

## 1982-83 Cowichan Thunderettes – Basketball

This girls' basketball team made a name for Vancouver Island by winning the provincial high school girls basketball championship against Abbotsford. The dedicated and exceptional athletes lost only two games all season.

The championship game at Simon Fraser University brought out the best in the team. They showcased their drive for good competition, coming back to take the lead after halftime. The girls' sportsmanship never wavered and their dedication led to a victory at the end.

The players were a formidable combination, led by Kim Poland. Their camaraderie matched their incredible talents. Carol Bot, Cathy Roome, Val Larson, Irina Sladeczek and Kim Poland also received many All-Star and MVP awards at the various tournaments throughout the 1982-83 season.

Vancouver Island faced fierce competition from the population base of the mainland teams, but the 1983 Cowichan Thunderettes were able to conquer and bring home the win.

Team members include:

Kim Poland, Carol Bot, Irina Sladeczek, Val Larson, Cathy Roome, Melanie Slade, Sandy Hughes, Shawn Hudson, Inet Sladeczek, Kris Jahelka, Cindy Dodds, managers Susan Lee and Carolyn Warren, coach John Hart and assistant coach Bud Fulton.