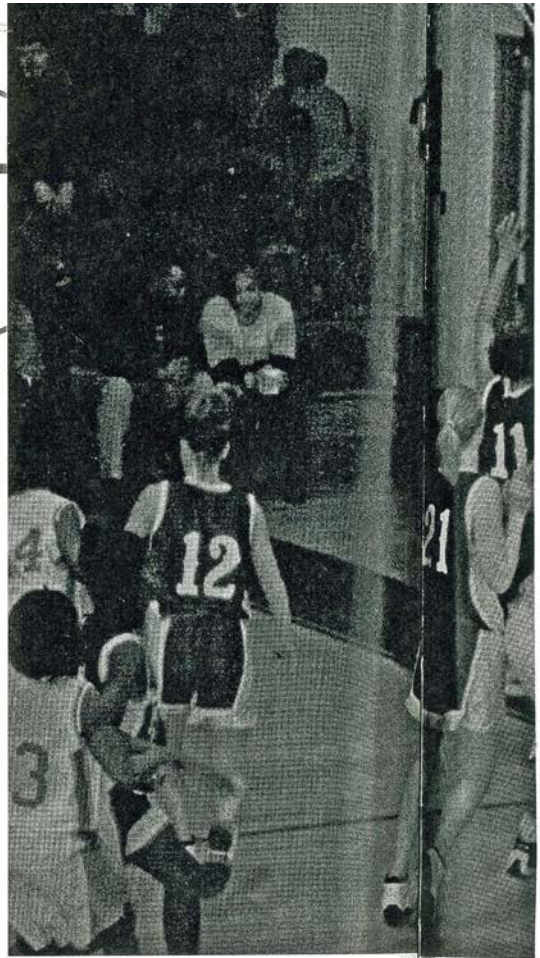


let's play Basketball

The 2000-2001 Lady Mariners had an excellent and successful season. Every day they played hard whether in a game or at practice. Finishing fourth in the conference was not a bad way to end the season because all the teams were evenly matched in ability. When Jerry Hunter, head coach for East Duplin was interviewed, he said "This conference usually has pretty good balance, but in all my years I don't think I've seen this many teams that could win it all." One moment that stood out for the team was their win over Swansboro. With time running out, Stephanie

"We had a good season; the conference was tough and we did well," said coach Edith Styron

Porter made a 3 point shot. Cora Johnson immediately stole the inbound pass and shot for 2 points, tying the game and sending it to overtime. The Mariners won the game with a score of 54-48. Coach Styron, in her eleventh season at East, had eleven returning players nine of which were seniors. The Lady Mariners reached the second round of state playoffs ending their season in a game against Plymouth making their overall record 25-16. At the sports banquet, awards were given out to a number of people. The whole team was recognized as a scholar-athlete team.



Top Row: Coach Eura Lawrence, Lily Stewart, Lindsay Deuble, Mary Way, Jessica Dowty, Stephanie Porter, Lindsay Boyd, Dicy Benders, Coach Edith Styron; **Bottom Row:** Adrienne Stephens, Tina Thomas, Stephanie Aldebot, Jennifer Crusie, Lucy Simmons, Celeste Taylor, Cora Johnson, and Ryan Lilley.

