

# Chantee Renouard:

She became known for her defense and turned it into a team strength

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Matchup

Chantee Renouard left with her family from western Washington when she was a ninth grader. They moved to the Bingham High School area and Renouard, a multiple-sport athlete, didn't know what to expect.

It didn't take long for her to find out.

"I learned that Bingham had a lot of tradition and, if you play here, you have a lot to live up to," she said. "Where I came from, it was a small school and everybody made the team. It was a lot different."

She tried out and made Bingham's sophomore basketball team. She also impressed coach Rand Rasmussen enough to start earning varsity playing time the next year. She ended up playing 33 games, scoring 112 points. Renouard said her senior year was the best because she was named one of four team captains, and had a lot of responsibility.

"I got to lead the ladies and carry on our traditions," she said.

Being a captain means playing a lead role in the many off-the-court activities. Renouard said that when you make the Bingham girls basketball team, you become part of a community of girls. Most people only see them on the basketball court, but there's much more.

"There always doing something," said coach Rand Rasmussen, who just finished his 22<sup>nd</sup> year at Bingham. "They have sleepovers, dinners ... and what not. I count on my captains a lot and they know their roles."

On the court, Renouard's role also included being the defensive stopper. Renouard said



Chantee Renouard felt she was one of the team's defensive specialists, a role she was happy to play.

Rasmussen often put her and sophomore Ashton Henderson on an opponent's best offensive player. For the first eight games, Henderson started but Renouard earned plenty of playing time. By the end, the two were almost even.

But Renouard wasn't concerned. In the opener against Jordan, she came off the bench to score 10 points in a 74-29 victory.

"Our team was all about chemistry," she said. "There was no drama and we learned a lot about life's lessons. At the very start, I knew we were an offensive team but I wasn't a shooter, so I got used to reality."

Renouard said one of her favorite memories of the season came in the 5A state tournament opener against Hunter.

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Renouard and Henderson were matched against Hunter's Dezz Ramos, the Wolverines' top scorer who played at Bingham last year was the Miners' top scorer.

"We played a great game against them. We felt like we had something to prove," she said. "I got right into her and it was nice to stop her sometimes."

Bingham won 78-48 to advance to the next round. Ramos still finished with 21 points, but Renouard had a career-high 14, including four three-pointers, and she and Henderson combined to score almost as much as Ramos.

"We are all so pumped up to play that game," she recalled. "Our adrenalin really started rushing and it lasted the whole game."

Another impressive statistic was that Renouard tied for second on the team in steals. At 46 steals, that's 2.0 per game. As a team, Bingham averaged 18 steals, which resulted in a lot of fast breaks and might have been one reason the Miners ranked No. 2 among all 5A schools in scoring.

Renouard said the low points came whenever Bingham lost, which occasionally occurred during an 18-5 season. Part of the captain's jobs, she said, was to console the younger players but also teach them to learn from it.

"Losing is horrible," she said. "If you're competitive, you should never like losing. We all feel that way."

Renouard felt the same way when she played on Bingham's soccer team. She scored eight goals on Bingham's 2010 team that finished 11-5-1 and reached the 5A quarterfinals.

She said she plans to attend Utah State University and try to walk-on to the soccer team. Since athletic success seems to go where she does, Renouard should attract some interest.

## Renouard's highlights

- \* - **Team captain**
- \* - **Best game** was 14-point effort in 5A tourney game vs. Hunter.
- \* - **Tied for second** on team in steals, averaging 2.0/game.
- \* - **Fifth-leading scorer**, averaging 3.5 points/game.
- \* - **Member** of Bingham's girls soccer team.

