

Brief summary of Evidence as a basketball player

I started playing basketball when I was in Grade seven at the age of 13 at Gillingham primary school in Dzivaresekwa. Michael Jordan the most famous basketball player in America inspired me a lot to the extent of me choosing basketball as my favourite sport. Michael Jordan was a man who was unstoppable and he gained support from all over the world. When it all started it was because of fame but as time progressed, I became very passionate about playing basketball.

I did not have the best results at Grade 7 exams - I had 24 units and it was a difficult to get a Form One place at Dzivaresekwa 1 High. It was through the history of playing basketball in primary school that got me a place in 2014. At this point they wanted people who could revive the basketball team at their school because most of the players had completed school. I was the tallest player in our Junior team but I would play as a play maker in the first team. Usually the tall people play at the base as defense. Being a play maker in basketball is a huge task that requires a lot and it gives pressure in a match. A play maker is the one that controls the game. I became the captain for the junior team (under14 in 2014). I used to play as a shooting guard as well when the team wants to have high scores in a match. This helped me to be able to play at any position and I became very flexible. In 2014 I received 2 gold medals and a shield for being the most valuable player for the year in the Warren Park/Mabelreign District. I was selected to be part of the national junior team and I became the Captain of the national Junior team also in 2014.

In the initial stages of playing basketball I did not get much support from my mother. She was totally against the idea of me playing basketball, she always said that was the reason for my lower grades in school. She would not approve of me playing some tournaments. I was offered a scholarship at Harare Girls High School in 2015 but I did not take it because my mother did not approve and that was it. This was a huge setback from my mother but I could not do anything. I know she wanted the best from me academically. At one point I thank her a lot because I could have gotten carried away with basketball as I was still very young. Dzikwa trust supported me in all of the games that I would play. Dzikwa Trust was there when I needed extra support. In 2016 I was given another scholarship at Roosevelt Girls High School. Roosevelt is one of the top ranked girls' high schools in Zimbabwe in academics as well as in sports. I was glad that this time my mother approved. My former school did not approve and they refused to give me a transfer letter. There was a rival between Dzivaresekwa 1 High and Roosevelt as they felt that their teams were being crippled. Top schools in Zimbabwe offer

scholarships to many students who are good in different sporting disciplines so every year the best people are taken away from the local schools. I always wanted to play in one of the best schools for exposure. Playing with the bigger teams exposed me to the best players in Zimbabwe and every day I would learn something new. I would get inspiration every day. The same year I went to Roosevelt I was selected to play in the under twenty youth games which were held in Mutare representing Harare Province and we managed to bring back home gold medals and a personal shield for being the top goal scorer of the match . It was time to showcase my talent at national level. For the first time in history we outwitted the nation's biggest team that was Harare Girls High which had been winning for 3 consecutive years. It was through this tournament that I got to be "the talk of the town in basketball." I enjoyed playing and played very well, also became a role model in my community because most people knew about the scholarship as it was announced at my former school.

I played in Angola and Zambia the same year 2017 representing the national team. We came up with silver medals. When I finished high school last year in 2018, I have 8 gold medals, 2 silver medals, a number certificates, and shields for being the Most Valuable Player in most tournaments which were held.

Soon after my high school I received an invitation from one of the best club teams in Zimbabwe called Vixens. I gladly took the offer. Since I joined Vixens team I have played a lot of tournaments representing Zimbabwe in Swaziland, Malawi and Zambia and being able to bring back home gold and silver medals. We are going to play in Zambia on the 22nd of March 2019 in the club championship. I am hoping for the best.

Currently, I am volunteering at Dzikwa coaching the girls' basketball team. I am glad to be sharing my knowledge of basketball and skills that I have acquired so far. Already they won their first match in 2019 and I am proud of that!