

BP sisters honored during Wolves game

The Minnesota Timberwolves and the Fastbreak Foundation honored two Brooklyn Park sisters as Heroes in the Making at a Timberwolves game Friday, Jan. 23.

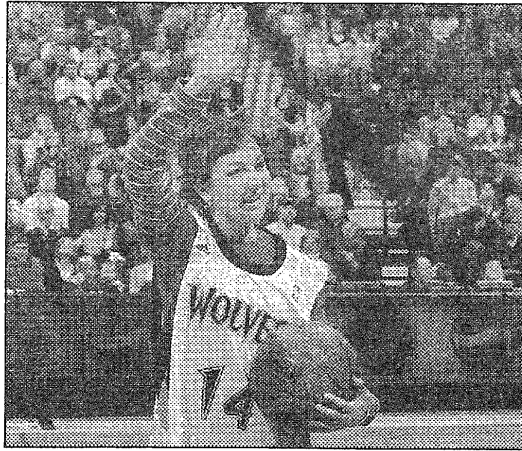
Olivia, 13, and Traci Maccoux, 18, suffer from different chronic illnesses they developed during childhood.

Olivia has grown up with hydrocephalus, a condition marked by fluid buildup on the brain which can cause mental disability, seizures and an enlarged skull. She has undergone 80 surgeries, many of them on her scalp to install a shunt to drain excess fluid.

Traci suffers from Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, which is characterized by chronic pain, swelling and changes to the skin and muscle atrophy.

Though Traci was unable to attend the Jan. 23 Timberwolves game against the New Orleans Hornets, Olivia received a glowing ovation from the Target Center crowd during the second quarter.

"I just try to keep going, try and do as much normal things as possible, like



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Olivia Maccoux, 13, of Brooklyn Park stands on the court during the second quarter of the Friday, Jan. 23, Minnesota Timberwolves game against the New Orleans Hornets. Olivia and her sister, Traci, 18, who both have chronic illnesses, were honored by the Timberwolves and the Fastbreak Foundation as Heroes in the Making during the month of January.

this kind of thing, just fun things you get to look forward to," Olivia said.

The Timberwolves and the Fastbreak Foundation honored children with chronic illnesses as Heroes in the Making throughout the month of January.