

TREYNOR HIGH GIRL'S COACH EXCELLS

Gail Hartigan has been head coach for Treynor High girls for nineteen years. Before this she was assist coach five years at two other schools. Gail coaches Treynor girls in basketball, volleyball, and track. She said it is important for players to participate in all sports through the school year. It keeps them in better condition and makes for better teams in each sport. This philosophy is demonstrated in the high achievements of Treynor girl's sports. However, Gail said she is concerned that some younger girls are getting 'burned out' in sports as a consequence of parent's pushing their participation in club sports programs. According to Gail she has mellowed a little in her expectations of players, but this is mostly due to individual player situations. Southwest Iowa girls sports are very competitive and coaches and players have to work hard to be on top. Gail said she has no plans to retire, but there might be some parents of younger elementary girls disappointed when their child reaches high school. She often gets inquiries from new parents if she will be there to coach their daughter.