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Profile: Woodburn High Girls

“We trained hard and we kept in shape. ... We were only interested in playing, and winning. Basketball was our life.”*

The girls' basketball team at Woodburn High School was a powerhouse in the 1920s and early 1930s. Coach Audrey Whitlock Peterson played basketball in high school and college and brought her experience to the team.

From 1928 through 1932, the team chalked up 130 wins to only 7 losses. Woodburn won its regional championship every year and went to the state tournament.

In 1931, Woodburn posted an undefeated season and claimed the state title by five points over the Ashland Kittens. Woodburn repeated as state champion in 1932 with a win over Paintsville.

*Former Woodburn player Dorothy Cheney Pearson



Woodburn Girls with coach, Audrey Whitlock Peterson, back center. (Kentucky Historical Society.)