

1978 PHS GIRLS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CURLING TEAM

HOF CLASS OF 2015

The Portage Girls State Champion Curling team was the first PHS girls team to win State in any sport. They set an example that has encouraged many other girls teams, especially girls curling teams, to duplicate their accomplishments over and over again. This team, led by 2nd year coach Diane Taylor Firari, had to compete in a round-robin tournament against the other three Sectional Champions (Wausau East, Wausau West and Lodi) to win State, and they did.

The close-knit team had a very successful season leading into tournament play. They had a Senior-led team with a great starting four: Sue Small PHS '78, skip, Linda Hustedt PHS '78, 3rd, Jackie Wendorf Braith PHS '78, 2nd and Leslyn Jevens Jacobs PHS '78, lead, with many strong alternates to choose from, including Debbie Watson PHS '79, who accompanied the team to State.

In the Championship round the Warrior girls had ended the game tied with Wausau East 5-5 in the eighth end. The Warriors then scored one stone in the extra end to win 6-5 securing Portage first ever Girls High School championship. It was a spectacular finish to a super season.