



## Bose to Bose

### Eagles Ann and Tori Bose play final season together in high school

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“Bose to Bose for two!” This is a phrase often said by the announcers at Southern Valley girls basketball games. Sisters Ann, a senior, and Tori, a sophomore, are key players for the Eagles varsity squad. This is the second year that the sisters are starting on varsity together.

Playing varsity basketball as siblings can have its challenges, but it is also incredibly rewarding. Ann and Tori enjoy spending time with each other at games and practices while bonding over the sport they both love. The relationship between the sisters has helped them both become better players. Ann explains, “Tori challenges me in practice and is almost always willing to put in the extra work, whether it is showing up early to practice or staying late after.”

The siblings push each other to work hard and be the best they can be for the team. Tori said, “[Ann] helps me by just giving me tips and playing against me outside of practice and going hard against me during practice.”

Like many siblings, Ann and Tori have their disagreements. Ann says that the hardest part of playing with her sister is that sometimes “[Tori] doesn't seem to listen to me when I give her advice or try to tell her something because she can only see me as her sister rather than her teammate.”

Eagles head coach Richard McDonald is aware of the challenges of having siblings on the team. McDonald has learned “the biggest thing is to not compare them to one another. One of the best things I told Tori from early on is that she is not Ann, and I do not expect her to do the same things. As a coach, I just have to remember that they are individuals and not tied to their siblings. They are not the same person, and they do not want to be compared,” said McDonald.

The siblings both play their specific roles on the team and both benefit the team in their own ways. Tori helps to brighten the mood and get the whole team excited for games and practices, whereas Ann encourages people to work harder and push themselves to be the best they can be.

Last year, the Eagles went 21-4, were RPAC champions, and qualified for the state basketball tournament. With Ann and Tori contributing as starters, Southern Valley has continued their success. So far this season, the Eagles are 21-1, were the back-to-back RPAC champions, and are hoping to make another trip to the state tournament.

Because it is the last basketball season Ann and Tori will play together in their high school careers, Tori knows next season will feel different. She said, “I will miss the bond and chemistry we have together on the court.”

Ann is excited about what her college career will bring. She has signed to play basketball at Hastings College. At the same time, Ann said, “I will miss having someone on the court that I know with 100% certainty has put in the work to be great. I will remember constantly butting heads, but constantly having each other's support. Where I am, Tori has always been there.”



LEFT: Ann and Tori play pressure defense against Bertrand. RIGHT: Tori and Ann come off the court at the end of a winning game.