There were short lived women's professional leagues prior to the WNBA. The Women's Professional Basketball League in 1978-80, the Ladies Professional Basketball Association in 1980-81, the Women's Basketball League in 1980-81, and the Women's American Basketball Association in 1984 included players from iowa high schools.



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