## **FEATURE STORY**

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## The Women's Club Basketball Team Rebuilds and Reunites for the Upcoming season.

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill.—The Women's club Basketball team is back in action this year with a new coach, team, and president. In the past two years this team has dominated the court and is looking to continue its success by rebuilding the team.

In the past, the Women's club basketball team has won two championship trophies and is looking to rebuild the team with fresh players that share the same charisma as the previous team. With only three returning players, including club president Kelly Korza, the team is making some realistic goals while still maintaining its competitive nature.

"Although, I am a very competitive person and I go into every situation, every game, with the intention of winning." Women's club basketball team president "I think it is possible for us to get another championship this year we [just] need to focus on one game at a time."

Coming in knowing that this would be a rebuilding year, Korza said she was up to the challenge. this reporter asked Korza what drove her take on the challenge and she stated "I love basketball and have played the majority of my life," said Korza. "I love my team and the experiences that I have and I feel that it's my turn to give back." This president seems driven to continue the team's past success.

The success of this team started seven years ago, by a group of girls that wanted to start a club basketball team as a way to keep playing completive basketball in college. These women were interested in playing basketball, but still having time to be involved in other activities. Stacy Gavin was a part of the

original bunch of young ladies and stuck around up until last year to help out with the team "She [Gavin] helped us out and just seemed so committed...she was able to tell us what did and didn't work in the past" Korza.

The team's past success and current leadership seems to make it almost inevitable that they will have nothing less than another winning recordseason. This season will tell how the next few years of women's club basketball will pail out and if they can pull a new team together to get another trophy under their belts. Hopefully all this hard work will tip in their favor. GO COUGARS!