Game #2

Friday night basketball does it get any better than that? The St James Lady Sharks took a short bus ride up 707 to their rival Socastee to take on the Lady Braves. After losing their first game of the year the Sharks were antsy to get back on the floor and get the job done. The game was scheduled for 5:00 pm but due to some scheduling errors the game started at 5:30 pm. As Socastee used their extra warmup time to run some drills the Sharks used the time to stay loose and have fun. When the game finally did start the Sharks lost the tip off due to a positioning violation so the Braves took over. The Shark defense must have been hungry because they weren’t allowing any type of offense by the Braves. Madeline Hart on the other hand found the bottom of the net on the offensive end for the first points of the game. Seemed like a defensive battle for most of the quarter but at the buzzer Ashley Barger drained a 3 pointer from the right wing. This shot made the score at the end of quarter 1 Sharks 5, Braves 0. The second quarter was all St James as the press gave the Braves lots of trouble and turned into easy baskets by the Lady Sharks. At the half the Sharks would be leading the Braves by a score of 13-4.

Don’t stop and put them away was thee battle cry of the Sharks at the half but Socastee would not go quietly. The third quarter was pretty split as Sharks only made one basket by Liz De Los Santos on a nice runner and a free throw by Tiara Deas. At the end of the third the Braves cut the lead to 8. The fourth quarter was the Lady Braves friend as they went 8 for 8 on free throws and added in a basket to tie the Sharks at 18. This meant that there would be overtime.

At the end of regulation Coach Scheuer told the girls they had to step it back up and take back over this game. That is just what the Sharks did playing stifling defense shutting the Braves out. The Braves defense was pretty good as well as the Sharks found themselves tied with just over a minute remaining. The Braves took a timeout with the ball being in possession of the Sharks under their own basket. Coach Scheuer drew up an out of bounds play that should give Liz De Los Santos an opportunity to get a lay-up. The teams took the floor and the Sharks executed the play to perfection as Liz got the inbounds pass and made an easy lay-up. This put the Sharks up by 2 and a free throw by Tiara Deas would seal the deal for the Sharks as they would hold on to win with a final score of 21-18 for the first win of the season.

Scorers for the Sharks.

Liz De Los Santos – 6 Tiara Deas – 4

Madeline Hart – 6 Ashley Barger – 3

Avery Newman - 2