

1907 Girls Basketball Photograph from Batavia High School



Handwriting on back of photo reads "Championship Basketball Team of Batavia, May 27, 1907". The "W.B." written on the basketball likely stands for West Batavia. West Batavia High School and East Batavia High School did not officially combine until 1911.

It is not currently known what championship this photo refers to. The names of the players are also not known. Photograph was taken by Swan Studios in Batavia.

Batavia boys and girls were competing in high school basketball very early in the 1900s. Unfortunately, the Illinois High School Athletic Association banned interscholastic competitive sports for girls in 1908 (just a year after this photograph was taken); girls basketball was not officially reinstated by the IHSA until 1973.