Game #3

It was a cold and rainy bus ride to Conway for the Sharks Tigers matchup. The last time these two met Conway dominated the offensive end of the floor and beat the Sharks by 8. The Sharks were coming off of an overtime win over Rival school Socastee and were ready to try to steal a victory from the Tigers on their home court. In almost a replay of the first time these two met Hailey Martinez got the first basket of the game getting the Sharks on the board first. Unfortuatly for the Sharks this lead was short lived as the Tigers scored 6 in the first and after the initial basket by St James they were shut out the rest of the quarter. Defense was the Sharks emphasis and they turned it up in the 2nd quarter holding the Tigers to just 1 basket. As the defense was heating up so was the offense as a patient Shark offense found their post players Genesis and Shar in the paint for a basket a piece. Madeline Hart went 1 for 2 from the foul line to round out the scoring in the 2nd. At the half the score was 7-9 in favor of the Tigers.

The Sharks came out from the half looking like they were on a mission. This look was short lived as unluckily for the Sharks the Tigers got a quick basket and a free-throw extending their lead to 5. Liz De Los Santos answered with a nice basket to cut into the lead of Conway and keep it at 3 going into the 4th quarter. WE CAN WIN THIS GAME! That is what the Lady Sharks were saying between quarters. The 4th quarter began and just like the 3rd Conway jumped right back out and got a quick basket making it a 5 point game. The Tiger press was giving the Sharks trouble as they picked up a few steals and 1 run out layup. This layup made the lead 7 with about 3 minutes to play. The Sharks took a timeout and talked about how they aren’t out of this game and they just need to play hard defense to force some turnovers and get some easy baskets. That’s just what they did and Madeline Hart found the bottom of the net cutting the Tiger lead to 5. With a minute left Hannah Farrell got a steal off of the tremendous Shark press and made a runner from about 15 feet sending the bench and crowd to their feet. Tight defense was played and the Sharks caused an errant pass go out of bounds under the Conway basket. St James took their last time out with about 20 seconds remaining and the ball in possession of the Tigers. “We need a turnover and then we need to push the ball up the floor and Madeline will knock down a 3 from the corner to send the game into overtime.” That was the play that was the plan. The Sharks executed it perfectly and got the steal they needed. Then they pushed the ball up the sideline and got the pass to Madeline for the game tying shot. The shot went up and was half way through the basket when it decided to rim out. The Sharks would fall by 3.

Scorers for the Sharks.

Madeline Hart - 3 Hannah Farrell – 2

Sharleen Douglas – 2 Genesis Meidanis – 2

Hailey Martinez – 2 Liz De Los Santos – 2