

## Head Coach Mark Matz



have every reason to believe that basketball has taken its rightful place as the dominant sport in the winter months at Bellaire High. But success isn't always measured in the won-loss column. Matz has also brought basketball to a level of class and pride that is recognized throughout the Valley. He has been selected to coach the District 12 All-Star game, the OVAC All-Star Classic, and two state championships in West Virginia. His knowledge of the game and the way he can communicate with his players are primarily responsible for the past successes at BHS and the continuing growth of the program.

## Gene Ammirante

The "Organization Man," Gene Ammirante is entering his fifth year as reserve basketball coach and varsity assistant. Responsible for organizing off-season conditioning programs, Gene also runs the Wheeling Recreation League summer outdoor program. His enthusiasm and dedication are primarily responsible for making the Big Reds program so successful.



## Kim Clifford

Entering his fifth year of coaching freshmen basketball, Kim Clifford sports an awesome 51-13 record. His players have won the Eastern Ohio League Championship for the past two years and the freshmen tournament in 1978. Kim also serves as varsity assistant and helps with the reserves.



"THE PRIDE OF THE OHIO VALLEY, 'The Stats' " -- Deanna Saunders, Helen Sims, Robin Shopper, Annette Willerton, Denise Platt, Jennifer Kolenich.

## "The Pride of the Valley"

"The Pride of the Ohio Valley." That's a pretty big claim to make, but those who know "The Stats" can verify this statement. It took eight years to build, but "The Stats" today have become recognized throughout the Valley for their accuracy in charting statistics in over twelve categories for both teams, their manners, and their beauty. Under the direction of Thomas E. Rataiczak, the girls have become a vital part of Bellaire's basketball program. Their method of keeping stats received national recognition recently in an article in *SCHOLASTIC COACH* and, as a result, close to 20 schools throughout the nation and Canada are presently using their system. Let there be no doubt: they are "the pride of the Valley."



VARSIITY CHEERLEADERS -- Kneeling: Linda Marple, Mimi Mitchell (captain), Tracy Maxwell; Standing: Renee Frey, Sue LaRuffo (captain), Shelly Davis.

1980-1981

Spotlight on

BIG REDS  
BASKETBALL

Class + Pride = Success

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# VARSITY ROSTER

**Damon Anderson\***  
6-1"  
Home: 40  
195 pounds  
senior  
2nd year varsity  
Away: 41

**Lou Fisher\* (capt.)**  
6-0"  
Home: 20  
155 pounds  
senior  
2nd year varsity  
Away: 21

**Tom Hollingshead**  
6-0"  
Home: 54  
192 pounds  
senior  
1st year varsity  
Away: 55

**Craig Jenkins\* (capt.)**  
5-7"  
Home: 4  
128 pounds  
senior  
2nd year varsity  
Away: 5

**Rick Krupnik**  
5-8"  
Home: 10  
145 pounds  
senior  
2nd year varsity  
Away: 11

**Jim Sketel\***  
5-8"  
Home: 12  
155 pounds  
senior  
2nd year varsity  
Away: 13

**Matt Thomas**  
5-11"  
Home: 30  
142 pounds  
senior  
1st year varsity  
Away: 31

**Jon Bauknecht**  
5-9"  
Home: 44  
162 pounds  
junior  
1st year varsity  
Away: 45

**Todd Fitch**  
5-10"  
Home: 14  
151 pounds  
junior  
1st year varsity  
Away: 15

**Jeff Helms**  
5-10"  
Home: 34  
148 pounds  
junior  
1st year varsity  
Away: 35

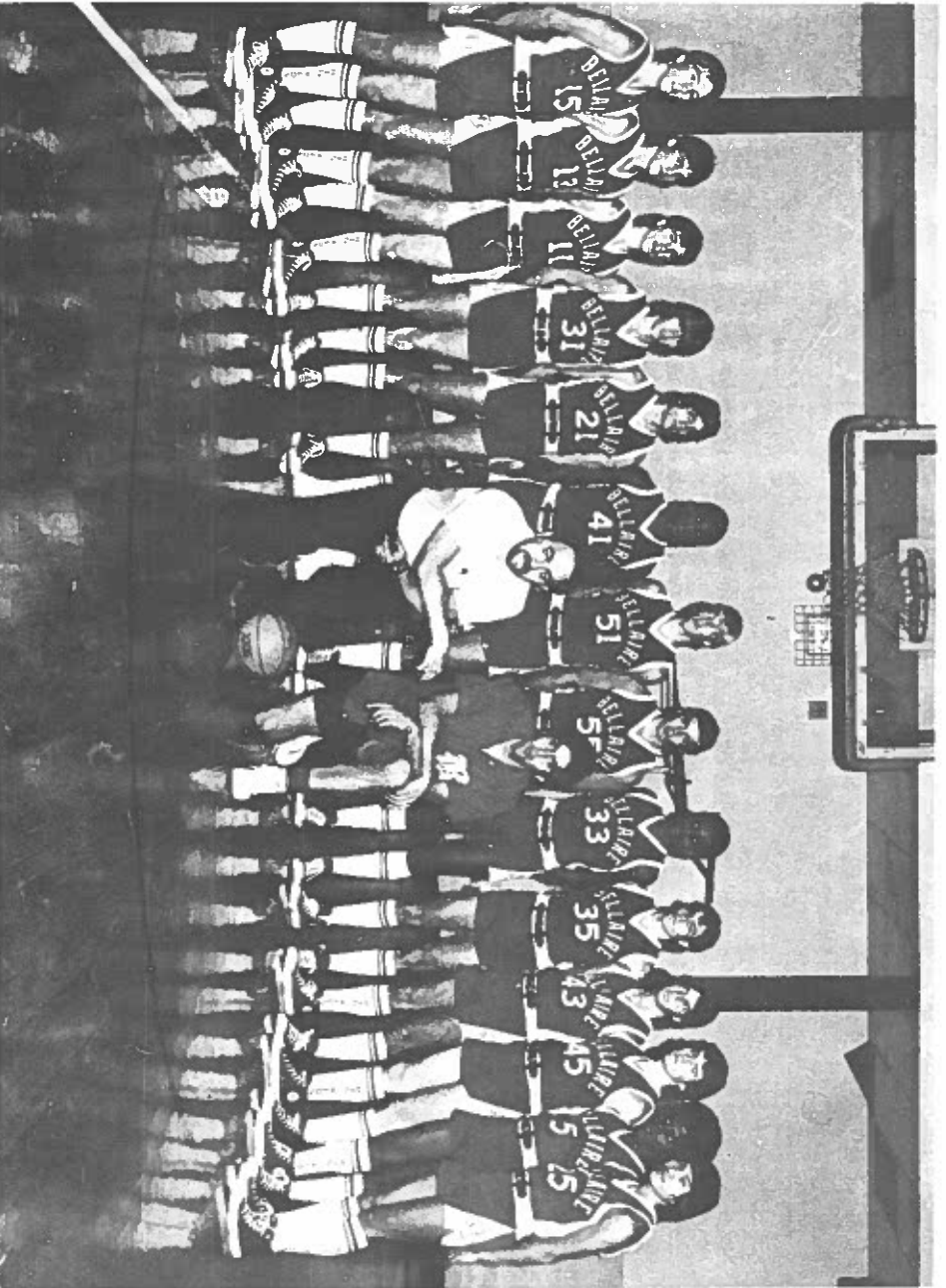
**Bill Kahl**  
6-4"  
Home: 50  
178 pounds  
junior  
1st year varsity  
Away: 51

**Mike McNabb**  
5-10"  
Home: 42  
150 pounds  
junior  
1st year varsity  
Away: 43

**Kevin Pitts**  
6-1"  
Home: 32  
151 pounds  
junior  
1st year varsity  
Away: 33

**James Wesley**  
5-6"  
Home: 24  
128 pounds  
junior  
1st year varsity  
Away: 25

\* denotes letterman



THE 1980-1981 BIG REDS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM -- Kneeling: Mark Matz, head coach; Gene Ammirante, reserve coach. Standing: Todd Fitch, Jim Sketel, Rick "Ace" Krupnik, Matt Thomas, Co-Captain Lou Fisher, Damon Anderson, Bill Kahl, Tom Hollingshead, Kevin Pitts, Jeff Helms, Mike McNabb, Jon Bauknecht, Co-Captain Craig Jenkins, James Wesley.

# 1980-81 BIG REDS

Date	Opponent	Location	OVC	State
12/02	Shadyside	Away	AA	A
12/05	St. Johns	Home	A	A
12/09	Martins Ferry	Away	AAA	AAA
12/12	St. Clairsville	Home	AAAA	AA
12/17	Wheeling Park	Home	AAAA	AA
12/19	Steubenville	Away	AAAA	AAA
12/27	East Liverpool	Away	AAAA	AAA
01/02	Wintersville	Home	AAAA	AAA
01/09	Martins Ferry	Home	AAA	AA
01/13	River Local	Home	AAA	AA
01/16	Cambridge	Home	AAAA	AAA
01/20	John Marshall	Away	AAAA	AAA
01/23	St. Johns	Away	A	A
01/27	Shadyside	Home	AA	A
01/30	St. Clairsville	Away	AAAA	AA
02/03	Wintersville	Away	AAAA	AAA
02/10	John Marshall	Home	AAAA	AAA
02/13	Bridgport	Home	AA	A
02/14	Cambridge	Away	AAAA	AAA
02/20	Buckeye South	Away	AAA	AA