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## Profile: Donna Murphy



*(Photo courtesy of Donna Murphy.)*

Donna Murphy was the first Miss Basketball. Murphy played for Newport High School in the 1975 girls' Sweet Sixteen®, the first tournament in the “modern era.”

Newport lost by one point in the quarterfinals to Butler, which won the championship. Murphy, however, received the tournament's Ted Sanford Most Valuable Player Award after she scored a total of 67 points and had 50 rebounds. She made the all-tournament team that year and, in both 1975 and 1976, was on the first team of the Kentucky All-State teams.

In 1976, Murphy received the Joe Billy Mansfield Award for academic and athletic achievement. Today she has an award named in her honor. Given at the Mr. and Miss Basketball Awards ceremony, it honors a standout female senior basketball player who exemplifies the meaning of being a great student athlete.

Murphy is a member of 11 hall of fames. Newport retired her jersey in 2013.