots.

Kruse did most of her damage as a starting forward. Bloom thinks it likely she'll be working a different venue this year.

"Elecia's probably going to play a lot of point guard for us this season," said Bloom. "That's not solely where she's going to play. We're still looking at all sorts of different things. Our thinking was to get our most experienced player to handle the ball a little bit more."

Kruse will be moving into a position handled last year by the now-graduated Jess Jenkins, who ranked fourth in the area in assists, and Ruffaner, who was sixth in assists dividing time between point and wing.

Juniors Shelley Miles and Jennifer Spanik are also very likely to be among the starting five when the Lady Vikings host Juniata Valley Dec. 5 to open the season. Both saw action, particularly in the latter portion of last season.

"Their playing time increased as the season went on," Bloom said. "They're both good shooters. Jenn moves well on the post offensively. Shelley, hopefully will give us some outside firepower and also we're looking at her as a swing person."

Spanik will move into one of the frontcourt spots vacated by the graduations of the rotation of Kelly Vinglass, Amy Davis, Stacie Miles and Melissa Feigh and the move of Kruse to guard. Although one of the tallest Lady Vikings at 5-foot-9, Miles is slated to start at wing in place of Rea and Ruffaner.

If Miles does stay on the perimeter, look for 5-foot-9 senior Holly Feigh to get the nod at the other forward. That will leave seniors Mandi Peacock, Jen Queen and Jen Smith battling junior Shelby Smyers for the remaining wing opening. Senior Jenna Gates is another possibility at guard or forward.

Glendale was a perfect 8-0 in the MVL a season ago and wrapped up its Juniata Valley League slate with a mark of 7-11. Despite the radical change in personnel, Bloom's goals remain the same.

"The goal for us is to win the Mo Valley League again," said Bloom. "Our next possible goal is to do better in the Juniata Valley League."

Bloom, who has a career record of 121-121 and will once again be assisted by Rick Feigh, thinks those goals are within reach. He thinks that the Lady Vikings will be competing with Mo Valley and Harmony for the MVL crown.

"What we like about these guys is they always practice hard. These guys are really coachable. They are extremely enthusiastic about what they are doing," said Bloom. "All we can ask them to do is give us their best. So far, they're giving

it to us. I think they feel there's something they need to prove."



PHOTO BY JIM BUTLER

**Lady Viking letter winner** - Sophomore Elecia Kruse is the only letter winner back on the Glendale High School girls' basketball roster this season. The Lady Vikings open the season Dec. 5 by hosting Juniata Valley.

#### Roster Seniors

Holly Feigh (5-9 forward); Jenna Gates (5-5 guard-forward); Mandi Peacock (5-4 guard); Jen Queen (5-3 guard); Jennifer Smith (5-3 guard).

#### Juniors

Shelley Miles (5-9 forward-guard); Shelby Smyers (5-5 guard); Jennifer Spanik (5-8 forward); Gena Yingling (5-5 guard).

#### Sophomores

\*Elecia Kruse (5-7 guard-forward); Lyncola Sinclair (5-9 forward).

#### Freshmen

Natalie Hasson (5-6 forward).  
\*Denotes returning letter winner

#### Schedule December

5 - Juniata Valley; 9 - at Penns Valley; 12 - Bellwood-Antis; 15 - at Southern Huntingdon; 16 - at Harmony; 19 - at Williamsburg; 26 - at Northern Cambria Christmas Tournament; 27 - at Northern Cambria Christmas Tournament.

#### January

5 - at Curwensville; 6 - at West Branch; 9 - at Moshannon Valley; 13 - Mount Union; 15 - Claysburg-Kimmel; 19 - at Juniata Valley; 21 - Penns Valley; 23 - at Bellwood-Antis; 26 - Williamsburg; 27 - Curwensville; 29 - Southern Huntingdon.

#### February

2 - West Branch; 5 - Moshannon Valley; 9 - at Mount Union; 11 - Harmony; 13 - at Claysburg-Kimmel.

Games start at 7 p.m. unless noted

## December 5, 1997: Juniata Valley 45 at Glendale 48

### Glendale 48 Juniata Valley 45

FLINTON - Led by junior Jennifer Spanik's 15 points, Glendale defeated Juniata Valley in its season-opener.

Also contributing to the win were Elecia Kruike and Mandi Peacock, who scored 12 and 11 points respectively. Peacock knocked down three three-point

shots. The Lady Hornets' Stacey Mason led all scorers with 21 points.

The teams matched up point for point in two quarters, 14-14 in the second and 10-10 in the fourth, and Juniata Valley outscored Glendale 12-11 in the third. The difference was the Lady Vikings outscoring Valley 13-9 in the first quarter.

The Lady Vikings will be back in action on Tuesday at Penns Valley.

### Juniata Valley - 45

Heaton 1 1-3 3, Rivello 0 0-0 0, Mason 7 5-10 21, Dick 4 4-6 12, Docherty 1 0-0 2, Waite 1 0-0 2, M. Patterson 2 1-2 5. Totals: 16 11-21 45.

### Glendale - 48

Feigh 0 0-0 0, Smith 0 0-0 0, Peacock 4 0-0 11, Spanik 6 3-5 15, Queen 1 0-0 2, Miles 1 1-5 3, Smyers 2 1-2 5, Kruike 4 3-10 12, Gates 0 0-0 0. Totals: 18 8-22 48.

Three-point goals: Mason 2; Peacock 3, Kruike.

### Score By Quarters

Juniata Valley	9	14	12	10	-45
Glendale	13	14	11	10	-48

## December 9, 1997: Glendale 41 at Penns Valley 44

### Penns Valley 44 Glendale 41

SPRING MILLS - Kelly Grove and Jess Wian combined for all but two of Penns Valley's points as the Lady Rams held off Glendale in Juniata Valley League play.

Glendale dropped to 1-1 both overall and in league play.

Jennifer Spanik led Glendale scorers with 17 points. The Lady Vikings also got 12 from Shelley Miles and 10 from Elecia Kruike. Glendale was behind by four after a quarter and 10 at the half, before cutting Penns Valley's lead to two with eight minutes to play.

Grove hit five 3-pointers and was seven for eight from the foul line to finish with a game-high 22 points. Wian added an inside scoring option with 20 points. The Lady Rams are 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the JVL.

Glendale is back in action Friday when Bellwood-Antis comes to Flinton.

### Glendale - 41

Feigh 0 0-0 0, Spanik 6 5-8 17, Miles 6 0-0 12, Smyers 0 0-0 0, Kruike 5 0-3 10, Smith 0 0-0 0, Peacock 1 0-0 2, Queen 0 0-0 0, Gates 0 0-2 0. Totals: 18 5-11 41.

### Penns Valley - 44

Neidigh 0 0-2 0, Hale 0 0-2 0, Keller 0 0-1 0, Marcum 0 0-0 0, Giardina 0 0-0 0, Ilgen 0 0-0 0, K. Grove 5 7-8 22, Whitman 1 0-0 2, Richardson 0 0-0 0, McCool 0 0-0 0, Wian 7 6-12 20. Totals: 13-13-25-44.

Three-point goals: K. Grove 5.

### Score by Quarters

Glendale	4	12	14	11	-41
Penns Valley	8	18	6	12	-44

## December 12, 1997: Bellwood 58 at Glendale 46

### Bellwood-Antis 58 Glendale 46

FLINTON - The Lady Blue Devils overcame a 20-point performance from Glendale's Elecia Kruike to top the Lady Vikings in Juniata Valley League play.

The Lady Vikings fell to 1-2 overall and in league. Bellwood improved to 4-2 overall, 2-1 in the JVL.

Bellwood had three scorers in double figures. Holly Young paced the Lady Blue Devils with 17 points. Misti Meredith and Pam Taylor added 14 and 11, respectively.

Glendale held a 28-16 lead at halftime, but a 19-10 third quarter and a 23-8 fourth allowed the Lady Blue Devils to make the comeback.

Jennifer Spanik contributed 12 points for the Lady Vikings.

Glendale is back in action Monday at Southern Huntingdon.

### Bellwood-Antis - 58

Cogan 0 0-0 0, McClellan 2 0-0 5, Young 5 7-8 17, Baker 1 1-1 3, Meredith 6 2-4 14, Taylor 2 7-8 11, Van Ormer 1 6-6 8, Smith 0 0-0 0. Totals: 17 23-29 58.

### Glendale - 46

Feigh 0 0-0 0, Spanik 6 0-1 12, Miles 12-2 4, Smyers 1 0-0 2, Kruike 9 2-5 20, Peacock 1 0-0 2, Queen 2 1-2 6, Sinclair 0 0-0 0, Gates 0 0-0 0. Totals: 20 5-10 46.

Three-point goals: McClellan; Queen.

### Score by Quarters

Bellwood-Antis	6	10	19	23	-58
Glendale	13	15	10	8	-46



## December 15, 1997: Glendale 19 at Southern Huntingdon 54

### So. Huntingdon 54 Glendale 19

ORBISONIA - Glendale fell behind 13-1 after one quarter and only in the second quarter did the Lady Vikings reach double figures as Southern Huntingdon coasted to a 54-19 victory in Juniata Valley League girls' basketball action Monday night.

Mandi Peacock and Jennifer Spanik accounted for over half the Glendale points with six and five, respectively. Glendale dropped to 1-3 both overall and in the league.

Kristin Creswell led three Lady Rockets to score in double digits with 14 points. Amanda Zinobile added 12 and Erin Corrie chipped in with 10 as Southern kept its league record perfect through four games. Southern is 5-1 overall.

The Lady Vikings make their way to Harmony for a Moshannon Valley League game tonight.

**Glendale - 19**  
Feigh 0 0-0 0, Spanik 2 1-2 5, Miles 0 0-0 0, Smyers 0 1-2 1, Kruiise 1 1-2 3, Smith 1 0-0 2, Peacock 3 0-0 6, Queen 0 0-0 0, Hasson 0 0-0 0, Sinclair 1 0-0 2. Totals: 8-3-6-19.

**Southern Huntingdon - 54**  
Corrie 4 2-2 10, Creswell 5 4-5 14, Cutshall 1 0-0 2, Zinobile 4 2-2 12, Brooks 4 0-0 8, Steach 1 0-0 2, White 0 0-0 0, Kramer 0 0-0 0, Clark 0 0-2 0, Benner 0 2-2 2, King 0 0-0 0, O'Donnell 1 0-0 3, Forslund 0 1-2 1, Hamilton 0 0-0 0, Yohn 0 0-0 0. Totals: 20-11-15-54.

Three-point goals: Glendale 0; Southern Huntingdon 3 (Zinobile 2, O'Donnell).

**Score by Quarters**  
Glendale.....1 10 4 4-19  
Southern Huntingdon.....13 17 13 11-54

## December 16, 1997: Glendale 45 at Harmony 39 OT

By Michael Love  
Sports Writer

WESTOVER - For the first three quarters of Tuesday night's clash between Moshannon Valley League rivals Harmony and Glendale, a combination of turnovers, missed shot opportunities and pressure from both defenses produced a tight, low-scoring affair.

The fourth quarter and overtime were different stories as the Lady Owls outscored the Lady Vikings 26-20 to pull out a thrilling 45-39 overtime victory.

"This is a really intense rivalry. It always has been for us," said Glendale head coach Andy Bloom. "Harmony is a much improved team. They are playing with great intensity. Both teams played really hard."

The Lady Vikings improved to 2-3 overall and 1-0 in the MVL.

Both teams combined for only 27 points in the first half as Glendale held a slim 14-13 lead at the break.

"I was surprised by our kids. I thought they would be more upbeat," said Harmony head coach Janet Hess, whose Lady Owls dropped to 1-5 overall and saw their MVL record fall to 1-1. "We kind of sat back on our laurels. We won on Friday and the girls thought it would be easier this time around."

Harmony used a 6-0 run on two baskets from Whitney Miles and another one from Amanda Dospoy to take the largest lead in the game by either team at 19-14 with 4:32 to play in the third quarter.

The Lady Owls' defense held the Lady Vikings scoreless until 28 seconds left in the quarter as Elecia Kruiise hit a jumper to pull Glendale within three at 19-16. Jennifer Spanik put in a layup and was fouled by Harmony's Chris Greenland. Spanik's foul shot tied the game at 19.

Whitney Miles opened up the fourth by draining a three to put the Lady Owls up 22-19. However,

the Lady Vikings used a 7-0 run to take a four points lead at the 4:38 mark.

Harmony turned the tables and went on a 5-0 run of its own to grab a 27-26 lead with about three minutes to play.

Mandi Peacock hit a three to put Glendale back into the lead at 29-27. Harmony came right down the court and answered with a Dospoy jumper to tie the game 29 with just under two minutes remaining.

Another three from Peacock put Glendale up by three with 1:21 to go in regulation. A Dospoy free throw and a two layups from Danyhl Meterko gave the Lady Owls a 34-32 lead with only nine seconds left.

Meterko was guilty of a foul with three seconds left, sending Kruiise to the line. Kruiise sank both foul shots to tie the game at 34 and force overtime.

Kruiise was on fire in the overtime period, scoring six of Glendale's 11 points, including a perfect 4-of-4 from the charity stripe. She finished the game by leading all scorers with 14 points.

"We made some better decisions in the fourth quarter and in overtime," said Bloom. "We handled the ball better and stayed away from the turnovers. We played with a lot more patience. That is a sign of maturity."

Dospoy keyed the Harmony offensive attack with 13 points.

**GAME NOTES:** There was no junior varsity contest ... The Lady Owls return to action Thursday at home with Moshannon Valley. The Lady Vikes hit the hard wood again Friday at Williamsburg.

**Glendale - 45**  
Feigh 0 1-2 1, Smith 1 0-0 2, Peacock 2 2-2 8, Queen 1 0-0 3, Miles 3 3-5 9, Smyers 0 0-0 0, Spanik 2 4-5 8, Kruiise 4 6-10 14, Sinclair 0 0-0 0. Totals: 13 16-24 45.

**Harmony - 39**  
Dospoy 4 5-7 13, Greenland 0 1-3 1, Meterko 3 3-3 9, Gavin 0 0-0 0, Miles 3 0-2 7, McKeen 3 1-2 7, Homerski 1 0-0 2. Totals: 14 10-17 39.

Three-point goals: Glendale 3 (Peacock 2, Queen); Harmony 1 (Miles).

**Score by Quarters**  
Glendale.....8 6 5 15 11-45  
Harmony.....6 7 6 15 5-39



## December 19, 1997: Glendale 19 at Southern Huntingdon 54

### Williamsburg 54 Glendale 21

WILLIAMSBURG - The Lady Vikings fell behind by 23 points at the half en route their fourth setback in six games.

Jennifer Spanik and Elecia Kruse each scored six points to lead Glendale, which dropped to 1-4 in the Juniata Valley League. Kruse also dished out assists on five of the Lady Vikings' eight field goals and recorded three

steals. Spanik led the team with 11 rebounds.

Jess Lilly's 16 points fronted the defending Class A state champion Lady Pirates, while three other players netted nine. Williamsburg won for the ninth time in 10 games and improved to 5-0 in JVL play.

Glendale returns to action next Friday at the Northern Cambria Tournament, when it faces Portage in the first round.

Glendale - 21  
Feigh 0 0-0 0, Spanik 2 2-2 6, Miles 2 1-2 5, Smyers 1 0-0 2, Kruse 2 2-5 6, Smith 0 0-0 0, Gates 1 0-0 2, Peacock 0 0-0 0, Queen 0 0-0 0, Sinclair 0 0-0 0, Hasson 0 0-0 0. Totals: 8-5-9-21.

Williamsburg - 54  
Hoy 3 3-7 9, Lower 2 2-2 6, Je. Lilly 8 0-2 16, Hileman 0 0-2 0, Burger 3 0-0 9, Metzler 0 0-0 0, Bellew 2 4-5 9, Irvine 1 0-0 2, Isenberg 0 0-0 0, Jo. Lilly 0 0-0 0, Appleman 1 0-0 3, Hetrick 0 0-0 0, Blalock 0 0-0 0, Hoover 0 0-0 0. Totals: 20-9-18-54.

Three-point goals: Burger 3, Bellew, Appleman.

Score By Quarters  
Glendale..... 6 4 8 3-21  
Williamsburg.....17 16 11 10-54

## December 26, 1997: Glendale 56 vs Portage 62 (NC Tourn.)

BARNESBORO - In a rematch of last year's championship game of the Duriez Excavating Holiday Tournament, Portage got 47 points from Jen Shuty and Natalie Kittell to move into this year's title game with a 62-56 win over the Glendale High School girls basketball team, Friday night. Portage also won last year's meeting by six points.

Glendale lost for the fifth time in seven starts and will play host Northern Cambria in tonight's consolation game. Portage will take a 4-7 mark into its championship game against Northern Bedford. Northern Bedford won the other first-round contest, 39-37.

The Lady Vikings held a one-point lead at the half, but were outscored by four in the third quarter and three in the final stanza.

Elecia Kruse led Glendale with 18 points, while Lady Vikings Shelley Miles and Jennifer Spanik contributed 13 and 12, respectively.

Shuty was 13 of 17 from the foul line to end up with a game-high 24 points. Kittell scored 23 for the Lady

Mustangs.

Glendale - 56  
Feigh 0 0-0 0, Spanik 4 4-7 12, Miles 6 0-2 13, Smyers 1 0-0 2, Kruse 5 8-10 18, Smith 0 0-2 0, Gates 0 4-6 4, Peacock 2 1-2 5, Queen 1 0-0 2, Sinclair 0 0-0 0. Totals: 19 17-29 56.

Portage - 62  
Kittell 7 5-6 23, Conlon 3 0-0 8, Shuty 5 13-17 24, Podrasky 2 1-3 5, Burnett 0 0-2 0, Golden 0 2-4 2, Benton 0 0-2 0, Onderko 0 0-0 0. Totals: 17 21-34 62.

Three-point goals: Miles; Kittell 4, Conlon 2, Shuty.

Score By Quarters  
Glendale.....11 13 15 17-56  
Portage.....10 13 19 20-62

## December 27, 1997: Glendale 41 vs Northern Cambria 43 (NC Tourn.)

### Northern Cambria 43 Glendale 41

BARNESBORO - The Glendale Lady Vikings dug themselves a 13-point hole after three quarters and could never quite get themselves out in dropping the consolation game of the Duriez Excavating Tournament to host Northern Cambria, 43-41, in high school girls basketball Saturday.

It was Glendale's third straight loss, dropping the team to 2-6.

Jennifer Spanik was the only Lady Viking to score in double figures, finishing with 14 points. Elecia Kruse and Mandi Peacock tallied nine each.

Northern Cambria, which won for the second time in 10 starts, did not have a player in double digits. The Lady Colts got nine points from Jess Work and eight apiece from Kristin Ondecko and Jess Sposito.

Northern Bedford won the tourney championship with a 59-43 win over Portage.

Glendale is idle until facing Curwensville on the road Jan. 5.

Glendale - 41  
Feigh 1 0-0 2, Spanik 4 6-14 14, Miles 1 0-0 2, Smyers 1 0-0 2, Kruse 3 3-5 9, Smith 0 1-2 1, Gates 0 0-0 0, Peacock 3 1-4 9, Yingling 0 0-0 0, Sinclair 0 2-2 2. Totals: 13-13-27-41.

Northern Cambria - 43  
Barrett 0 0-1 0, Work 2 5-9 9, K. Ondecko 3 2-3 8, Sposito 2 2-3 8, Vehovic 2 0-0 4, DeSalvo 2 0-0 4, Jarvis 1 0-0 2, Phillips 0 0-0 0, Lihvarchik 0 0-0 0, Degol 0 0-0 0, Westover 1 0-0 2, Perrone 1 0-0 2, L. Ondecko 0 0-0 0, Saxon 0 4-6 4. Totals: 14-13-22-43.

Three-point goals: Peacock 2; Sposito 2.

Score by Quarters  
Glendale..... 8 8 6 19-41  
Northern Cambria.....11 11 11 10-43

January 5, 1998: Glendale 53 at Curwensville 46

## Glendale snaps three-game losing skid, holds off Lady Tide 53-46

By Philip Cmor  
Sports Writer

CURWENSVILLE — Watching his team nearly squander a 13-point lead in the fourth quarter, it was not exactly what Glendale girls' basketball coach Andy Bloom would have liked. Considering that it ended a three-game losing skid for the Lady Vikings, Bloom will still take it.

The Lady Vikings held off a late Curwensville charge to get back on the winning track with a 53-46 Moshannon Valley League win in high school basketball at Patton Hall Monday.

The victory, Glendale's second in as many MVL matchups, raised the Lady Vikings' overall record to 3-6.

"(This win) is real important because we've had some tough losses this season and it's tough to bounce back from things like that," Bloom said. "People have a tendency to become unsure of what they're doing. It plays a mind game with you sometimes."

A somewhat somber Lady Golden Tide coach Mike Robbins can relate. Curwensville, once 4-1, is now 4-6 for the season, 0-3 in league play.

"We really wanted this. We thought we could have had this, and we should have," said Robbins. "I don't know what we could have done different. They came ready to play. We were ready to play. And it was just a

dogfight the whole way through."

Robbins was right. Aside from a 5-0 lead his team took in the first 1:05 — a lead that Glendale quickly erased — this was a close game most of the way. Other than the beginning, neither team led by more than four in the first half and there were six ties along with a pair of lead changes.

Where the game got away from Curwensville was in the third quarter. After the lead changed hands three times to open the second half, Glendale ran off 12 unanswered points to take a 36-25 lead. The Lady Vikings got 14 points from Jennifer Spanik and Elecia Kruse in the quarter, after which they led 40-29. Spanik scored nine and finished with 14 points to go along with 15 rebounds and five assists.

But while Spanik and Kruse did most of the damage, it was the Glendale zone defense that started it all. As Curwensville was forced to play without point guard Jackie Rottier for most of the quarter due to foul problems, the Lady Vikings extended the zone with guards Shelby Smyers and Jenna Gates to cause 12 turnovers, or as many as the Lady Tide had in the entire first half.

Smyers finished with a team-high four steals.

"We had a couple kids come off the bench and spark us big time. I mean defensively big

time and got some turnovers. That's where we got some turnovers and some break-away stuff and got in the transition game," Bloom said. "Jenna Gates did a nice job sparking us defensively in the third period. She sparked us, brought us up and got everybody moving. Then it got contagious."

A Sommer Morrison jumper cut the Glendale lead back under double digits to start the fourth quarter before Kruse scored four of her 17 points via the fast break to stake the Lady Vikings to their biggest advantage, 13 points (44-31).

You should have known in a game like this, it wouldn't last.

Inserting Rottier back into the game, Curwensville got rolling. Morrison, who put together a 14-point, 17-rebound night, converted a three-point play to cut the gap to 10. Then Dawna Coons drained a short jumper for two of her 17 markers to make it an eight-point game.

Kruse posted up and scored to push the lead back to 10. Glendale, however, tried to stall and Curwensville took the initiative with a couple steals to ignite a 7-0 run. Coons' three-point play with 3:57 sliced Glendale's lead to 46-43.

"The reason they went up is because we got kind of lazy," Robbins said. "Then, all of a sudden the momentum just switched. We got a couple turnovers and we turned it up."

Glendale turned out to be equal to the challenge. The six-time defending MVL champs traded a pair of buckets with the hosts, then hit four free throws to pull away in the final half-minute.

"The kids responded at the end," said Bloom. "We did some real smart stuff at the end of the game. We did some things to let them back in the game in the fourth quarter. But you've got to remember that, this season, we haven't been in a game situation like that."

**GAME NOTES:** Kruse injured an ankle in the second quarter and sat out until early in the third ... Morrison led Curwensville with three assists and Rottier came up with four steals before fouling out with 2:12 to play ... Glendale's game with West Branch originally scheduled for tonight has been moved to next Monday at 6 p.m. The Lady Vikings travel to Mo Valley Friday ... Curwensville hosts DuBois Central Christian Friday.

### Glendale — 53

Kruse 7 3-5 17, Peacock 3 2-2 8, Smith 1 0-0 2, Miles 1 1-3 3, Spanik 5 4-5 14, Smyers 2 1-2 5, Gates 0 0-0 0, Feigh 1 0-0 2, Sinclair 1 0-0 2, Yingling 0 0-0 0. Totals: 21-11-17-53.

### Curwensville — 46

Rottier 0 2-7 2, Trifelli 1 1-2 4, D. Coons 7 1-4 17, McClure 3 2-2 8, Morrison 6 2-4 14, Spencer 0 0-0 0, Whitton 0 1-2 1, B. Coons 0 0-0 0, Nelson 0 0-0 0. Totals: 17-9-21-46.

Three-point goals: Curwensville 3 (D. Coons 2, Trifelli); Glendale none.

### Score by Quarters

Glendale.....	11	11	18	13	-53
Curwensville.....	13	8	8	17	-46

## January 9, 1998: Glendale 35 at MoValley 46

By Philip Cmor  
Sports Writer

AMESVILLE - They say defense wins championships. It certainly looks like that may be the case for the Moshannon Valley girls basketball team.

The Damsels took a big step toward the Moshannon Valley League title Friday night with a 46-35 win over six-time defending Glendale at Mo Valley's Monte Close Gymnasium.

Glendale's point total actually raised the Damsels' points-against average in its four MVL games - all wins - to 31.9. The 7-4 Damsels are allowing just over 40 points a game overall.

Constantly switching defenses from man to zone to full-court press, the Damsels set the tone early. Glendale made just one of eight first-quarter shots and was forced into six turnovers.

Bethany Bannon's free throw with seven seconds to go in the frame put Mo Valley ahead 14-4. That 10-point margin would basically hold for the rest of the contest.

"With our game inexperience, although we are obviously getting more of that, our defense has to carry us at times when our shots aren't falling," Mo Valley coach Mick Patkalitsky said. "We have some good athletes this year, which allows us to do some more things defensively. And taking advantage of what we're given to work with is a big factor in our scheme."

By contrast, the Lady Vikings, with only one returning letter winner from last season, still seem to be searching for themselves offensively. Glendale is only scoring 40.5 points a game and has been held to 45 or less in seven of its 10 games. The Lady Vikings slipped to 3-7, 2-1 in MVL play.

"Their press gave us trouble early," said Glendale coach

Andy Bloom. "Offensively, we sometimes seem a little bit tentative, where we shouldn't be. Fundamental stuff, things that we go over all the time in practice, don't always come to fruition on the floor.

"Part of that is inexperience," Bloom added, "but we're now well into the season and we should be getting more consistent."

Ali Stodart once again led the way for Mo Valley with 19 points, including eight in the second quarter and eight more in the fourth to stave off a late Glendale run.

But it was sophomore reserve forward Erica Godin who came up with six first-quarter points to really spark the Damsels.

"I felt that Erica Godin, coming off the bench, gave us a huge lift in that first quarter, taking some of the burden of Ali's shoulders early on," said Patkalitsky, who felt Bethany Bannon with seven points and Amanda Patkalitsky with five did the same throughout the game.

The Lady Vikings trailed by as many as 13 in the first half, when Stodart nailed a second-quarter 3-pointer. Glendale, though, fought back to slice the deficit to seven on Spanik's turnaround jumper that opened the second-half scoring. Spanik and Elecia Kruse paced Glendale with 13 points apiece.

A Patkalitsky trey and a free throw and field goal by Bannon reopened the Mo Valley lead. Glendale once again fought back to cut it to 10, this time on Kruse's bucket with 3:23 to play.

That was the closest Glendale got. But it was something. Bloom felt was a step in the right direction.

"That's a real positive," said Bloom of playing Mo Valley even after the first quarter.

"You've got to remember, once again, the experience factor. We're certainly not where we want to be yet, but we're only going to get the experience through playing."

Bloom is hopeful that the Lady Vikings will be where they want to be Feb. 5, when they host Mo Valley in a rematch which likely will decide the MVL title.

This night, however, belonged to the Damsels.

"Our next game is Curwensville, and that now becomes our most important game," the elder Patkalitsky said. "But there's no doubt this was important for us. We have nine games in the next 15 play days. A win over Glendale on our home court is never easy. So we have to sit back and smile and accept this."

**GAME NOTES:** There was no JV game ... The game also counted within the Juniata Valley League, where Mo Valley is 3-4 and Glendale is 1-4 ... Glendale senior guard Jen Queen did not play because of a shoulder injury sustained in the Northern Cambria Holiday Tournament. Bloom said he expects her back in about two weeks ... Last season's Mo Valley softball players were presented jerseys at halftime ... Both teams are on the road Monday: The Damsels are at Curwensville, while the Lady Vikings travel to West Branch for a 6 p.m. contest.

### Glendale - 35

Kruse 4 5-8 13, Smyers 0 1-3 1, Miles 1 1-2 3, Spanik 4 5-6 13, Gates 1 0-0 2, Peacock 1 1-2 3, Feigh 0 0-0 0, Sinclair 0 0-0 0, Smith 0 0-0 0, Yingling 0 0-0 0. Totals: 11-13-21-35.

### Moshannon Valley - 46

Bannon 2 3-6 7, Stodart 8 2-3 19, Patkalitsky 2 0-0 5, J. Martin 2 0-0 4, Socie 0 1-2 1, Reifer 1 0-0 2, Rebar 1 0-0 2, E. Godin 3 0-0 6, Williams 0 0-0 0, K. Martin 0 0-0 0, Curry 0 0-0 0. Totals: 19-6-11-46.

Three-point goals: Stodart, Patkalitsky.

### Score by Quarters

Glendale.....6 9 8 12-35  
Moshannon Valley.....14 10 12 10-46



## January 12, 1998: Glendale 57 at West Branch 30

### Glendale 57 West Branch 30

ALLPORT - Jennifer Spanik and Elecia Kruse combined for 39 points to lead Glendale over West Branch.

With the win, the Lady Vikings raised their record to 4-7 overall and 3-1 in the Moshannon Valley League. The Lady Warriors slipped to 0-9 overall, 0-2 in MVL play.

Spanik hit for 20 points in the win, while Kruse scored 19.

Lisa Polachek was the high scorer for West Branch with 10 points.

Both teams are back in action today. The Lady Vikings host Mount Union and the Lady Warriors host Southern Huntingdon.

**Glendale - 57**  
Kruise 9 1-4 19, Spanik 9 2-7 20, Feigh 0 0-0 0, Miles 4 0-0 8, Smith 1 0-1 2, Gates 0 0-0 0, Sinclair 4 0-0 8, Yingling 0 0-0 0. Totals: 27 3-12 57.

**West Branch - 30**  
Polachek 3 1-3 10, Coulter 1 1-2 3, Petrof 1 0-0 2, Kyler 2 0-0 5, Catanzaro 2 0-2 4, Zelen-sky 0 0-0 0, S. Eyerly 2 0-0 4, Trude 1 0-0 2, Yontosh 0 0-0 0. Totals: 12 2-7 30.

Three-point goals: West Branch 4 (Polachek 3, Kyler); Glendale none.

**Score By Quarters**  
Glendale.....13 17 12 15 - 57  
West Branch..... 3 13 7 7 - 30

## January 13, 1998: Mt. Union 45 at Glendale 64

FLINTON - Jennifer Spanik reached the 20-point plateau for the second straight night to lead Glendale to a 64-45 win over visiting Mount Union in high school girls' basketball Tuesday night.

The Lady Vikings bolted out to an 18-point lead after the first quarter on their way to their fifth win in 12 starts. Glendale is 3-5 in the Juniata Valley League.

Spanik finished with a career-high 22 points to go along with five steals. Shelley Miles contributed 16 points and 10 rebounds and Elecia Kruse tacked on 12 markers for the victors, while Jenna Gates handed out eight assists.

Melissa Melnyk led Mount Union, which dropped to 2-11 overall and 1-7 in the JVL, with 16 points. Tiffany Bradshaw scored 15 and Lacy Holder 11.

The Lady Vikings host Claysburg-Kimmel Thursday.

**Mount Union - 45**  
Hinchee 0 3-4 3, Melnyk 6 1-2 16, Bradshaw 7 1-2 15, McArthur 0 0-0 0, Holder 5 0-0 11, Burns 0 0-0 0, McClure 0 0-0 0, Sechrist 0 0-0 0, Fortney 0 0-0 0, Martin 0 0-0 0. Totals: 18 5-8 45.

**Glendale - 64**  
Feigh 1 0-0 2, Spanik 11 0-2 22, Miles 8 0-2 16, Kruse 6 0-0 12, Smith 1 0-2 2, Gates 0 2-2 2, Sinclair 4 0-0 8, Yingling 0 0-0 0, Hasson 0 0-0 0. Totals: 31 2-8 64.

Three-point goals: Mount Union 4 (Melnyk 3, Holder); Glendale none.

**Score by Quarters**  
Mount Union.....2 17 17 9 - 45  
Glendale.....20 12 16 16 - 64

## January 17, 1998: Claysburg 42 at Glendale 32

### Claysburg downs Lady Vikes

FLINTON - In a make-up game from Thursday, the Glendale girls' basketball team dropped to 5-8 overall and 3-6 in the Juniata Valley League with a 42-32 setback to Claysburg-Kimmel Saturday afternoon.

Elecia Kruse paced the Lady Vikings with 10 points. Jennifer Spanik contributed nine points.

The Lady Bulldogs (10-3, 6-3) were led by Jess Armstrong's 10 points. Ashli Weyandt and Erin Johnson added nine and eight points respectively.

There was no junior varsity contest.

Glendale returns to action tonight at Juniata Valley.

**Claysburg-Kimmel - 42**  
Johnson 3 0-1 8, Armstrong 5 0-0 10, Baird 0 1-3 1, Strayer 3 0-0 7, Weyandt 4 1-4 9, Helsel 1 0-0 2, Cavander 2 0-0 5, Claar 0 0-0 0, Werts 0 0-0 0. Totals: 18 2-8 42.

**Glendale - 32**  
Spanik 3 3-6 9, Miles 3 1-1 7, Smyers 2 2-2 6, Kruse 4 2-4 10, Gates 0 0-1 0, Peacock 0 0-1 0, Feigh 0 0-0 0, Smith 0 0-0 0, Sinclair 0 0-0 0. Totals: 12 8-15 32.

Three-point goals: Claysburg-Kimmel 4 (Johnson 2, Strayer, Cavander); Glendale (none).

**Score by Quarters**  
Claysburg-Kimmel.....12 12 9 9 - 42  
Glendale.....11 10 6 5 - 32

## January 19, 1998: Glendale 40 at Juniata Valley 78

### Juniata Valley 78 Glendale 40

ALEXANDRIA - Despite 18 points and eight rebounds from Jennifer Spanik, Glendale fell to Juniata Valley in Juniata Valley League play.

The Lady Vikings fell to 5-9 overall and 3-7 in the JVL.

Stacey Mason led the Valley offensive attack with 20 points. She reached the 1,000-point milestone during the contest. Lindsay Patterson (11) and Mandy Dick (10) also scored in double figures for the Lady Hornets.

Elecia Kruse added 13 steals to go along with seven points and three assists for the Lady Vikings. Mandi Peacock chipped in eight points and three assists.

Glendale returns to action Wednesday at home with Penns Valley.

**Glendale - 40**  
Spanik 6 6-8 18, Miles 3 0-1 7, Smyers 0 0-0 0, Kruse 3 1-4 7, Feigh 0 0-0 0, Gates 0 0-0 0, Peacock 4 0-0 8, Smith 0 0-0 0, Sinclair 0 0-2 0, Yingling 0 0-0 0, Hasson 0 0-0 0. Totals: 16 7-15 40.

**Juniata Valley - 78**  
Heaton 3 3-4 9, Rivello 0 0-0 0, Mason 6 8-9 20, Dick 4 1-2 10, Docherty 4 0-0 8, Knott 2 0-0 5, Walte 3 0-0 6, M. Patterson 4 1-2 9, L. Patterson 4 1-2 11, Hutton 0 0-0 0, Lechvarich 0 0-0 0. Totals: 30 14-19 78.

Three-point goals: Glendale 1 (Miles); Juniata Valley 3 (L. Patterson 2, Dick, Knott).

Score By Quarters				
Glendale.....	7	10	14	9-40
Juniata Valley.....	18	11	25	24-78

## January 21, 1998: Penns Valley 60 at Glendale 46

### Penns Valley 60 Glendale 46

FLINTON - Jess Wian scored 21 and Kelly Grove added 18 as Penns Valley downed Glendale in Juniata Valley League play.

The Lady Vikings fell to 5-10 overall and 0-2 in the second cycle of JVL play. The Lady Rams improved to 10-6 and 2-0.

Glendale trailed by only five points heading into the fourth quarter, but Penns Valley used a 23-14 advantage in the final stanza to seal the win.

Shelley Miles fronted the Lady Vikings with 13 points. Jennifer Spanik chipped in 12.

There was no junior varsity game.

Glendale returns to the court Friday at Bellwood-Antis

**Penns Valley - 60**  
Neidigh 1 4-6 6, Hale 3 2-2 8, Keller 0 2-4 2, Giardina 1 0-0 2, Ilgen 1 0-0 2, K. Grove 4 8-10 18, McCool 0 1-2 1, Wian 8 5-11 21. Totals: 18 23-35 60.

**Glendale - 46**  
Spanik 4 4-6 12, Miles 6 1-3 13, Smyers 1 1-3 3, Kruse 4 0-0 8, Feigh 1 0-0 2, Gates 2 2-4 8, Peacock 1 0-1 2, Smith 0 0-0 0, Sinclair 0 0-0 0, Queen 0 0-0 0. Totals: 19 8-17 46.

Three-point goal: Penns Valley 1 (K. Grove); Glendale none.

Score by Quarters				
Penns Valley.....	9	16	12	23-60
Glendale.....	13	7	12	14-46

## January 24, 1998: Glendale 42 at Bellwood 56

**BELLWOOD** - Misty Meredith's 24 points propelled Bellwood-Antis to a 59-42 Juniata Valley League win over Glendale. Holly Young scored 14 points for Bellwood-Antis, 2-1 in the JVL's second cycle; 12-5 overall. Shelby Smyers and Elecia Kruse each scored 10 points to lead Glendale, overall.

**GLENDALE (42):** Spanik 2 4-10 8, Miles 3 0-2 6, Smyers 2 5-6 10, Kruse 4 3-6 10, Gates 1 0-1 2, Peacock 2 0-0 5, Queen 0 0-0 0. Totals - 14 12-25 42.

**BELLWOOD-ANTIS (59):** Cogan 2 2-2 6, McClellan 1 0-0 2, Young 5 2-2 14, Meredith 9 3-4 24, Russin 0 0-0 0, Schmittle 1 2-2 4, Taylor 1 2-2 5, VanOrmer 1 0-0 2, O'Neill 0 0-0 0, Potts 0 0-0 0, Smith 1 2-2 4. Totals - 21 13-14 59.

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**

Glendale .....	2	11	17	12-42
Bellwood-Antis .....	11	19	15	14-59

3-point goals: Glendale 2 (Smyers, Peacock); Bellwood-Antis 4 (Taylor, Meredith 3). Technicals: None.

## January 26, 1998: Williamsburg 55 at Glendale 29

### Williamsburg 55 Glendale 29

FLINTON - Trisha Lower fired in 25 points to propel the defending Class A state champs to a Juniata Valley League second cycle win over the host Lady Vikings.

Glendale is 5-12 overall and 0-4 in the cycle.

The Lady Vikings were fronted by Elecia Kruse's 10 points and four assists.

Williamsburg, now 15-2 overall and 4-0 in the second cycle, also got 10 points out of Jess Lilly.

Glendale hosts Curwensville tonight.

Williamsburg - 55  
Hoy 1 2-2 4, Lower 10 1-7 25, Je. Lilly 4 2-2 10, Hileman 2 0-1 4, Metzler 1 0-0 2, Bellew 2 0-0 6, Burger 1 0-0 2, Irvin 1 0-0 2, Appleman

0 0-1 0, Isenberg 0 0-0 0, Jo. Lilly 0 0-0 0.  
Totals: 22 5-13 55.

Glendale - 29  
Spanik 1 1-2 3, Miles 3 0-0 8, Smyers 0 0-0 0, Kruse 2 6-8 10, Peacock 1 2-2 4, Gates 0 0-0 0, Queen 0 2-2 2, Sinclair 1 0-0 2, Yingling 0 0-0 0. Totals: 8 11-14 29.

Three-point goals: Williamsburg 6 (Lower 4, Bellew 2); Glendale 2 (Miles 2).

Score By Quarters  
Williamsburg.....13 18 9 15 - 55  
Glendale.....4 5 6 14 - 29

## January 27, 1998: Curwensville 30 at Glendale 75

FLINTON - Glendale outscored Curwensville 22-10 in the second quarter and never looked back as the Lady Vikings cruised to a 75-30 victory in Moshannon Valley League play Tuesday night.

The Lady Vikings improved to 6-12 overall and 4-1 in the league. The Lady Tide slipped to 5-10, 1-5 in the MVL.

Glendale's 12 points advantage in the second quarter broke open a 12-12 tie after one. The Lady Vikings used a 41-8 margin in the second half to run away with the game.

Elecia Kruse paced Glendale with 22 points, seven assists and seven steals. Jennifer Spanik added 12 points and 14 re-

bounds.

Sommer Morrison led Curwensville with nine points. Jackie Rottier tallied eight.

The Lady Vikings return to action Thursday at home with Southern Huntingdon. The Lady Tide travels to DuBois Central Christian this evening.

Curwensville - 30  
Rottler 1 6-8 8, D. Coons 2 0-0 4, Trifelli 0 0-2 0, Morrison 4 1-2 9, McClure 0 0-0 0, Whitton 0 1-4 1, B. Coons 0 0-0 0, Spencer 0 6-9 6, Nelson 0 0-0 0, Thurston 0 0-0 0, Smeal 1 0-1 2, Wiggins 0 0-0 0. Totals: 8 14-24 30.

Glendale - 75  
Spanik 4 4-6 12, Miles 2 2-2 6, Smyers 1 0-0 2, Kruse 8 6-7 22, Peacock 4 0-0 8, Gates 1 2-2 4, Queen 3 0-0 7, Sinclair 2 0-0 4, Yingling 0 0-0 0, Smith 3 0-0 6, Fye 2 0-0 4, Hasson 0 0-2 0. Totals: 30 14-19 75.

Three-point goal: Glendale 1 (Queen).  
Score By Quarters  
Curwensville.....12 10 5 3 - 30  
Glendale.....12 22 21 20 - 75

## January 24, 1998: Glendale 42 at Bellwood 56

### Southern Huntingdon 56 Glendale 39

FLINTON - Southern Huntingdon got double digit scoring from four players and posted a victory over Glendale.

With the loss, the Lady Vikings fell to 6-13 overall and 0-5 in the second cycle of the Juniata Valley League. Southern is now 16-3 and 4-1.

Scoring in double digits for Southern were Marissa Cutshall (15), Erin Corrie (14), Amanda Zinobile (14) and Kristin Creswell (11). Elecia Kruse led Glendale with 14 points.

The Lady Vikings will be back in action Monday at home against West Branch.

Southern Huntingdon - 56  
Corrie 7 0-2 14, Creswell 5 1-4 11, Cutshall 3 9-10 15, Zinobile 6 2-2 14, Brooks 1 0-0 2, White 0 0-0 0. Totals: 22 12-18 56.

Glendale - 39  
Spanik 4 0-2 8, Miles 3 0-0 6, Smyers 1 0-0 2, Kruse 4 6-10 14, Peacock 2 0-0 4, Gates 1 0-0 2, Queen 1 0-0 3, Sinclair 0 0-0 0, Smith 0 0-0 0, Feigh 0 0-0 0. Totals: 16 6-12 39.

Three-point goal: Glendale 1 (Queen); Southern Huntingdon none.

Score By Quarters  
Southern Huntingdon.....11 12 18 15 - 56  
Glendale.....9 11 7 12 - 39



February 2, 1998: West Branch 36 at Glendale 83

## Lady Vikings set up MVL showdown with 86-36 win

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# February 9, 1998: Glendale 62 at Mt. Union 55

## Glendale 62 Mount Union 55

MOUNT UNION - Glendale got a big scoring night from Jennifer Spanik to pick up its fourth win in its last five outings.

Spanik led all scorers with 24 points to help the Lady Vikings raise their overall record to 9-13, and their Juniata Valley League second cycle mark to 3-5.

Elecia Kruse chipped in with 15 points, nine rebounds, eight steals and five assists for Glendale, which also received 12 points from Shelley Miles and five assists from Shelby Smyers.

The game was knotted at 44-44, but the Lady Vikings carried the

fourth quarter 18-11 to post the victory.

Mount Union (3-20, 1-7), was led by Lacy Holder with 18 points, Melissa Melnyk with 16 and Tiffany Bradshaw with 14.

The Lady Vikings will be looking to tie for first place in the Mo Valley League when they host Harmony Wednesday.

### Glendale - 62

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### Mount Union - 55

Hinchee 2 1-2 5, Melnyk 6 2-3 16, Bradshaw 3 8-9 14, McArthur 0 0-0 0, Holder 8 1-2 18, Burns 1 0-0 2. Totals: 20 12-16 55.

Three-point goals: Glendale 1 (Peacock); Mount Union 3 (Melnyk 2, Holder).

### Score By Quarters

Glendale.....	17	13	14	18	-62
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February 11, 1998: Harmony 36 at Glendale 54

## Lady Vikings grab share of Mo Valley League crown with 54-36 win

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Sports Writer

FLINTON — Glendale spent the better part of a week gearing up for a Harmony game that it thought meant a shot at a one-game playoff with Mo Valley for the Moshannon Valley League girls' basketball championship. Little did the Lady Vikings know that a victory apparently would mean a share of the title and nothing more.

Glendale did what it had to do Wednesday night with a big first quarter and a huge performance by sophomore Elecia Kruse to knock off the visiting Lady Owls, 54-36, and finished tied with Mo Valley atop the league's final standings with a 7-1 record. Glendale and Mo Valley split their head-to-head meetings, Mo Valley winning 46-35 Jan. 9 and Glendale gaining revenge, 46-25, Feb. 5.

It is Glendale's seventh straight MVL championship. But that didn't sit well with Lady Viking coach Andy Bloom.

According to Bloom, he understood that the MVL Board of Directors decided at their regular meeting yesterday that should Glendale win it would mean both the boys' and girls' championships would be shared. A Harmony win over the Lady Vikings would have meant an outright title for the Mo Valley girls and a playoff for the boys championship.

"We wanted to play Saturday for the playoff and we just assumed if we did win we would play Saturday. What Mr. (Glendale athletic director Pat) Pino told me at the end of school today was there's not going to be any playoff game. The league has voted for us to be co-champions if we win tonight," said Bloom.

"My feelings are, we've been tied in the past and we've had at least two playoffs (Glendale defeated Mo Valley 36-35 in 1994 and 52-39 a year later), we've always resolved that on the court," he added. "My feeling is the only place to resolve it is on the court. And I think I can speak for my kids and say that's their feeling too."

When asked what he believed the impetus for the change in league policy Bloom said, "I assume Mo Valley."

Whatever the reason, Bloom's Lady Vikings came out like they had something to prove. Kruse scored 11 in the first quarter and Glendale burst out to a 21-6 lead by the end of the opening stanza.

Glendale jumped out to a quick 10-0 lead, hitting four of its first six shots and causing Harmony to turn the ball over on its first five possessions. Harmony's first shot attempt came with 5:40 to go in the period, but was resoundingly blocked by Kruse.

"I think it was real important for us to do that," Bloom said of the quick start. "We've been pointing toward this one since

last week. I'm really proud of these guys, the way they played to open the game. They're real confident in what they're doing right now."

The first quarter was just the icing on the cake of a nightmarish early evening for the Lady Owls. The team bus never arrived at Harmony High School to pick up the team and coach Janet Hess and her players instead had to travel to Beaver Valley in a convoy of cars.

"They had a great first eight minutes of the game and we just couldn't fight back into that," said Hess, whose team fell to 7-16 overall and 2-5 in the league.

The Lady Owls, however, were game and fought back to cut the margin to 10 on a couple of occasions in the second quarter. Harmony got to within nine twice in the second half, as Amanda Dospoy scored nine of her team-high 16 points and Kelly Homerski added all six of her markers in the fourth quarter.

"The third and fourth quarters seemed to last forever," said Bloom.

Part of the reason was 27 turnovers and 22 personal fouls in the second half of what Bloom termed "a very physical game". Hess thought it was too physical.

"We'd commit a stupid foul or something minor like that and the momentum would switch again. And I wasn't too

pleased with the officiating tonight," Hess said. "I thought it got out of hand. We have to take responsibility to for how we played but I definitely wasn't pleased with how the game was called."

But, as Hess alluded, Glendale always seemed to have an answer for Lady Owl rallies after the first quarter. And, more often than not, the answer was Kruse.

The 5-foot-8 Lady Viking talent scored 29 points, the most by a Glendale girls' basketball player in over six years. She also had 11 steals and blocked three shots.

"She played extremely well tonight," Bloom said. "She's really come on as a player this season. And since we've moved her off of the point and Shelby (Smyers) onto the point, it's made a big difference in her game and our game."

The victory was Glendale's fifth in sixth games, upping the Lady Vikings' record to 10-13 overall. Glendale is not entered in the District 6 Class A playoffs, meaning, with the cancellation of the MVL championship game, Bloom's team will end the season tonight on the road against another hot team, Claysburg-Kimmel.

Despite his disappointment over the lack of a league-deciding game, Bloom rated 1997-98 among his most satisfying seasons.

"These kids never quit. Nobody ever gave us a chance this year of doing anything in the Mo Valley League. But for some reason, nobody told these kids. And we're playing our best basketball right now," he said. "I'm so proud of this group of people. I really mean that."

**GAME NOTES:** It was Glendale's Senior Night ... Dospoy pulled down seven rebounds, while Harmony's Danyhl Meterko came up with five steals ... Glendale got nine points, seven rebounds and four assists from Jennifer Spanik ... Harmony closes its regular season Friday by hosting West Branch.

### Harmony — 36

Miles 4 0-0 9, Greenland 1 2-2 4, Dospoy 5 6-9 16, McKeen 0 1-6 1, Meterko 0 0-1 0, Gavin 0 0-0 0, Homerski 1 4-4 6, Smith 0 0-0 0. Totals: 11 13-22 35.

### Glendale — 54

Kruse 12 5-7 29, Smyers 0 0-0 0, Peacock 3 0-0 6, Miles 1 1-2 4, Spanik 3 3-4 9, Smith 0 0-0 0, Gates 3 0-0 6, Feigh 0 0-0 0, Queen 0 0-0 0, Sinclair 0 0-0 0. Totals: 22 9-13 54.

Three-point goals: Harmony 1 (Miles); Glendale 1 (Miles).

### Score By Quarters

Harmony.....	6	11	11	8-36
Glendale.....	21	9	11	13-54

# February 12, 1998: Glendale 25 at Claysburg 45

## Claysburg-Kimmel 45 Glendale 25

CLAYSBURG – The Lady Vikings were outscored 27-12 in the second half to break open what was to that point a close game and send Glendale to defeat in its final game of the season.

Jennifer Spanik and Elecia Kruise each netted eight points to front Glendale, which ended up 10-14 overall and 3-6 in the second cycle of the Juniata Valley League. Kruise had eight steals and Spanik six rebounds.

Claysburg's Jess Armstrong had a big night with 19 points as the Lady Bulldogs went to 20-4 and completed the cycle 8-1.

Ashli Weyandt scored 12.

### Glendale – 25

Spanik 4 0-0 8, Miles 0 1-4 1, Smyers 1 0-0 3, Kruise 4 0-0 8, Peacock 1 0-0 3, Gates 0 0-0 0, Queen 0 0-2 0, Smith 0 0-0 0, Feigh 1 0-0 2.  
Totals: 11 1-6 25.

### Claysburg-Kimmel – 45

Johnson 0 0-0 0, Armstrong 9 1-2 19, Baird 2 0-0 4, Strayer 3 0-0 8, Weyandt 5 0-0 12, Helsel 1 0-0 2, Cavender 0 0-0 0, Li. Claar 0 0-0 0, Mauk 0 0-0 0, Lo. Claar 0 0-0 0, Werts 0 0-0 0, Chamberlain 0 0-0 0. Totals: 20 1-2 45.

Three-point goals: Glendale 2 (Smyers, Peacock); Claysburg-Kimmel 4 (Strayer 2, Weyandt 2).

### Score By Quarters

Glendale.....	6	7	9	3-25
Claysburg-Kimmel.....	8	10	17	10-45

## Second Team



Elecia Kruse  
Glendale



Jennifer Spanik  
Glendale

Elecia Kruse, Glendale - As a sophomore, making second appearance on second team ... 5-foot-7 guard ... Led 10-14 Lady Vikings in scoring (13.1), field goal percentage (.392), assists (3.6) and blocked shots (32) as they tied for the Moshannon Valley League crown ... Led area with 5.3 steals per game ... Picked to the MVL first team ... Had 29-point game against Harmony, best outout of season ...

Has 524 points in career.

Jennifer Spanik, Glendale - 5-foot-8 junior forward picks up her first all-area honors ... Honorable mention MVL all-star was the area's second-leading rebounder (10.9) ... Was second for Lady Vikings in scoring (12.1) and steals (2.7) ... Had 24 and 22-point efforts versus Mount Union ... Will go into senior year with 349 varsity points.

(Final)  
(Must play half of team's games)

### Scoring

	G	FG	FT	Pts	Avg
Mosch (CC)	29	319	118	796	27.4
Swanson (CL)	25	180	97	500	20.0
Gray (PL)	23	150	105	449	19.5
Franks (PO)	19	145	66	369	19.4
Dospoy (H)	25	155	134	445	17.8
Stodart (MV)	25	174	52	445	17.8
Porter (CL)	26	142	79	381	14.7
Kruse (G)	24	122	69	314	13.1
D. Coons (CU)	24	111	47	295	12.3
Spanik (G)	24	112	67	291	12.1
E. Gritzer (CC)	28	111	53	281	10.0
Osburn (CC)	29	97	29	273	9.4
Sullivan (PO)	24	90	41	221	9.2
Kr. Gulvas (CC)	29	92	11	255	8.8
Howard (CL)	26	85	41	224	8.6
Miles (H)	24	82	33	205	8.5
Kyler (WB)	24	66	26	202	8.4
Taylor (CC)	29	91	51	233	8.0
Miles (G)	24	71	25	178	7.4
Morrison (CU)	24	68	34	170	7.1
Hicks (PL)	21	48	32	150	7.1

### Free Throw Percentage (2 FT per team game played)

	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Mosch (CC)	118	154	.766
Greenland (H)	41	58	.707
E. Gritzer (CC)	53	75	.707
Rottier (CU)	72	103	.699
Dospoy (H)	134	193	.694
Swanson (CL)	97	143	.678
Porter (CL)	79	118	.669
Gray (PL)	105	161	.652
Franks (PO)	66	104	.635
Stodart (MV)	52	82	.634

### Field Goal Percentage (2 FG per team game played)

	FGM	FGA	Pct.
Mosch (DCC)	319	550	.580
Dospoy (H)	155	313	.495
Swanson (CL)	180	400	.450
McKeehen (H)	53	135	.437
J. Martin (MV)	73	178	.410
Porter (CL)	142	366	.394
Kruse (G)	122	311	.392
E. Gritzer (DCC)	111	288	.385
Franks (PO)	145	377	.385
Stodart (MV)	174	461	.377

### 3-pointers per game

	G	3pt	Avg
Kr. Gulvas (DCC)	29	60	2.1
Gray (PL)	23	44	1.9
Kyler (WB)	24	44	1.8
Stodart (MV)	25	45	1.8
Osburn (DCC)	29	56	1.7
Swanson (CL)	25	43	1.7
Mosch (DCC)	29	40	1.4
Porter (CL)	24	28	1.2
Franks (PO)	24	26	1.1
Hicks (PL)	21	22	1.1

### Rebounds

	G	Reb	Avg
Dospoy (H)	25	307	12.3
Spanik (G)	24	262	10.9
Gray (PL)	22	228	10.4
Mosch (DCC)	29	272	9.4
Morrison (CU)	24	217	9.0
Rottier (CU)	25	191	7.7
McKeehen (H)	22	197	8.9
Franks (PO)	23	215	9.3
Howard (CL)	26	194	7.5
Porter (CL)	29	217	7.4

### Assists

	G	Ast	Avg
Spanik (G)	25	149	6.0
Mosch (DCC)	29	132	4.6
Franks (PO)	19	81	4.3
Rottier (CU)	24	97	4.0
Hicks (PL)	21	80	3.8
Kruse (G)	24	87	3.6
Porter (CL)	28	100	3.6
Stodart (MV)	25	88	3.5
Swanson (CL)	25	73	2.9
Kr. Gulvas (DCC)	29	74	2.6

### Steals

	G	St	Avg
Kruse (G)	24	127	5.3
Miles (H)	29	119	4.1
Rottier (CU)	24	93	3.9
Swanson (CL)	25	85	3.4
Stodart (DCC)	28	94	3.3
Stodart (MV)	25	80	3.2
Dospoy (H)	25	77	3.1
Franks (PO)	19	56	2.9
Gray (PL)	23	62	2.7
Hicks (PL)	24	64	2.7

### Team Offense

	G	Pts	Avg
Harmony	29	2115	72.9
Clearfield	26	1480	56.9
Purchase Lane	23	1134	49.3
Mo Valley	25	1163	46.5
Glendale	24	1102	45.9
Harmony	25	1135	45.4
Phil Osc	24	1043	43.4
Curwensville	24	894	37.3
West Branch	24	631	26.3
W. Alliance	18	266	14.8

### Team Defense

	G	Pts	Avg
W. Alliance	18	679	37.7
Harmony	29	1151	39.7
Mo Valley	25	1071	42.8
Glendale	24	1144	47.7
Clearfield	26	1266	48.7
Purchase Lane	23	1121	48.7
Harmony	25	1254	50.2
Curwensville	24	1228	51.2
Phil Osc	24	1337	55.7
West Branch	24	1693	70.5

### Glendale (10-14)

	G	FG	FT	Pts	Avg
Kruse	24	122	69	314	13.1
Spanik	24	112	67	291	12.1
Miles	24	71	25	178	7.4
Peacock	22	47	11	115	5.2
Smyers	22	19	14	54	2.5
Queen	18	14	3	35	1.9
Sinclair	21	16	3	35	1.7
Gates	21	11	10	32	1.5
Fegh	22	12	2	26	1.2
Smith	21	8	1	17	0.8
Team totals	24	438	205	1102	45.9
Three-pointers:					
4 Smyers 2, Kruse 1, Yingling 1					

## Mo Valley League

	Conf.		Ovrl	
	W	L	W	L
Glendale	7	1	10	13
Mo Valley	7	1	13	12
Curwensville	3	5	10	14
Harmony	3	5	8	17
West Branch	0	8	0	24



Players	Points	Three's
Elicia Kruse	313	1
Jennifer Spanik	291	0
Shelley Miles	174	5
Mandi Peacock	113	9
Shelby Smyers	56	1
Jen Queen	35	3
Lyncola Sinclair	35	0
Jenna Gates	28	0
Holly Feigh	26	0
Jennifer Smith	17	0
Gena Yingling	3	1
Natalie Hasson	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>20</b>