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## Kittens Return to Ashland Court

Paul Blazer High School in Ashland kept its girls' basketball team for one year after the Kentucky High School Athletic Association dropped the sport in 1932. Yearbooks indicate that after 1933 and through 1960, the only way girls could play basketball at school was in PE class, or, as the 1961 yearbook shows, in intramural clubs.

In 1964, however, the Kittens basketball team reappears in the school's yearbook, and in 1965, it proclaims that girls' basketball is back "after many years without a team."

Ashland's opponents for the 1964-1965 season included Breckinridge, Boyd County, Russell, Danville, Jessamine County, Center, Rowan County and Covington. KHSAA still did not sanction the sport.

At other schools, like Dupont Manual in Louisville, basketball was not an option. In fact, bowling was the only sanctioned sport for girls, and the only one the school offered at all.



Such form, such grace.



Will it be a strike?

"Bowling: The Only Sport For Girls," declared the 1966 Dupont Manual yearbook. (Photo from the *The Crimson*, 1966, Martha Arnold Collection, Kentucky Historical Society.)