

## **GMS Basketball Spotlight: Diamond Shiflet and Nathan Moore**



By: Carley McCall and Hannah Steele

The 2011-2012 Lady Jackets basketball team is having a well played season. One of the outstanding players is seventh grader Diamond Shiflet. She is a player that has made the most progress and always goes into a game with the intentions of winning.

Diamond's best played game this season was against Northwest Middle when she scored 14 points. Coach Shaffer believes Diamond is very athletic and listens well which makes her a good player. She helps the team with her quickness and defense. Diamond brings an energy and aggressiveness that really gets the team pumped.

The people that influenced her to start playing basketball were her mom and dad. The pro-player Diamond looks up too is Candace Parker. Diamond hopes to grow up and someday meet Candace and also to be a good basketball player like Candace is. The two girls also play the same position.

Diamond is her own critic. She always strives for the best. Her most memorable game this season was against Northwest, when she scored 14 points. Make sure to come out and support your Lady Jackets this Friday January 20 at Greer High School.

## **The Eighth Grade Star Player**

**By: Hannah Steele**

The 2011-2012 Greer Middle boys basketball season is going great. The eighth grade stand out player is Nathan Moore. In every game he gives his best effort so the team will and can have a better possibility of winning.

Since the team is 4 and 2 Nathan feels like there is room for much improvement. Nathan strongly believes that the team should improve on mental toughness and trying to never give up. He feels that the team gets too frustrated with small things very easily. He says that he has good ball control although he should and will improve on his defense.

The main reason he plays the sport is just because he has a love for it. He says he has a special respect for his older brother Matthew because he is the one who got Nathan to start playing basketball. Nathan's favorite pro-player is Michael Jordan "because he is the best player alive." Nathan hopes to become somewhat like Michael when he gets older.

Nathan hopes to keep on playing basketball so he can improve on his skills. He says he also wants to play basketball for the high school. Nathan can't wait to see what is to come of the rest of the 2011-2012 Greer Middle boys basketball team. Come

support the yellow jackets as Nathan and the boys try to beat Blue Ridge this Friday January 20<sup>th</sup> at Greer High School.