

2013-14 Area High School Basketball Preview



Fayette High School basketball seniors (l to r): Rudy Williams, Keonna Bush, Kenzie Smentkowski, Natalie Kimball, Kyreon Lee and Collin O'Connell

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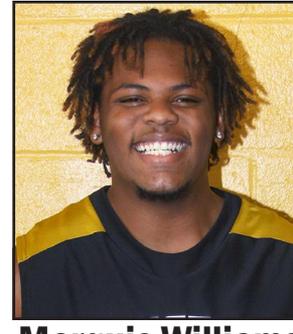
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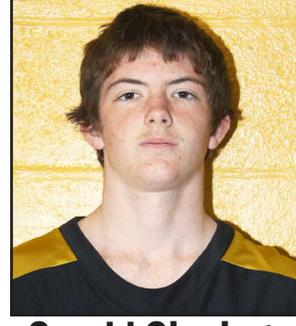
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Ben Pallardy
Head Coach



Williams powers youthful Falcons under new head coach

There is something different about this year's Fayette boys basketball team.

For starters, it all begins with a new head coach. Ben Pallardy takes over this season for Chris Kendrick, who spent five years at the helm of the Falcons and averaged almost 18 wins a season in Fayette. Pallardy takes over the Falcons after spending the past three years just down the road at Central Methodist University, where he was the Eagles' junior varsity coach for three years.

Another glaring difference with this year's Falcons compared to years past is the team's depth. After years of having roughly a couple dozen players dress out, the cupboard will be a little bare this season for Pallardy. Fayette will dress just 14 players in grades 9-12, but Pallardy said all 14 will dress for varsity games.

"We are top heavy," Pallardy said. "I would say some of our older guys are very good, but we'll have some freshmen come in and contribute. I think we can be pretty balanced."

One thing Pallardy will surely have working in his favor this season is the return of senior Rudy Williams. As a junior, Williams averaged nearly a double-double with

18.1 points per game and 9.6 rebounds per contest. As one of two seniors on this year's team, Williams will not only be a leader on the floor, but he'll also be a vocal leader for this year's Falcons. He will be the top focus of Fayette's opponents this season.

"I want him to become an everyday player," Pallardy said. "Every practice he brings it, every game he bring it. That will help him when he goes to the next level. His talent is already there. I think he can roll out of bed and average 20 points a game. His level of dedication has to be there to lead us to be where I think we can be."

Pallardy will change things in Fayette's offense this season, running a "read and react" offense. His plans are to tailor what Williams does well into Fayette's offense. The luxury of that is Williams is far from being one-dimensional, and with teams focusing their attention to him, it will open things for the other four players on the floor.

"He obviously has a great post-up game," Pallardy said. "If they don't double team him, I expect him to score, pretty much every time. He can play on the perimeter, so we can take advantage of mismatches. He's a great cutter. Overall, I think he fits

very well into what we're trying to do offensively."

Fayette's other senior, Collin O'Connell, comes back as the team's second-leading scorer returning from last season. Unfortunately, Fayette will be without him for a portion of the season. O'Connell played in the season opener at New Franklin, but the following day he had surgery on his right knee, an injury that's been nagging him since the start of the football season. O'Connell could miss the entire month of December, but when he returns, he'll be a welcomed addition.

"He's going to be very versatile," Pallardy said. "With Collin, he's definitely got the meat to be able to guard bigger players, and that's what I really like. He's quick enough to guard a guard and he's strong enough to guard a post. Offensively, he's very smart. He can get hot from three and is a very streaky shooter. When we get him back to full strength — hopefully sooner than later — it'll be like teams who made that mid-season trade."

Davis Valencia will step into a starting role this season. The junior comes in as one of Fayette's 3-point shooting threats

and averaged nearly three points per game last year off the bench. He is also a couple inches taller than he was a year ago, which will make him one of the taller guards in the area at 6-foot-2.

"You can tell, when he's feeling it and has that confidence, he's as good of a shooter as anybody," Pallardy said. "He's got to keep that confidence going. He should shoot a good clip. He's another guy that's a very smart player. He understands what we're trying to do and he knows how to take advantage of the offense."

With O'Connell out for the first month of the season, that allows some extensive playing time for junior Marquis Williams in the post. Last year, Fayette had plenty of depth inside, so Williams served mostly as a role player. Now he has a chance to pick up plenty of playing time and will be a key figure in the post this year.

"I think Marquis is going to be the beneficiary of so much attention being on Rudy," Pallardy said. "He'll be an undersized center, in terms of height, but he'll be able to clean up around the 15-foot area. He's also

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a very good rebounder. You can't move Marquis. He's as strong as anybody I've seen in high school. He's going to get into position if he works hard."

Lane Ball was one of two freshmen to see varsity action a year ago, and his role is going to grow even more this year. Pallardy said Ball won't be one of Fayette's top scorers, but he'll be considered as a "glue guy" on the defensive end. He was also impressed this preseason with Ball's intensity he brings to the team.

"He works his butt off all the time, especially on the defensive end," Pallardy said. "He'll match up a lot on the other team's better guards. Offensively, he drives hard and he'll draw a lot of fouls. Hopefully he'll knock down some open shots."

For junior Coltin Lewis, this year will be his time to step up, Pallardy said. Lewis has been one of the primary guards at the JV level the past two seasons, but he'll get to cut his teeth quite a bit at the varsity level this year. Pallardy said Lewis could see some spot starts from time to time this season.

"Coltin has a good shot when he shoots it in rhythm," Pallardy said. "He's got solid fundamentals. He's another guy who has been working his tail off all year. He does everything that we ask of him. I think he's going to help us a lot."

For the most part in past years, Fayette has had the luxury of breaking in freshmen at JV, not needing them to play big minutes until their sophomore or junior years. That won't be the case this season. Tommy Phil-

lips will be Fayette's starting point guard this season, which will be a huge undertaking for the freshman. Pallardy said he's going to ask a lot out of him, but he's been doing well this preseason.

"To start at point guard as a freshman is a tough gig," Pallardy said. "I think he has the ability to do it, physically. Mentally, he has a lot of growing to do, and I think he'll figure it out. I think you're going to see a totally different player out of Tommy at the end of the year than you did at the beginning. He's got the ability to be a solid player this year."

Robby Robinson was the starting point guard last season for Fayette's eighth-grade team, but he'll be more of a shooting guard this season. Pallardy said he will be undersized at the varsity level this year, but his fundamentals are there.

"As the season goes on, I expect Robby to really get himself into that rotation down the line," Pallardy said.

Fayette's third freshman, Ahmad McCutcheon, is an athlete who fires on all cylinders all the time. Pallardy said his best asset on the team is his defense, and instead of trying to go for steals every time, he's learning to slide his feet and to defend in the half-court.

"The sky's the limit for Ahmad," Pallardy said. "His potential is unlimited and he's an unbelievable athlete. He just needs to learn the finer points of basketball. I think he can really help us."

Pallardy said two other players to come off the bench for Fayette this season will be Sam Moore and Zech Burks. He said Moore works really hard on the defensive end and can come into a game if he can take care

FAYETTE FALCONS



2012-13 RECORD: 18-10 overall, 8-2 in Lewis & Clark Conference (2nd place)

PLAYOFF RESULT: Lost 82-34 to Salisbury in Class 2 District 7 Tournament championship

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: 5th place — Glasgow Tournament; 6th place — New Franklin Tournament; 4th place — Slater Wildcat Classic.

KEY LOSSES: Rashad Jackman (10.2 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 2.2 spg); Zach Cook (6.9 ppg, 4.0 apg, 2.2 spg); Ben Harris (4.2 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 1.7 apg).

KEY RETURNERS: Rudy Williams: sr., 6'4" (18.1 ppg, 9.6 rpg, 2.0 bpg); Collin O'Connell: sr., 6'0" (4.9 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 1.5 bpg); Davis Valencia: jr., 6'2" (2.9 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 1.5 apg).

of the ball on offense. Burks is another all-around athlete for Fayette who is extremely quick. Pallardy said he will find his way into games this season.

The "read and react" offense will be based on a pass and cut system. Pallardy said at times, he might have five guys on the perimeter, and other times he might go with the traditional three outside and two inside. He said their offense will change based on the matchups they'll face.

Defensively, Pallardy said he likes to go man-to-man, but this year's team will play a lot of zone defense as well. Bottom line, Pallardy said he wants his defense to be very similar to that of another area high school.

"I think if you ask anybody in the state, they'll say Glasgow is one of the premiere defensive teams, especially for a small school," Pallardy said. "The way they de-

pend, that's the best way to defend. You force contested jumpers, you rebound and then you go. With our athleticism, I think we'll get some spot steals just because we'll jump the passing lanes and we're that quick. Our philosophy is to stay solid, force contested jump shots and then make sure we're in position to rebound the ball."

The Lewis & Clark Conference looks to be pretty tough again this year. Salisbury won the Class 2 state championship in March and loses many key players off that team, but the Panthers are still going to be the team to beat, having won the conference the past three seasons.

Fayette has finished second to Salisbury the past three years as well, but some teams will be looking to knock the Falcons off that

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Mike James
Head Coach

Lady Falcons set to have balanced attack this season

The Fayette girls basketball team is looking to make the best of a roster that returns some four-year veterans with a mix of young and eager faces.

Fayette head coach Mike James wants to come out and surprise teams this year after Fayette finished 6-19 last season. The Lady Falcons return a pair of starters, will bring up some young players ready to go and add a transfer player at a position that desperately needed to be filled.

"We will fly under the radar a little bit,"

James said. "That might hurt us early, but we have a team of girls with a good senior class and a real good sophomore class. Hopefully it goes well and hopefully we get a little better each time out."

Fayette lost three seniors from last year's squad, but all three received All-Conference honors. Looking to fill some of that void this year is sophomore Haleigh Strotzman. As a freshman, Strotzman averaged 5.4 points per game and 6.3 rebounds a game, but that was as the No. 2 post player behind Cait-

lin Wells, who averaged close to a double-double. Strotzman shot 44 percent from the floor, which is one attribute James wants to see continue out of her.

"She's one of those girls we threw right into the mix last year because we felt like she was capable of doing it," James said. "She took the challenge and she was our third-leading scorer as a freshman. She has a mid-range game, which some of our post players don't have. She's improved, and it's not even recognizable compared to the play-

er she was last year. We need big things out of her. She's a good season away from being a dominant player."

Also returning to the starting lineup is senior Kenzie Smentkowski, a three-year varsity player. Smentkowski will be Fayette's top 3-point threat again this season, but James said expect a better shooting percentage. She made 38 threes a year ago, but he would like to cut down her attempts, which

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came to be 183 shots last season. After scoring 5.2 points per game as a junior, she'll be Fayette's No. 2 guard this season.

"She'll be our No. 1 outside threat and we'll run plays for her," James said. "Through the first couple weeks of practice, she's worked harder than anyone. I think she's going to have a solid year. She's always been an All-Conference softball player, but never been an All-Conference or All-District basketball player. If she gets her numbers up, I think she'll get some recognition."

After last season, it appeared Smentkowski was going to transition and be the starting point guard this season. However, with senior Natalie Kimball transferring to Fayette from Iberia, that move won't be necessary. Kimball will take over as the Lady Falcons' starting point guard and plays a similar style of game like Kennzie Thornton, Fayette's point guard last season.

"What she brings to the table is some pretty good ball-handling," James said. "She's an aggressive player who knows how to play, which I think is her No. 1 attribute. She can take it to the rim, she can knock down a three and she can find people on the drive, whether it's at the post or she kicks it to a shooter. We lost our two big guards last year, but with her coming in, I don't think we're going to miss them quite as much."

Kyreon Lee was one of the first players off the bench last season, but she will slide into a starting role at the No. 3 position. She's filled in as a forward in the past, grabbing three rebounds a game last season, and drew enough contact inside to get to the line to shoot 46 free throws, third best on the team.

"She had a really good summer," James

said. "She scored more points this summer than I've ever seen her score. I'm hoping that carries over. She's the best athlete we probably have on the team. She's scrappy and strong. She's been a good leader for us so far. Last year was the first time she got significant playing time and she'll build from that and have a good season."

As for the final starting spot, sophomore Clara Beaman is a prime candidate to take that position at No. 4. Beaman missed the softball season after suffering a nagging ankle injury toward the end of the track season, but she's back at full strength now. James said Beaman is just ready to get back into action.

"I like the way she is looking, but you can tell she missed some time," James said. "All in all, she's a competitor and a great kid. She just has to get to where she can trust that ankle. I can see us limiting her a bit early in the season, but we'll play her more minutes as the year moves along. She's not a typical post player and she can step out and shoot the ball a little bit. We like her versatility."

James said if Fayette faces a team that likes to play a zone defense, sophomore Gracen Ripley may get a start. She will be another 3-point threat for the Lady Falcons and shoots well from long range against a zone. Ripley missed nine games last season because of a knee injury, but she made a big shot to seal a road win at Atlanta in January.

"This is a big year for her," James said. "She's going to have to play some minutes this year and she's going to be productive. She's a good-sized player too, height-wise. I think next year will be her real big year to break out, but she's definitely going to play a role for us this year. If we face a zone, you're going to see her and Kennzie bombing away (from three)."

A third player looking to take that fifth starting spot or be one of the first players

FAYETTE LADY FALCONS



2012-13 RECORD: 6-19 overall, 3-7 in Lewis & Clark Conference (5th place)

PLAYOFF RESULT: Lost 46-30 to Salisbury in Class 2 District 7 Tournament quarterfinals

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: T-7th place — Glasgow Tournament; 5th place — New Franklin Tournament; 8th place — Slater Wildcat Classic.

KEY LOSSES: Caitlin Wells (10.2 ppg, 9.9 rpg, 2.2 bpg); Kennzie Thornton (6.9 ppg, 2.5 apg, 2.2 spg); Kenya Johnson (4.2 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 2.4 apg).

KEY RETURNERS: Haleigh Strodman: soph., 5'11" (5.4 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 1.3 bpg); Kennzie Smentkowski: sr., 5'5" (2.3 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 1.6 spg); Kyreon Lee: sr., 5'6" (2.4 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 1.6 spg).

off the bench is sophomore Clara Lutz. She didn't play a whole lot of varsity minutes as a freshman, but she will see her playing time increase at the post position.

"We're not going to ask her to do a lot of scoring," James said. "We want her to rebound, we want her to defend, we want her to be able to put back an offensive rebound. If she can do those things, I think she'll be very valuable."

Freshman Grace Boulden will be one of three freshmen to dress at the varsity level for Fayette. James said she played herself into some significant minutes this summer and that will continue into the regular season.

"I think she's going to surprise people," James said. "The girl is an athlete. She's quick, she's aggressive, she's smart and she has a knack to score, which is something we've lacked in the past few years. I'm hoping she can come off the bench and spark us. It would not shock me, if she keeps developing, that she eventually works her way into

the starting lineup at some point."

Tiffany Ray returns for her junior year after sitting out last season with knee injuries. James said she has really improved and can come in and fill a role for the team. Other freshmen like Maddi Duren and Abbie Jefferies will also come off the bench. Duren was the point guard for the eighth-grade team last year and will also play some junior varsity to help develop herself at that role. Jefferies has potential to be a really good shooter, James said.

James said he is also hopeful to get senior Keonna Bush back on the court. Bush missed all of last season after tearing her ACL as a sophomore. James is hopeful to have Bush back around Christmas time, and if she is able to return, Fayette adds another outside shooting threat in which most teams have forgotten.

"She was probably playing the best basketball of her life when she got hurt a year

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Jim Schlotzhauer
Head Coach



White, New Franklin boys look to take giant leap this year

This year's New Franklin boys basketball team has been in the making for a few years. Now that the experience is there, the Bulldogs are ready to be on the attack for the 2013-14 season.

New Franklin may have lost its star player with the departure of Tyler White, but the Bulldogs return just about every key player this season, including a few key additions.

"Tyler was a great player for us for two years," New Franklin head coach Jim Schlotzhauer said. "We could depend on him for a lot on the offensive end. This year I see

us having a very balanced attack led by his brother, Tanner."

Tanner White averaged 11.9 points per game as a sophomore, but the chances will be there for him to average closer to the 18.8 points per game his older brother had a year ago. He will be New Franklin's starting point guard, and not only is he likely to lead to the team in scoring, but he also can lead the team in assists as well.

"I really thought Tanner enjoyed playing with his brother," Schlotzhauer said. "However, I believe Tanner will be a much different

player when his brother is not on the court. I think that he naturally deferred to his brother, whereas this year he does not have to do that. He is more than ready to accept the role of being our playmaker. You can expect to see the ball in his hands a lot of the time, both to score, and to set up our other players."

On 15 occasions last season, Tanner White was New Franklin's second-leading scorer, each time behind his older brother. Three times he led New Franklin in scoring. Now that he will become the go-to scorer as a guard, Schlotzhauer expects opposing teams

to shift their attention from one brother to the other.

"Teams will certainly scheme against Tanner with the ball being in his hands so much, but we trust him to make solid decisions with the ball," Schlotzhauer said. "If they allow him to put up higher numbers, I think he will. If they try to stop him, he is an unselfish player who will drop it off to his teammates. It's up to (his teammates) to make the plays he sets them up for."

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Just as important as returning a playmaker like White, New Franklin returns all of its inside post players from last year. Leading the way for the Bulldogs in that department is senior Tyler Hull. Hull averaged 7.5 points and 7.0 rebounds last season and he's added some bulk to his frame. He also led the Bulldogs last season by shooting 52.3 percent from the field.

"Tyler Hull should have a very productive season for us," Schlotzhauer said. "He is one of the better players in the area, athletically. We will count on him to score in the post at a high percentage, rebound the ball at a very high rate and guard multiple positions on the other end."

Also rejoining Hull on the other block is senior Ryley Lyons, who Schlotzhauer said is still feeling some of the effects while recovering from knee surgery. Lyons is wanting to stay on the court the entire season and gives New Franklin a second starter that stands 6-foot-3-inches tall.

"Ryley has worked out very hard through the offseason to add bulk and quickness," Schlotzhauer said. "He is a load inside and has worked on his 15-foot jumper as well. We expect him to play on the perimeter and in the post offensively and to guard the other team's post players."

Moving back outside to the perimeter, New Franklin will start a third senior with Dalton Welbern at the No. 2 guard position. Welbern gives New Franklin a scrappy look with his on-ball defense, and offensively, he is a likely candidate for the Bulldogs to have

the ball down the stretch in close games after shooting 79 percent from the free-throw line last season.

"Dalton is a gym rat who really wants to be successful," Schlotzhauer said. "Dalton should be able to stretch the floor for us against teams who try to keep it out of the paint. He has been working hard in practice to guard the perimeter better than last year as well."

A player working his way into the starting lineup is sophomore Ronnie Perkins. By no means is Perkins going to have the chore of being expected to fill Tyler White's shoes this year, but he'll fill that starting spot this year. Schlotzhauer said Perkins will be one of the team's best perimeter defenders and he can also drive the lane to the lane on the offensive end.

"Ronnie is one of our best on-ball defenders," Schlotzhauer said. "He is someone we look to gain confidence on the offensive end as the season progresses. He has a great motor that everyone on the team appreciates."

New Franklin's bench is going to be as loaded as it has been in several years. One of the first players off the bench could be sophomore Jacob Hendrix. As a freshman, Hendrix had a tough time adjusting to the varsity level after dominating the junior high basketball scene as an eighth grader. Now that he has been through those growing pains, he will make the Bulldogs just as strong, if not stronger, in the paint when he enters the game.

"Jake will be in the post rotation with Hull and Lyons," Schlotzhauer said. "For now, these three (Hull, Lyons and Hendrix)

NEW FRANKLIN BULLDOGS



2012-13 RECORD: 13-13 overall, 6-6 in Central Activities Conference (4th place)

PLAYOFF RESULT: Lost 72-61 to Fayette in Class 2 District 7 Tournament quarterfinals

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: 4th place — Glasgow Tournament; 5th place — New Franklin Tournament; 5th place — Sturgeon Tournament.

KEY LOSS: Tyler White (18.8 ppg, 6.1 rpg, 2.9 apg).

KEY RETURNERS: Tanner White: jr., 5'11" (11.9 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 2.8 apg); Tyler Hull: sr., 6'3" (7.5 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 0.8 bpg); Dalton Welbern: sr., 5'6" (5.7 ppg, 1.7 apg).

will divvy up the time in the post. Jake has improved his defense to where we feel like he can guard at the varsity level. He is a good athlete with nice touch. Hopefully our guards can get him some easy looks to build his confidence early in the season."

New Franklin has two transfer players who are welcome additions to the roster. The first player, sophomore Blake Carleton, won't be eligible until after Christmas. However, once he comes back, Schlotzhauer said he has a chance to possibly crack the starting lineup as a forward. That gives New Franklin four strong post players, and until he returns, Carleton can only help the other forwards as a scout forward and guard them in practice.

"It was a pleasant surprise to have Blake come back," Schlotzhauer said. "He is a very coachable player who I had in seventh grade. Blake will be an inside-outside threat. He

is not yet as athletic as our other posts, but he is very crafty in the way he plays. He's a great asset on our team, even though he is only practicing currently. He is pushing others to get better and trying to earn a spot on our team."

The other transfer player, sophomore Jerrod Riley, comes to New Franklin after playing one season in Fayette. Riley was the only freshman to start the 2012-13 season on the Falcons' varsity roster and he will come off the bench to give the Bulldogs some depth as a shooting guard.

"Jerrod Riley is a shooter who is working on his defense," Schlotzhauer said. "Jerrod will definitely get in the rotation with his offensive abilities, but he needs to play at our pace before he receives a lot of time. When

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Chris McGowan
Head Coach



Locked and loaded, Lady Bulldogs prepare for big year

It sounds improbable, but the New Franklin girls basketball team returns six starters for the 2013-14 season. And yes, the rules still state that only five players can be on the court at one time.

The Lady Bulldogs return all five starters after going 20-8 last season on a team that reached a district championship game for the first time since 2009. And they also bring back a player who started before missing a majority of last season with an injury. With a team that returns 99 percent of its scoring, the sky appears to be the limit for this New Franklin team.

"Bringing back an entire team is certainly a luxury," New Franklin head coach Chris McGowan said. "We have been able to spend more of our early season practices on individual skill development, and we have spent less time on putting in an offense and defense. Everyone understands their individual roles within the team because they have been there before."

More than half of the players on the team are coming off a Final Four appearance at the state softball playoffs, where the Lady Bulldogs finished in fourth place. McGowan said while it's great to see his girls win at a

higher level — albeit in a different sport — he hopes success like that will carry into the winter months on the basketball court.

"Hopefully it helps the basketball team in late February, because the girls know what kind of effort it takes to advance through the playoffs," McGowan said. "I think they understand what sacrificing for the good of the team is all about now, so hopefully that attitude will continue."

New Franklin returns a senior duo that will likely reached the 1,000-point plateau this season. If they continue to play as well as they have in their first three years, four-time All-Conference honors will also be in their future.

The first player expected to reach 1,000 career points is forward Jasmyne Boggs, who averaged a double-double last year with 11.6 points and 11.2 rebounds per game. The Mid-Missouri region is loaded with some top talent among forwards, but when you throw in the 3.9 block per contest as well, Boggs appears to be one of the biggest inside presences on both sides of the court.

"Jasmyne attracts a lot of attention in the post," McGowan said. "Other teams must account for her presence. She has always

done a tremendous job of getting our other players open shots and has been very unselfish throughout her career. In our big games, we need her to be a force for us inside and be the best player on the court."

But before Boggs can score inside, she needs someone to handle the ball and get it to her. That's where Aly Hundley will come in. New Franklin's senior point guard will likely crack 1,000 points later this season, but her all-around numbers speak greater volumes. In addition to scoring 10.6 points a game last year, Hundley led the Lady Bulldogs in assists (4.6) and steals (3.0) and rebounded pretty well for a point guard (3.7). McGowan described Hundley as being a second coach on the floor.

"Aly is asked to do a lot for us," McGowan said. "In order for us to reach our fullest potential, we need Aly to be good every night. She doesn't have to lead us in points, but she needs to get everyone on the same page and get us into our sets offensively and defensively. She does so many things that don't show up in a stat sheet that are very important to our success."

Another returning starter for New Franklin is junior Madi Lyons, who quietly aver-

aged 9.8 points and 4.8 rebounds a year ago. At the No. 3 position and standing 5-foot-10-inches tall, Lyons is a threat to score anywhere inside 21 feet from the basket. McGowan said he will be looking for more consistency from Lyons this year.

"She is streaky offensively and can carry us at times," McGowan said. "I think she will be more relaxed and confident this year because of the experience she has gained the last couple of years. If she corrals her intensity and emotion and becomes more consistent, she is going to be a very good player over the next two years for us."

Aislinn Himmelberg would lead most area basketball teams in scoring, but with the supporting cast she has in New Franklin, she settled for 6.9 points a game last year. However, McGowan said her inconsistency the past couple of years has kept her numbers from being much higher. Her 33-percent shooting performance will need to go up a notch or two this season.

"She is a very good on-ball defender who is at her best in transition," McGowan said. "If she can hit a couple of open jumpers for

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us each game, she will make a big difference for us on offense."

The fifth returning starter, junior Derian Dodson, joins Boggs inside at the post. Her primary role last year came defensively as a rebounder, finishing second on the team with 6.7 boards a game. Should Boggs get into foul trouble during a game, look for Dodson to slide over and fill her role for a time.

"We would like her to become more comfortable handling the ball on offense and at times would like to make her our primary post," McGowan said. "She has really developed over the last year or two and we hope that continues."

As a sophomore, Kalani Pihana was a starter for the Lady Bulldogs. However, as a junior last season, she only played in eight games due to a knee injury. Now that everything is healed and she's back to 100 percent, Pihana will be a sixth man off the bench for New Franklin. If she's the first person off the bench in a game, McGowan is practically subbing a starter for another starter. And in case some teams have forgotten, Pihana was a prominent set shooter before her injury.

"When she is in the game, she makes it hard for the opponent to double our post players," McGowan said. "She also does a good job of understanding what it is we are trying to accomplish offensively and makes the right reads the majority of the time. She is a very dependable player who we are very happy to have back this year."

Senior Sara Montgomery is another strong asset coming off the bench for New Franklin. Her speed and quickness are two of her stronger attributes, which make her ideal to guard the ball-handler during a press. It wouldn't be a surprise to see her score higher than her average of 1.4 points a game last season.

"We would like her to be able to hit open jump shots on offense and continue to move

the ball when we need to," McGowan said. "She will play a lot of minutes for us off the bench this year."

New Franklin's fifth senior, Abigail Prewitt, will be the first post player off the bench this season. Her impact will be felt more so on the defensive end when she enters the game. Another forward coming off the bench will be sophomore Jordan Winingham, who is also versatile enough to step out from the basket to become an offensive threat.

While New Franklin is also stacked in regards to guard play, a couple other guards could see some action. Sophomore Molly Lyons and freshman Cassie Armentrout will see some time off the bench. Lyons can shoot the ball and has a knack for being in the correct spot on defense. Armentrout has been working hard this preseason and is looking to become a dependable shooter, McGowan said.

If there is one thing New Franklin has on its side, it's having plenty of experience. Returning a familiar roster is a strength few teams get to experience at any point, but the Lady Bulldogs bring back a group of players that have won a lot the previous year. No need to worry about rebuilding this season.

"This group has played a lot of basketball over the years together and hopefully that helps throughout the year," McGowan said.

If New Franklin wants to win the Central Activities Conference, there's no time better than the present. New Franklin took second place last season behind Sturgeon, but the other CAC Bulldogs lost quite a bit from last year's district championship team. McGowan admits it will come down to the usual four — Cairo, Glasgow, New Franklin, Sturgeon — but he wouldn't go as far as to say which team is a frontrunner this year.

"There are some good teams at the top of this conference and each of those games should be competitive," McGowan said. "It is one of our goals to win this conference,

NEW FRANKLIN LADY BULLDOGS



2012-13 RECORD: 20-8 overall, 9-3 in Central Activities Conference (2nd place)

PLAYOFF RESULT: Lost 42-33 to Sturgeon in Class 2 District 7 Tournament championship

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: 3rd place — Glasgow Tournament; 2nd place — New Franklin Tournament; 3rd place — Sturgeon Tournament.

KEY LOSSES: None.

KEY RETURNERS: **Jasmyne Boggs:** sr., 6'1" (11.6 ppg, 11.2 rpg, 3.9 bpg); **Aly Hundley:** sr., 5'8" (10.6 ppg, 4.6 apg, 3.0 spg); **Madi Lyons:** jr., 5'10" (9.8 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 2.2 spg).

but I'm sure it is also the goal of the other top teams of the conference, so we will just have to see how it all plays out."

One issue that has been a thorn in New Franklin's side has been its performance in big-time games. While the Lady Bulldogs were a 20-win team last season, when they played against other 20-win programs, they finished with a 2-8 record in those contests. In addition, New Franklin has been in eight tournament championship games over the past four seasons, but they haven't managed to bring home a first-place trophy in any of them.

"I think in the past we have worked hard enough to win big games, but we have not executed very well offensively in some of those games and have turned the ball over too many times or settled for too many contested shots in order to be successful," McGowan said. "I think having been in that atmosphere should help us going forward this season. I would like to think we won't just panic and make a blind pass or shoot a bad shot. Instead, we would like to handle the pressure and make the correct play. Playing good teams always makes a team better, so hopefully that pays off for us this year."

To try to overcome that, McGowan said

he would like to see his team improve its offensive efficiency. With the roster New Franklin has, the ability to score 50 points a game is there for the taking. If the shot selection improves, that's something that will likely improve as well. In addition, McGowan hopes to find a secondary ball-handler this season aside from Hundley. It's not only for down the line, but it also give Hundley more chances to score and set things up for others away from the ball.

New Franklin landed the No. 1 seed in the Glasgow Tournament, so they expectations are already high for this team. If the Lady Bulldogs don't put a first-place trophy from any tournament in a display case this year, it would be a big disappointment. But then again, this team likely has loftier goals in mind for this season.

"No goal worth reaching or being proud of is easy to attain," McGowan said. "We have to accept the challenge in front of us as a group, play together, and dedicate ourselves to working for those goals and we will have a chance. At the end of the year, all we can ask for is a chance, and we have to prepare ourselves throughout the year with a sense of urgency to take advantage of the opportunity in front of us."

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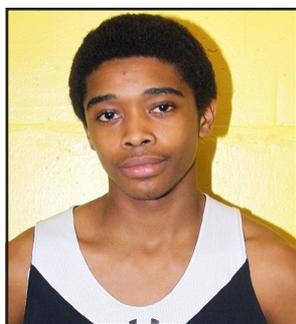
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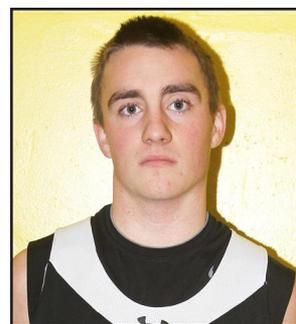
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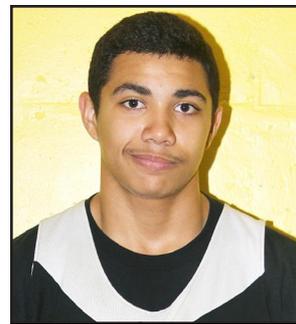
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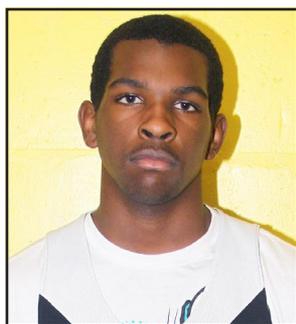
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Mick Cropp
Head Coach

Glasgow set to overcome inexperience after strong year

It doesn't seem to matter who the Glasgow boys basketball team loses to graduation year after year. The Yellowjackets, time and time again, have found a way to overcome the obstacles and return just as strong the following season.

That might be a little tougher task than usual for Glasgow heading into the 2013-14 season.

Glasgow head coach Mick Cropp will certainly have his work cut out for him, returning just one starter from a team that reached the Class 1 state sectionals and lost an important group of seniors last season. Cropp said trying to find the right roles and the right niche for this team in a varsity game is going to be the challenge this year.

"I don't think I've ever relied on as many freshmen as I may rely on this year, or as many unproven varsity players as I'm going to have to rely on this year," Cropp said. "Playing the type of schedule we play is going to make it difficult, but at the same time, we have a lot of kids who have been playing together and practicing together the past few years. Sometimes that has a way of just carrying over."

Glasgow will have to replace four All-

Conference players in its starting lineup and the stats that go along with them. More importantly, Cropp said the hardest thing to replace from that senior class is its leadership.

"It was the deepest, most balanced class I've lost," Cropp said.

The one starter returning for Glasgow is junior Blake Hackman, a two-time All-Conference point guard for the Yellowjackets. Hackman averaged 9.1 points per game last season and is the top returner in several statistical categories. Cropp said Hackman will be a key leader this season, as he is the one player who returns with the most big game experience.

"He's going to have to carry a lot of the load for us, as far as being aggressive, scoring and getting guys in the right places at the right times," Cropp said. "He's definitely going to have to be vocal."

Glasgow forwards always seem to come in twos. Last year, it was Reid Littrell and Joel Monnig. This year, it's seniors Landon Brand and Josh Sanders. Cropp said they are capable of doing almost as much as the forwards Glasgow lost, but it's going to take time for them to get comfortable.

"The shots that they may make at the end

of the year, they may miss at the beginning of the year, just because they'll be moving too fast and not getting settled," Cropp said. "They won't be everything we lost, because they're not the same kids, but I think they can really help close the gap from what we lost."

Other than Hackman, Brand is the only returner to play in all 29 games last season. Monnig and Littrell played a majority of each game, so Brand's minutes limited him to 2.8 points per game and 2.1 rebounds a game. Cropp said he brings a ton of energy to this team and is very athletic.

"He runs the floor really well," Cropp said. "We want to try to get eight to 10 points a game off easy transition baskets. He's the ring leader on that. When we get a rebound, he's gone. And he's a very versatile defender. He guards like Dillon (Yung), where he guards both guards and post players."

Just like Brand, Sanders didn't see quite so many minutes on the floor, but that will surely change this year. While playing in 17 games last season, Sanders averaged 3.7 points per game. He will fill the other starting forward position for Glasgow.

"He's got a fairly soft touch," Cropp said. "He just has a hard time sometimes just getting the ball to go down. It's going to be a matter of him being physical, getting good position and putting the ball up softly and hopefully getting it to go in. And then he needs to play good defense on the other end, because our post players are important to us."

Senior Alex Mathews would have started for most teams last season, but with Glasgow's depth at the guard position, his minutes came in small portions here and there. It's getting to be a broken record, saying that his numbers will increase this year as well, but his impact will be felt on the defensive end and as a passer on offense.

"He was in the rotation at the beginning of the year last year when Austin Stockhorst was hurt and he struggled early," Cropp said. "But he came in and gave us good minutes, and you could tell he was starting to get more comfortable. That's going to be pretty much a general theme for this team. The more and more we get comfortable, I think we'll get more competitive."

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Hackman may very well end up leading Glasgow in scoring, but Cropp said he has someone else in mind as Glasgow's "shooter." That role falls upon junior Daniel McMillan. The Yellowjackets graduated three legitimate 3-point shooters and McMillan will step in to try and fill that role as best he can.

"He needs to knock down some shots from the outside," Cropp said. "He can definitely get hot and knock down a lot of shots. He needs to do a good job playing good defense."

They may not be in the starting lineup, but Cropp will bring three freshmen off the bench for some key varsity minutes. One of those players will be Hayden Hackman, an athletic kid who will see more and more minutes as the season moves along.

"He's plays really hard and he crashes the boards really well for a guard," Cropp said. "He reminds me a lot of Jimmie (Wilson) in his ability to rebound as a guard. He slashes well and once the game slows down for him, he's really going to be a benefit for us."

Kennedy Davis is another freshman who will see varsity action. Cropp said he's been working really hard in the weight room and works hard on his post game.

"He's a confident kid around the basket," Cropp said. "He's not afraid to put the ball up."

The third freshman, Adam Monnig, is more of an athletic post player. Cropp said he will have to improve on his strength in the post.

"As a group, they're going to get more minutes than any freshmen I've ever had," Cropp said. "I don't believe in bringing freshmen up just to let them sit, so they're going to play. They're going to get a lot of

good experience. They have to learn the speed and intensity in which the game has to be played. They're just going to have to get out there and learn it on the fly. There's no other way to learn it."

Senior Austin Speiser and junior Clay Littrell are a pair of guards who will also come off the bench this season. Both can shoot the ball pretty decent, but Cropp said their improvement will come through gaining more confidence and assertiveness.

When he becomes eligible in the second semester, senior Travell Hamilton will also factor into the varsity rotation. He adds even more depth at the guard position for the Yellowjackets.

"I think one of our weaknesses is going to be to consistently put the ball in the basket, but he's a kid who *can* put the ball in the basket," Cropp said. "He can really help us on both ends with his ability to score and his natural length and athleticism on the defensive end."

Cropp said his team has players to achieve success in all aspects of the game: good ball-handlers, good rebounders, good shooters, good defenders. But the lack of experience will be a factor against Glasgow in the early going, especially as the Yellowjackets try to win their fifth consecutive Glasgow Tournament title.

"Once the lights come on and the game gets playing fast and there's another team out there, we're going to make some mistakes," Cropp said. "Lack of experience is probably going to be our biggest weakness."

In the conference, Cairo comes into the season as the frontrunner to retain the Central Activities Conference crown. Glasgow tied for second last year, but if things don't go the Yellowjackets' way, Cropp said it's a possibility his team could fall down to fourth place.

It's not a role his team has had to em-

GLASGOW YELLOWJACKETS



2012-13 RECORD: 23-6 overall, 9-3 in Central Activities Conference (T-2nd place)

PLAYOFF RESULT: Lost 50-48 to Marion County in Class 1 State Tournament sectionals

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: 1st place — Glasgow Tournament; 1st place — Marceline Tournament; 3rd place — Slater Wildcat Classic.

KEY LOSSES: Reid Littrell (13.5 ppg, 7.7 rpg, 1.4 bpg); Joel Monnig (9.8 ppg, 8.4 rpg, 1.1 bpg); Ethan Thompson (9.8 ppg, 3.8 apg, 3.6 rpg).

KEY RETURNERS: Blake Hackman: jr., 5'10" (9.1 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 2.0 spg); Landon Brand: sr., 6'3" (2.8 ppg, 2.1 rpg); Josh Sanders: sr., 6'3" (3.7 ppg, 2.7 rpg).

brace in the past, but Glasgow may have to play the role of spoiler if it wants to remain in the top three of the CAC. In addition to taking care of business against Brunswick, Keytesville and Madison, Glasgow will have to battle Sturgeon and an improved New Franklin team to try to hold its place near the top.

That being said, history is giving Glasgow some credit in the preseason. The Yellowjackets enter the year ranked No. 10 in the MBCA Class 1 preseason state rankings. Cropp has stated time and time again he doesn't care about rankings until the final poll of the year, but perhaps this preseason poll can be a motivator for Glasgow this season.

"When we first started getting ranked, I don't think anyone ever knew," Cropp said. "In 2006, we were ranked in the first poll

that year and we've been ranked in every poll since then, except one. It doesn't make much of a difference to me. All it does is give me the ability to say (to the players), 'You're not the 10th best team in the state. We've got to get better.'"

The district tournament for Class 1 District 9 comes to Glasgow this year, the second time in three years the Yellowjackets host districts. The title may very well come down to Glasgow and Community again. By then, Cropp said he expects his group to be playing its best basketball, and the inexperience will be a discussion that's long gone.

"After 27 games, lack of experience should be over," Cropp said. "If we can just work and get better and keep our eyes focused on what we need to do to get better — not worrying about winning or losing — I think we'll be tough to beat at our place."



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Lady Jackets have unfinished business after district loss

The anticipation of a Glasgow girls basketball season is at the highest it's been in more than a decade, and for the Lady Jackets, they're hoping this is the year.

Glasgow has played in a district championship game in each of the past five seasons, but only has one district title to show for it. This year, there's more on players' minds than just reclaiming a district championship.

Head coach Molly Monnig won't have to do a whole lot of prodding, if any, to get her team ready for the 2013-14 season.

"My juniors and seniors have always been extremely motivated," Monnig said. "They're always disappointed when the season comes to an end. That's very neat as a coach, to see your kids upset that the season is over and be ready for the next day. Our seniors are great leaders and have really helped our younger group develop and are pushing them to get better."

The Lady Jackets bring back four starters from a team that finished 21-7 and lost to Class 1 state runner-up Chamois for a district title. Leading the way for Glasgow this season will be two-time All-State forward Nikki Fuemmeler, who has some

achievements awaiting her this season.

Fuemmeler has a chance to achieve a rare feat in high school basketball, totaling 1,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds. The senior will likely reach her 1,000th point some time during the Glasgow Tournament and the 1,000th rebound is expected to come down the line in 2014. Although her rebounding numbers dipped a bit last season to 8.9 rebounds a game, her scoring has improved season after season. She had 13.3 points per game last year and that number can easily rise again this year.

"She's always been the hardest-working person on the floor, and you're going to continue to see that," Monnig said. "She's really worked in the summer and gotten a mid-range shot. So if she's getting hammered in the post, she can step out and hit that shot now. She's just so determined and is the first person down the court. She's worked throughout the summer with her travelling team and playing with those girls who are more physical has made her stronger and made her much more poised when she catches the ball in the post."

Once again, Monnig said Glasgow's

look on offense will feature more of a four-guard, one-forward set. Although it will be senior Erin Reynolds at the No. 4 position, Monnig said Reynolds will play more like a three this season. Reynolds has the ability to play in the post if needed, but she can knock down a 3-point shot just as easily. She was second in scoring last year behind Fuemmeler with 8.9 points per game and also grabbed 4.1 rebounds a contest.

"She'll come outside more often this year for us," Monnig said. "Our four isn't just going to be a primary post player anymore. We've got some different things we're going to do with her, so you'll see her being a guard out on the perimeter more frequently."

Returning at point guard this season is senior Peyton Davis. The impact Davis has on the team won't be reflected in the stat sheet. While she averaged 4.6 points last season, her ball-handling ability and the pressure she applies against opponents' frontcourts has been her strong suit in each of her first three seasons.

"I expect her to attack the basket a lot more in the open court," Monnig said. "We've done a few things a little bit dif-

ferently where we can attack the basket a little bit more. Last year, she developed her perimeter shot. I want her to score more. She always thinks 'pass first.' Getting her to score more often is going to be key."

There might not be a player more ready to take the court this season than junior Abby Thompson. For the second time in just under two years, Thompson had surgery to repair a torn ACL in her left knee. While most people might wonder Thompson's knee can hold up after two surgeries, Monnig said now is the strongest she's seen her younger sister, regarding her lower body strength. She returns as Glasgow's third-leading scorer from last year, averaging 8.8 points per game.

"She's just very confident," Monnig said. "She's not worried and this is the first time she isn't playing in pain in probably two years now. I don't think anyone will notice anything different about her. She has back her ability to stay up and shoot the jump shot."

With the loss of Trisha McMillan to graduation, Monnig said the fifth starting

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spot will fall to sophomore Anne Reynolds. As a freshman, Reynolds was the Lady Jackets' leading scorer off the bench with 3.3 points per game. Monnig said the one thing she can say about Reynolds is in practice, she makes something out of nothing.

"She'll catch the ball and you'll see nothing," Monnig said. "Then all of a sudden, somehow she's gotten into the lane and got off a shot or dumped the ball off. She has great instincts. She's left-handed, and I know that's not a big deal, but it does make a difference whenever you're on different sides of the floor. Her ability to attack from the left side of the floor is going to help us."

Just as crucial as losing McMillan is the loss of Carley Brucks and Lindsey Kopp at the post. Whenever Fuemmeler needed a breather or got into foul trouble, those two did a good job filling in on both ends of the floor.

A player looking to fill that role this season is junior Blakeley Fuemmeler, who is the second-tallest player on the team at 5-foot-10. Her minutes in the past have been a few here and there, playing in 14 games last year. Monnig said she just needs some time and some experience.

"She's developed in practice," Monnig said. "When you're playing against Nikki and Carley, you don't necessarily stand out. But now that she's had some time and she's gotten that experience, she's really improving. When we hit the time of the Slater tournament, she's really going to be playing well."

Last season, Glasgow dressed nine players at the varsity level. The roster depth will be pretty similar to that again this year, adding some first-year varsity players to round out the roster.

Sophomore Brianne Sanders will play guard at the No. 2 or 3 position, Monnig said, but she can slide down and play the four if needed. "She can shoot the ball well," Monnig said. "She's just got to gain some confidence."

Devyn Yung is another sophomore who can fill multiple spots on the court and gives Glasgow a second left-handed option. "She's very athletic, very streaky and very long," Monnig said. "She can also get into the lane, but she has to develop some strength."

With 12 players on the varsity and JV rosters, half of them are sophomores. Another underclassman looking to get her first varsity action is sophomore Tara Fuemmeler, yet another player who will factor into the post this season. Like her older sister, Fuemmeler looks to be more of a No. 5 player who primarily plays in the post.

Competitiveness has never been a question for this group of players and Monnig said that continues to be their biggest strength this season. It's consumed them so much that their competitiveness has extended off the court.

"In weights, they're competing to see who's lifting more or who's doing the most," Monnig said. "They're just an extremely competitive group and that's just rolling from the older kids to the younger kids. I'm impressed with how my young kids have been getting out and battling in different spots I haven't seen before."

Monnig said the team's athleticism and ability to move up and down the floor will continue to create problems against opponents. Getting after it on the defense end will continue to be a trademark for a team that allowed an average of just under 30 points a game last season.

Having played the past few seasons with a short bench, it's difficult to say depth

GLASGOW LADY YELLOWJACKETS



2012-13 RECORD: 21-7 overall, 8-4 in Central Activities Conference (3rd place)

PLAYOFF RESULT: Lost 47-37 to Chamois in Class 1 District 9 Tournament championship

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: 1st place — Glasgow Tournament; 1st place — Marceline Tournament; 2nd place — Slater Wildcat Classic.

KEY LOSSES: Trisha McMillan (8.6 ppg, 1.9 spg, 40 3-pointers); Carley Brucks (2.4 ppg, 2.7 rpg); Lindsey Kopp (1.5 ppg, 2.4 rpg).

KEY RETURNERS: Nikki Fuemmeler: sr., 5'11" (13.3 ppg, 8.9 rpg, 2.4 spg); Erin Reynolds: sr., 5'8" (8.9 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 1.9 spg); Abby Thompson: jr., 5'5" (8.8 ppg, 2.7 spg, 47 3-pointers).

is a weakness for Glasgow when it's been able to win with only seven or eight players getting in a game. Still, Monnig said there were some other areas that will be a cause for concern in the early going.

"Our patience sometimes is a struggle for us," Monnig said. "We push the ball so well and we get down and get in too big of a hurry. We just need to be more efficient on the offensive end. It's something we have to get better at."

If there is one thing that has eluded Glasgow over the past two seasons, it's a Central Activities Conference title. After a second-place finish two years ago, Glasgow dropped to third place after being swept by Sturgeon and splitting with New Franklin and Cairo. Monnig said the key for her team to get to the top this season is picking up road wins against the top teams in the conference.

"It's going to be extremely competitive," Monnig said. "Whoever can go to someone else's place and get that win is going to be big. It's a long season, so it

will come down to who stays healthy and whoever can make the adjustments for the second half of the season."

Tournament experience in the regular season has helped Glasgow's resume come postseason time. The Lady Jackets won the Glasgow Tournament last year for the first time since 2001. They won the Marceline Hoops Tournament for a second straight year. And although they didn't win the Slater Wildcat Classic, Glasgow took Class 4 Marshall to overtime before falling in the extra period and settling for second place.

"If you can win those games, it just continues to build your confidence," Monnig said. "You're playing some bigger schools, some different competition, and it can give us all of the momentum in the world. But ultimately, us competing every night is what's really going to spring us into the end of February."

Chamois has been a roadblock for Glasgow each of the past two years. In

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Steve Combs
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Bulldogs bring back talented lineup after 10-win season

After having back-to-back 15-win seasons, Harrisburg appeared to be headed down that same path for the 2012-13 season. However, an extremely rough second-half schedule that included a seven-game losing skid set back the Bulldogs to a 10-15 record.

The Bulldogs lost two important starters from that team, including a jack-of-all-trades player in Ethan Beringer, who dominated down the stretch for Harrisburg. Head coach Steve Combs hopes teams focus on what the Bulldogs lost, not what they have coming back. If that's the case, the Bulldogs will turn several heads this season.

"I was really pleased with the work we put in over the summer," Combs said. "This group has always worked hard. They've worked through the JV system and some of them have done a nice job of changing their bodies a little bit, getting stronger and more athletic. I'm really excited about the upcoming season."

The Bulldogs' top returning scorer from last year is Jacob Rudkin, a 6-foot-4-inch guard living in a forward's body. Rudkin splashed onto the scene last year in Harrisburg's upset win over Cairo in the Glasgow Tournament semifinals and finished the year with 8.7 points per game with a team-high 32 3-pointers. Rudkin's 27-percent shooting clip from long range should be higher this season, but his length could be just as big a factor for this year's team.

"He's got to have a scorer's mentality," Combs said. "If the three ball isn't going in, in years past we would have to sit him down. But now he can add so much more to the game. He's always got to be hunting for a way to get the ball in the hole. He's worked hard on his game and we're hoping for some

big things from him."

As it is any other year, strong guard play will be a feature of this Harrisburg team. Senior Kale Spry will be one of the key features at that position after averaging 7.5 points and 2.3 steals last season. Combs said Spry is going to be a leader on this team as the point guard.

"We've got so many weapons and options, it'll be his job to run the show," Combs said. "He's going to be a common influence, getting everybody in the right spots and doing the right thing. I'm excited about his senior year."

Another senior, Blake Berry, looks to make a bigger impact in his final year after being one of the first players off the bench last season. He was another perimeter shooter for Harrisburg, second behind Rudkin in threes. Combs looks for Berry to have a big impact on the defensive end as well.

"The main thing is we're trying to get him to play some post, which for the most part, he's been a guard," Combs said. "I want him to do the little things that make teams successful. If he keeps himself under control, he'll do a good job with that."

The one true post player Harrisburg will have in the starting lineup is senior Charles Roller, also 6-foot-4. Combs said he played well over the final five or six games last season and will be a key player this year.

"He really made a difference when we started playing really well last year," Combs said. "He's done a good job of catching the basketball and finishing around the rim. What's going to be key for us to be successful is to have that inside scoring threat."

Senior Blake Cochran was one of Harrisburg's better all-around athletes last season

HARRISBURG BULLDOGS



2012-13 RECORD: 10-15 overall

PLAYOFF RESULT: Lost 86-60 to Salisbury in Class 2 District 7 Tournament semifinals

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: 2nd place — Glasgow Tournament; 7th place — South Callaway Tournament; T-7th place — Southern Boone Classic.

KEY LOSSES: Ethan Beringer (15.4 ppg, 6.0 rpg, 2.5 apg, 2.5 spg); Josh Cole (9.5 ppg, 2.8 apg, 2.5 rpg); Shaman Katsaros (2.5 ppg, 3.6 rpg).

KEY RETURNERS: Jacob Rudkin: sr., 6'4" (8.7 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 0.9 bpg); Kale Spry: sr., 5'10" (7.5 ppg, 3.8 apg, 2.3 spg); Blake Cochran: sr., 6'1" (5.3 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 1.8 spg).

behind Beringer, but he's been hampered with a knee injury this preseason. Combs said rather than have surgery, Cochran has been rehabbing in an effort to avoid missing his senior year. As one of the Bulldogs' top returning scorers with 5.3 points per game, he'll be a huge addition for Harrisburg when he's back to full strength.

"He's going to be one of those stat stuffers," Combs said. "He gets several rebounds, several steals, several assists and some buckets here and there. And he can guard in the perimeter or the post. He's going to be really key for us this year as well, once we get him back."

Blake Williams is another player who

will give Harrisburg depth at the guard position. Last year, he played a minor role off the bench, but is another player expected to make bigger contributions this season.

Combs will have his pick of a handful of guards coming off the bench this year with juniors JP Canote, Drew Ewens and Austin Horns. In the early going of the season, any one of them could land a start or two.

"We have a lot of kids really fighting for some time and fighting for spots," Combs said. "Our practices have been really tremendous in the fact that I'm telling guys it's open season for jobs and competing for rotations."

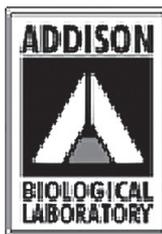
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Dan Bachmeier
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Defense, growth will be key for Lady Bulldogs' success

There wasn't a whole lot Harrisburg could do to prepare itself for what it experienced last season.

The Lady Bulldogs, coming off their second state championship in three years, suffered a setback when their leading scorer suffered a season-ending injury midway through last season. A difficult schedule — which included Quincy Notre Dame, one of the toughest programs in the Midwest — also caught up with the Lady Bulldogs.

While those setbacks made for a painful 10-16 record last year, Harrisburg head

coach Dan Bachmeier wants the effects to pay off for a young roster for the 2013-14 season that only has three players remaining from Harrisburg's last state title.

"They want to play and they want to win," Bachmeier said. "They know what it takes. Sometimes they try too hard and sometimes they think too much. We're still very young, even though we're experienced."

Franklin, a 5-foot-9 junior, returns to the post after scoring 10.3 points per game for Harrisburg last year through 12 games be-

fore missing the remainder of the season due to injury. Bachmeier said she may be a little tentative early in the season and may miss a few extra shots, but once she settles down, she'll be a dominant post player.

"She's just trying too hard right now," Bachmeier said. "She's going to have chances to score and as long as she doesn't get frustrated, she's going to be fine. You'll probably see numbers similar to what she posted last season, if not better."

On the other side of the post, Bachmeier said sophomore Bailey Ivicsics will fill that

starting spot. Ivicsics saw more playing time as a forward last year because of Franklin's injury and with her on the other block, Harrisburg has two strong options down low. Bachmeier said she looked the best during the team's preseason jamboree.

"We're going to need a post presence, especially if a lot of teams play us zone," Bachmeier said. "We better be ready to get the ball inside. She has more power moves to the basket and has a little bit better reac-

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tion time on defense. I think she has a growing confidence. She's a girl that you have to constantly challenge and push."

Harrisburg returns most of its experience at the No. 1 through No. 3 positions. Right now, Bachmeier said he has four or five guards who are trying to get comfortable.

"We didn't shoot the ball very well last year and that hurt us at times," Bachmeier said of Harrisburg's 31.5 percent shooting clip from a year ago. "My main focus is not turning the ball over and giving us as many opportunities to score as we can. Our goal is to get the ball to our posts first. If you get the ball to the post, it makes your guards better."

Handling the ball at point guard this year is Alissa Lumb, Harrisburg's only senior. Last year, Lumb led the Lady Bulldogs with 2.5 assists per game and was also fairly active on the defensive end with 2.2 steals a game. Bachmeier said as long as she penetrates and gets the ball to an open player, she's going to have a good game.

"If Alissa makes the right pass and penetrates when she can, she can make a lot happen," Bachmeier said. "When she gets tired and stands, she's not as effective. She has to be constantly in motion, and if I only have to play her a minute-and-a-half at a time to give her a break, that's my job to do that."

Junior Hailey Lowrey saw significant varsity action last year. She returns as one of the team's top defenders on the perimeter after averaging 1.3 steals a game and will look to take her 5.0 points per game average up a notch this season.

"Her defense is pretty solid," Bachmeier said. "And she can knock down some shots. With Hailey, it's all about confidence. If she thinks her shot is good, she's going to make them."

Junior Kirsten Southerland is a player who may very well lead Harrisburg in scoring this season. She can go back and forth between the No. 3 and 4 positions, but her

ability to make the outside shot allowed her to be the leading scorer in a few games last year.

"When she's struggling from outside, we'll get her inside to play the post," Bachmeier said. "She's a spot-up shooter, but she's more than that. She has the skills to penetrate and dish and do all of those things. She's very athletic, even though she might not be the quickest or the fastest player on the floor. We need her to let that athleticism out."

Karyssa Giboney is a player that Bachmeier said wants to do so well so badly, sometimes she can be her own worst enemy. Giboney gives Harrisburg another option as a shooting guard.

"She can shoot the ball just like any of my other players, but her only problem sometimes is her shot selection," Bachmeier said. "Sometimes she gets frantic and worries about the score. She just needs to let it come to her."

Junior Macy Arp isn't expected to be a shooting guard for Harrisburg, but her shot will likely be in the 10-15 foot range. Bachmeier said her abilities will be even better this season if she can develop a game to the basket.

"We have to be harder to guard as opposed to relying on a shot," Bachmeier said. "We have to be able to penetrate and make something happen. Macy is a great defender and has a very good mid-range jumper. She just needs to develop a game to the basket. She'll help us."

Bachmeier will mostly go with those seven players at the varsity level, but junior Emma Callahan and sophomores Keeley Vanderfelt and Kyla Acton will also dress on the varsity level. If they can help for one to two minutes a game here and there, Bachmeier said that will be their primary roles this season.

The thing that frustrated Bachmeier the most about last season was having leads early in the game or by halftime that quickly

HARRISBURG LADY BULLDOGS



2012-13 RECORD: 10-16 overall

PLAYOFF RESULT: Lost 63-45 to Sturgeon in Class 2 District 7 Tournament semifinals

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: 2nd place — Glasgow Tournament; 6th place — South Callaway Tournament; 6th place — Southern Boone Classic.

KEY LOSSES: Allie Dodson (8.6 ppg, 4.1 spg, 1.6 apg); Raechel Douglas (7.0 ppg, 6.6 rpg, 1.5 spg); Kassi Blakemore (4.7 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 1.4 spg).

KEY RETURNERS: Chloe Franklin: jr., 5'9" (10.3 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 3.0 spg); Kirsten Southerland: jr., 5'7" (5.5 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 33% 3-pointers); Hailey Lowrey: jr., 5'6" (5.0 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 1.3 spg).

evaporated and turned into disappointing losses. In case you haven't heard enough about it yet, Bachmeier said his team's defense cost them in games like that. For his team to climb back above the .500 mark, he said that absolutely has to change.

"Last year, we played a lot of girls and got their feet wet," Bachmeier said. "When we were going well offensively last year, our defense was working. When we weren't going well offensively, our defense wasn't working. Our offense is 10 times better when our defense does not give up easy points."

One of the strengths for Harrisburg will be that it's a team which will be tough to guard. Bachmeier said it the team's leading scorer should be different from night to night and seven different players last season scored in double figures at least once.

"I've always had someone who can get me 15 to 20 points," Bachmeier said. "I'm not sure who it's going to be. It could be anybody. We're a good shooting team, we just haven't shown it."

One thing Bachmeier wants to see his players be more physical this year, which may be difficult to accomplish without get-

ting called for a foul this season. And to go along with that, frustrations will have to be kept to a minimum this year after a season where they seemed to be at an all-time high.

"Mentally, staying in the game is the No. 1 concern that I have," Bachmeier said.

Harrisburg enters its second season as an independent, forcing the Bulldogs to field a more difficult schedule. They will play games against Principia and Sturgeon, both teams ranked in the preseason polls. In addition, their schedule fields multiple games against Class 3 and 4 schools, particularly during the second half of the season.

The one thing that held back Harrisburg last season was that it didn't grow from start to finish. Bachmeier said should any adversity come up this season, the Lady Bulldogs are going to have to embrace it and move forward.

"We started 12 different girls because of illness and injury," Bachmeier said. "This team has to grow. Last year, we were stymied for various reasons. This team has to grow, individually and as a team. That's what I'm hoping for, if we get consistent defense."

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Jon Bishop
Head Coach



Improvement is within sight this season for Higbee boys

The Higbee boys basketball team brings back several faces from last year's team after losing just three seniors. Head coach Jon Bishop said getting those kids the experience early in their careers last season will be beneficial for the 2013-14 season.

"That's the exciting part about this season," Bishop said. "I think we'll see them improve to start this year. We were able to get in the weight room this summer and were able to do some things in camp."

Higbee was off to a .500 start last season

in the first month, but after eight games, the team's leading scorer, Mateo Dias, graduated a semester early to enlist in the Marines. Dias was leading the area at the time with 21.1 points per game, and the Tigers' season took a downward spiral from there.

Without Dias, Bishop was able to give freshman and sophomores some additional playing time during January and February. Higbee lost 17 of its final 21 games, and only four of those losses were by single digits.

But for the Tigers, it's onward to next season, and Bishop has high hopes heading into the year. Junior Austin Nelson will be a key player for Higbee this year, averaging 9.4 points a game as a sophomore. Bishop said with Nelson, he has the best defensive player in the conference and in the district.

"I believe he's proved with his heart and his desire that he likes performing at a high level," Bishop said. "That's obviously a great asset to our program. He's improved his shooting and is still working on taking

people off the dribble, getting to the basket and scoring."

Another leader on the team is senior Seth Tucker. Tucker battled an injury last year and was unable to suit up for the Tigers. And even though he only played six games as a sophomore, Tucker led Higbee in scoring then with 13.3 points per game. Bishop said he seems much happier now.

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"For him to be able to come back, it's going to be a big boost for us," Bishop said. "He's been around this all his life because of his older brothers, and you learn things and you pick up things. He has a basketball IQ that other kids in our program just don't have."

Senior Jeremy Kirkendoll will fill one of the starting forward positions this year. Caleb Starks was the Tigers' No. 1 post player last year, but the opportunity is there for Kirkendoll to become the team's leading rebounder and score for Higbee in the paint.

"Our big guys will work hard at scoring in the post," Bishop said. "We need to be able to box out well, whether it's a big guy or a little guy. Our big guys work hard at knowing, when they catch the ball, what they're going to do with it. We're going to keep working at it."

Jacob Beal picked up huge minutes as a freshman, and heading into his sophomore season, he gives the Tigers a third shooter from outside, especially from 3-point range. He averaged 5.9 points a game last season and Bishop said he's still getting stronger while continuing to keep his quickness and speed.

"Jacob is also constantly looking for a way to compete," Bishop said. "Jacob is one I'd love to see step up his scoring a little bit. I try to get Jacob to go to the hole a little more or take more open shots. He's definitely going to help us."

Sophomore Levi Jones is another player who competed in just about every game as

a freshman for Higbee last year. Bishop said Jones played nervous a lot last season, but he's already seeing a big improvement out of him this year.

"He's competing for a starting job, there's no doubt about it," Bishop said. "He's really battling hard and he wants it. He's improved his shot a bit. With Levi's athleticism, he can find a lot of situations to create success for himself, if he really keeps his mind right."

Sophomore Jesse Beal played in 14 games last year, but Bishop said he had some trouble moving the ball and avoiding turnovers. Bishop said he didn't feel confident at times having him on the floor because of his youth, but he was a positive kid who took what he could get.

"I've seen a lot of good things already out of him this year," Bishop said. "I'd like to continue to see him to lead and dribble well. He can make good passes and get to the hole when he can and make great opportunities for his teammates to score."

Brad Berendzen and Derek Clark are another pair of sophomores who will see some time at the varsity level. Bishop said each have improved, both mentally and physically. Clark's confidence goes up every time he takes a shot and has been continuing to work off that. Berendzen will stack up defensively against most post players who go one-on-one with him.

Rounding out the varsity roster for Higbee are junior Garret Nauerth, sophomores Marc Sears and Tayler Andrews and freshman Will Clark.

Higbee finished in fifth place in the

New Franklin boys preview

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you can shoot, it's hard to know what is a good shot. Once he figures out what we want on both ends, he will be a solid contributor."

New Franklin will also have some other role players come off the bench. Sophomore Kaleb Anderton will be someone that can stretch the floor and slash offensively, and he's also improved defensively, Schlotzhauer said. Anderton's older brother, senior Matt Anderton, will also come off the bench as a guard, as well as senior Adam Harris. Junior Cody Wells is another athletic player who can see some minutes if he can catch up to the mental challenges of the game, Schlotzhauer said.

One of the biggest strengths for New Franklin this season will be its depth. When the bulk of the season arrives in mid-January, the Bulldogs will be strong off the bench with at least eight to nine players picking

up key minutes. New Franklin hasn't had a number quite that high for some time now, and rotating players in and out to find the right combination may be the biggest problem Schlotzhauer has this season, although that's a good problem to have.

"Having this depth is something we haven't had at New Franklin in a while," Schlotzhauer said. "Having that depth will also allow us to play different types of line-ups. We have solid, athletic posts that we can use in a bigger lineup. We also have small, quick guards that can be used, depending on the matchups we face."

Cairo ran the table in the Central Activities Conference last year, and in returning conference MVP Brad Roberts, the Bearcats are expected to be the favorite to win again this season. There could be a shift in the order of the next three teams. New Franklin has

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HIGBEE TIGERS



2012-13 RECORD: 7-19 overall, 1-5 in Cooper County Activities Association (6th place)

PLAYOFF RESULT: Lost 54-24 to Chamois in Class 1 District 9 Tournament quarterfinals

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: 6th place — Northwestern Tournament; T-7th place — Marceline Tournament; 5th place — CCAA Tournament.

KEY LOSSES: Mateo Dias (21.1 ppg, 5.5 apg, 5.1 spg); Devin Cook (8.7 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 2.4 spg); Caleb Starks (4.6 ppg, 6.6 rpg, 1.4 bpg).

KEY RETURNERS: Austin Nelson: jr., 5'9" (9.4 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 3.5 spg); Seth Tucker: sr., 5'7" (13.3 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 3.0 spg in 2011-12 season); Jacob Beal: soph., 5'8" (5.9 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 1.9 apg).

Cooper County Activities Association conference tournament last year and three of its seven wins came at the hands of Malta Bend. Bishop noted that Pilot Grove, Prairie Home and Jamestown each have new coaches this season.

Bishop expects Pilot Grove to be the favorite after running the table against CCAA schools in February and that Jamestown will be up near the top as well. With Otterville and Prairie Home losing some key players, this year may be a time for Higbee to move up a spot or two. After all, no time is better than the present, for this will be the last year Higbee will be in the CCAA.

"I'd put us in the mix," Bishop said. "I'm excited about this year. I think we'll be able to scare some people early. We're going to give teams battles all year. If we can continue to keep that in a positive light — scoring when people don't think we can and closing out when people don't think we can — we're going to see a lot of great things."

With a strong number of guards this season, Bishop thinks his team can move up and down the floor with most teams. They may not be able to finish at the other end every time, but the Tigers want to push the ball as much as they can. Higbee averaged 41.7

points per game last year, and with a better shooting percentage, the Tigers should stand a chance to push that number up to 50 each game.

Even though most of the players coming back played at the varsity level, Bishop said they're still learning quite a bit. Even as the season approaches, players are taking time to teach other players drills and plays. At the same time, it's also building team chemistry.

"We need to learn to play together," Bishop said. "We're a different team from last year, even though we have some of the same faces. Every year is a different challenge. We need to continue to gel as a group. We're going to dress 12 guys and I'm going to feel pretty confident putting nine or 10 of them in a game at any one point."

Most importantly, Bishop said he wants to see his team do a better job of battling adversity. When things were bad, the Tigers struggled to pick themselves up and move forward. Bishop said when things went well, his team couldn't be beaten. It just didn't happen often enough last year.

"We're going to compete at the highest level we can," Bishop said. "When February rolls around, I'd like to improve our (district) seed from a six to a four."

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Tanner Burton
Head Coach

Lady Tigers looking for turn-around under new leadership

There's going to be a new look for the Higbee girls basketball team, but it's going to be a new look on the bench, not the court.

Taking over as the new head coach this season is Tanner Burton, a Hallsville native who recently graduated from Columbia College. Although Burton does not teach in the Higbee school district, he manages a Sunglasses Hut retail store in Columbia during the day and works with the basketball after school and in the evenings.

Burton said he has had a passion for coaching basketball since he graduated high school. He has been involved with the Hallsville little league system, coaching softball and basketball.

"I saw this opportunity and jumped at it," Burton said. "I bring a business-like mindset to the basketball team. I run my team like I run a business. I try to get the most out of each individual."

Burton has already been active with the Higbee junior high girls basketball team this fall and has already become very oriented with the high school basketball team he inherits.

The top player returning for the Lady Tigers is junior Hope Clark, who led Higbee with 12.0 points per game last season. Clark had extremely impressive all-around numbers, including 8.9 rebounds per game, and her greatest asset is she can play anywhere on the court, as a point guard, guard, forward or center. This season, Burton expects Clark to step up and be the leader on the team.

"She's going to be a very integral piece," Burton said. "She has lot of ideas and she wants to try new things. She understands that she has to round out her game. Until she was a freshman, she was a point guard all of her life. Hopes' not going to be the Hope she was last year. She's going to play every

position on the court. I imagine you're going to see a double-double out of her almost every night."

At the other forward position will be senior Ashley Berendzen, who led Higbee with 14.3 rebounds per game, which also led the Mid-Missouri area. Burton referred to Berendzen as a "ball magnet" and expects her to put up some gaudy numbers as well.

"My challenge to her is to want to be more than a statistical leader," Burton said. "She's not like you'd expect a girl who averages close to 15 rebounds a game to be. Most are usually 6-foot-1. My thing for Ashley is, 'What can you bring to the table?' and 'Can you do that on a nightly basis?'"

After taking over as Higbee's point guard last year, junior Alexandria Forrester has become the person in charge of running the offense. Although she posted an astronomical number of 8.8 assists per game, her turnover rate was just as high. Throw in her 7.6 points per game, and Burton said his challenge to Forrester was to average a double-double in both categories.

"I want her to round herself out as a point guard," Burton said. "Everybody is going to be a weapon on this team. If you're not a weapon and you're not willing to shoot the ball, I've got somebody else who will. You're going to see Ali step up there and knock down shots in big games."

Those three players are the three captains for Higbee this season. To round out the remainder of the starting rotation, Burton said he will turn to a pair of freshmen: Sabrina Huddleston and Rhiannon Runyon. Both players can be very dangerous and give Higbee a strong starting five for a small-school Class 1 program.

With those five in the lineup, Burton said he looks to change some things on offense this season.

"We are adding a two-point guard set, so that's going to take off a lot of pressure," Burton said. "They struggled with the press a lot last year, and when you have two point guards in the game, it's really going to open more things up for us. We're going to have a much faster, more unique team than they had last year."

With only 11 players total in grades 9-12 and a schedule that doesn't call for hardly any junior varsity games, Burton said he's going to try and find a way for all 11 players to contribute at the varsity level.

Junior Marissa Perkins and freshman Kennedy Bankhead are two players who will come off the bench and get minutes at the post position. Perkins played in 14 games last season and will pick up some rebounds after Higbee lost two post players that received more minutes ahead of her. Bankhead is the tallest player on the team at 6-foot-1 and gives the Lady Tigers a tall center for a Class 1 team.

As for guards, senior Krysta Hall can come into a game and give Higbee a good 15-foot jump shot. Daina Derboven is a sophomore who will vie for some more playing time as well. Rounding out the rest of the Higbee lineup are freshmen Karlea Gravitt and Brianna Evans.

"Everybody is going to be able to contribute at some point in the season," Burton said. "It's all about what pieces go together. That's what they've been told from day one. If you go out there and you hustle for me, then you can play for me."

Higbee averaged nearly 50 rebounds a game, but there is a reason that number is skewed. Almost half of the Lady Tigers' rebounds came on the offensive end, and most players got offensive rebounds on their own missed shots, sometimes from a point-blank range. Burton said he's doing anything he

can to help the girls improve their 28 percent shooting from the field.

"We do a lot of shooting drills in practice on a daily basis," Burton said. "If they miss it, they run more and more. They're starting to round it out. I expect to see a dip in the (offensive) rebounding, but on the flip side, we're going to be finishing. We're also going to be playing a pressure style of defense, so when we open that up, it's going to allow us to have more point-blank shots."

The luxury Burton had before starting the high school season was testing out his coaching style at the junior high level. He was able to try different things, evaluate how they went and make adjustments. There are certain things, however, where he will be set in his ways.

"You're not going to see us standing still," Burton said. "That's one of my biggest things. I give my point guards some room, where if they see something, they can go ahead and do it. I'd rather talk to them later about it than them passing up the chance. We're also going to be more 'shoot first,' rather than getting a turnover trying to force something."

Burton knows Higbee has had down years in the past, finishing below .500 season after season. However, he said he has noticed the girls really want it this year. Parents, teachers and other coaches have been noticing the change too, he said.

Higbee has struggled in the past with handling the ball against a full-court press and that's something in which Burton has also been challenging his team to improve. He wants a fast pace on both sides of the ball, but it will take some time to gain control and have composure when Higbee has the ball.

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Higbee's six wins came against Christian Fellowship, Missouri School for the Deaf and Malta Bend last year, so the Lady Tigers are looking to knock off a few more teams this season. Higbee took consolation in the Cooper County Activities Association conference tournament and would like to knock off a least one other CCAA school this season.

"It's all going to be about how they respond," Burton said. "There are going to be tough games. It's all about how they persevere and react. The junior high kids have done an amazing job with that. I don't think there's any reason to doubt the high school kids doing the same thing."

Even though it's his first year, Burton said he's all about taking on the challenge of building a program in grades 7-12. It's not something that will happen overnight, or even in one year for that matter, but it's taking small steps first. It's about taking big losses and making them close losses; taking close losses and make them close wins. Change is about to take place in Higbee.

"It's all about, 'How do we start something and make it continuous?'" Burton said. "We don't want to have one good year and call it quits. It's all about what we can get the most out of these kids, and getting better game by game. Ultimately, if we're not better than we were last game, it doesn't matter. If these kids give me 100 percent night in and night out, I'm good with it."

HIGBEE LADY TIGERS



2012-13 RECORD: 6-19 overall, 1-5 in Cooper County Activities Association (6th place)

PLAYOFF RESULT: Lost 70-39 to Jamestown in Class 1 District 9 Tournament quarterfinals

TOURNAMENT RESULTS: T-7th place — Northwestern Tournament; T-7th place — Marceline Tournament; 5th place — CCAA Tournament.

KEY LOSSES: Alex LeGrand (7.9 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 5.0 spg); M'Kenzea Starks (6.1 ppg, 10.3 rpg).

KEY RETURNERS: Hope Clark: jr., 5'9" (12.0 ppg, 8.9 rpg, 2.8 bpg); Alexandria Forrester: jr., 5'3" (7.6 ppg, 8.8 apg, 4.3 spg); Ashley Berendzen: sr., 5'7" (5.8 ppg, 14.3 rpg, 1.3 bpg).

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They've really been pushing themselves."

Each of the three guards brings something different to the team. Combs said Canote is a guard who can penetrate the lane and can score off the dribble. Ewens has the ability to knock down a deep three and can run the show at point guard. Horn has more size and athleticism and can slash the lane to score.

"I have more than just five starters," Combs said. "I have lots of kids I can throw out there at any situation. When you have that, you can be really aggressive on the offensive or defensive ends. And if a kid's not doing well one night, you plug another kid in and he gets it going."

Adding some depth at the post is junior Bryan Bolton. Playing at the JV level last season, Bolton gives the Bulldogs plenty of size in the paint when he comes off the bench and will be a defining player between the blocks.

"He's coming off knee surgery from last year, so his year was cut short," Combs said. "His mobility is limited right now, but we have enough guys to run the press. We need him around the bucket and do some of the

dirty work down there."

Other players expected to see some playing time at senior Aaron Blakemore, who has been battling an elbow issue. Combs said he's been around the program for a long time and will come in and mix things up. And newcomer Blake Wallis will see most of his minutes at the JV level, but Combs said he'll get some varsity experience here and there.

Harrisburg relied heavily on Beringer as a go-to scoring option last season, but Combs said the attack will be more balanced this year. With their depth, the Bulldogs have the ability to throw a big lineup or a small lineup on the floor.

"We'll be very versatile and be able to play any style," Combs said. "The big thing is how well we can play together. If we can fine tune those little mistakes, we can play at a high level."

One area that had Combs on high alert for concern after the Bulldogs' jamboree was his team's over-aggressiveness. Nobody likes to see in-your-face on-ball pressure more than Combs, but his players were fouling much more than he liked in the jamboree. Luckily, individual fouls didn't count against Harrisburg that day.

"We got to see first-hand how much fouling we were doing," Combs said. "We usually struggle with that through the Glasgow Tournament. Hopefully we can get that corrected pretty quickly. With the new emphasis on freeing up movement coming down from college, it's going to trickle down to high school and open up the game more. We just have to change our mindset and move our feet more."

Combs said last year's team played such a murderous schedule. Fifteen games were played against teams who either played for a district title or won a district title. This year's schedule will be brutal again, but he said if this team stays more consistent, the outcome should be better.

Harrisburg enters the Glasgow Tournament as the No. 2 seed, the Bulldogs' highest seed in the tournament since 2009. Winning the tournament for the first time since 2008 is one of Harrisburg's goals to start the season. In fact, Harrisburg hasn't won a tournament, postseason or regular season, since the 2009 district tournament.

"Every year is a new challenge and a new team," Combs said. "The big thing is we have to identify our weaknesses and build on

those. It's always a new year and we have an exciting bunch. A new team brings new goals."

Moving down the line to the end of the season, Harrisburg is in line to be one of many strong teams in the Class 2 District 7 "District of Doom." Perennial powerhouses like Salisbury and Sturgeon will be strong again this year, but a few other teams in addition to Harrisburg could be on the rise. New Franklin brings back a loaded roster and the biggest jump may come from Tolton Catholic, who finished last year with an 11-14 record but enter the 2013-14 season ranked at No. 6 in Class 2.

But before we get ahead of ourselves, Combs wants to remind everybody that he takes it one game at a time. Let the chips fall where they may.

"Our expectations are higher," Combs said. "The town and community expectations are up there. Sometimes just making the championship game is not enough. We'd like to punch through and get back in the conversation as one of the top teams in the area. If things go well and we keep working hard, maybe we can be one of the top teams in the state."

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perch. Teams like Westran, Marceline and even Slater will be looking to end Fayette's streak of 8-2 conference records.

"From what I understand, Westran is going to have a solid team and they're very big," Pallardy said. "Slater is really, really athletic. Hopefully we can fit in there at the top and I would love to knock off Salisbury, but time will tell. I'm still learning the conference, that's for sure."

Fayette has pulled off winning season after winning season, and this year, tournament play is going to be a huge emphasis on whether or not the Falcons can keep their streak of winning seasons alive. Last year, Fayette finished 2-1 in the Glasgow Tour-

namment, but went 1-2 in the New Franklin and Slater tournaments. Winning trophies this season could be the key to preserving another 15-win season.

"That seems to be where the most challenging part of our schedule is," Pallardy said. "We're going to play teams like Glasgow and Harrisburg who have a pedigree of winning."

Versatility will be a strength for Fayette, with the ability to put together a fast-moving lineup and one that offers a chance to see five players on the court to play more than one position.

"We have great speed," Pallardy said. "I think that we'll have the ability to get out on the break when we get rebounds and steals. Athletically, it's there. I have no doubt that

we can carry that through."

Pallardy pointed out that, although he knows where he wants his team to be defensively, it's still not quite there yet. When the effort is there, Fayette looks great. But being a smaller team this year, teams with great post play could give the Falcons some trouble.

"With our quickness and speed, it shouldn't be a problem," Pallardy said. "But right now, we do not give a consistent enough effort on the defensive end."

Last season, Fayette overachieved and reached the district tournament finals as a No. 6 seed, locking up an 18-win season in the process. But last year is over.

The expectations with the 2013-14 team fall into a similar category, bringing back a

key player or two while relying on a lot of players with little varsity experience. The big question is, outside of Rudy Williams, which players will take charge in the scoring department? Fayette will need to answer that question quickly.

"The inexperience may hurt us early, but we need to mature and we need to grow up," Pallardy said. "We need to pull together. Talent is not going to be the problem this year. We can't let our inexperience get in the way of us working hard and getting through the down times. If we see success, I think you'll see us look really good. If we start to have a couple of games that don't go our way, we're going to have to see how we respond to that, and that's going to be the tell of our season."

Fayette girls preview

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and a half ago," James said. "We're hoping that she can come back and the timeline is around Christmas. That would be perfect, if she can really come back strong and give us a spark."

With the group of players he has this year, James feels his team is very balanced. Teams will have to focus on the five players on the court equally, not just one player.

"We don't have a superstar in our group, but we do have solid players," James said. "This is a team that can mesh and maybe surprise people. We're progressing a lot faster than I anticipated and I think we have a chance to have a pretty good year."

Although the team's top returning scorer plays in the post, James said the guard play will be the strength to this year's team. Two of the three guards on the floor most times will be able to shoot from long range and can even take the ball to the hole.

"We can use them in different ways," James said. "Haleigh is going to be one of the better post players in the conference, but

we can play different combinations. I think, one to 10 overall, we are as good as we've been in a while. We don't have superstars, but we have solid players."

Fayette had two strong post players last season with Wells and Strodman, but with Strodman as the primary forward, James said some teams might take advantage of a height disadvantage. The Lady Falcons' other forwards are mostly 5-foot-6 or 5-foot-7, so that could pose as a potential mismatch that works against Fayette.

"We're not a huge unit, and besides our guards, we're not really quick," James said. "We're going to have to work hard and find a good defensive style that we want to play. And scoring has also been an issue for us. We just don't have that guaranteed go-to 15 points a night player. If we're having one of those nights where things aren't going well, there's no one to lean on. That could be a weakness for us."

And, as always, James wants to see his team cut down on turnovers. Although Fayette only won six games a year ago, the team committed just under 23 turnovers a game,

which has been better than the norm for this team. However, the Lady Falcons can't afford for that number to be much higher this year, if at all higher.

Marceline ended Salisbury's reign as Lewis & Clark Conference champions last year and made a run to the Class 2 semifinals. Salisbury will look to make that a one-year occurrence and try to return to the top of the conference, but Slater also brings back a strong group of returning players. Fayette, finishing in fourth place last year, is looking to steal at least one spot and move up this year.

"This conference is always tough, and every year you think the Marcelines and the Salisburys are going to have a down year, they simply find a way to keep going. You have to give those two teams the nod at the top until they're proven otherwise. Salisbury probably has the best player in the conference and that causes nightmare matchups for everybody. The Slater girls are going to be much better, even though they weren't that bad last year. Westran is going to be much improved and they've got

a good group of girls coming up. And the Paris girls are a scrappy team. It's going to be a daunting task for our girls, night in and night out in our conference.

The deciding factor for Fayette this season could come down to its fourth-quarter play in close games. Although Fayette won a nailbiter at Atlanta last year, James easily recalls losses to Smithton and Stover that should've been wins for the Lady Falcons. He said his team is really going to have to start turning the table in games like that this season.

But more importantly, James wants his team to play unselfishly and share the ball.

"I want the girls to have a good experience," James said. "I want them to play together, compete every night and come together as a group. Our softball team did those things this year. They came together and worked hard. By the end of the year, we were a tight-knit group. I want our basketball team to go out there and do the same thing. A lot of the girls play both sports, so they got a little taste of success in softball and we're hoping that will carry over."

Glasgow girls preview

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2012, the Lady Pirates ended Glasgow's season with a 10-point win in the Class 1 state sectionals after the Lady Jackets won their first district title in 10 years. Last year, after a reshuffling of the district assignments, Glasgow competed against Chamois for a district title, only to fall by 10 points again.

"We watched them in the state championship game last year," Monnig said. "We take those two losses against them and we want to continue to improve. For these girls, anything less (than playing basketball in March) would be a disappointment, and I just don't see my seniors or juniors giving up that easily."

Well, Glasgow has two edges working for itself this season. First, Chamois loses

two All-State players in Miranda Brandt, who signed an NCAA Division I scholarship, and Alyssa Bullock. Second, Glasgow gets to host the district tournament this year, and the Lady Jackets hope history repeats itself. The last time Larry Littrell Court hosted districts, the Lady Jackets won a district title.

"Their biggest goal is they want to be at Mizzou Arena in March," Monnig said. "That's been (the seniors') goal ever since they were freshmen. Our juniors, Blakeley and Abby, they were in eighth grade, but they were managers and were around all of that. They know, especially after the last two years, that it takes a lot. It's a long season and you have to be playing your best ball in March. We want to win conference and we want to do the other things, but we'll be happy if we're in Mizzou Arena in March."

New Franklin boys preview

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finished in fourth place in the conference for the past handful of seasons, but if everything works in the Bulldogs' favor, they could make the jump all the way to second place this season.

"I see Cairo and Sturgeon as the teams to beat in the conference," Schlotzhauer said. "They have proven the last few years that they are capable of competing year in and year out. Glasgow is young this year, but is always a threat to compete as well. I believe we will compete with these teams this year at the top of the conference. We have been close to knocking these three teams off in past years. I would love to see us get a big win on a conference night and see what that does for us in terms of confidence."

If all else fails this season, there is one

thing Schlotzhauer and the Bulldogs want to put an end to later this season. New Franklin has not won a district tournament game since 2006. That was also the last time the Bulldogs won a district championship — they were in Class 1 then — and marked the end of a four-year district title run.

Schlotzhauer's first goal for his team is to compete at the top of the CAC. Winning in the postseason could be a bigger priority, and this could be the year that New Franklin finally puts an end to its district tournament drought, and a win in the "District of Doom" never comes easily to any team.

"If you look up and down our schedule, we have some tough competition in the conference and our district," Schlotzhauer said. "However, we want to be one of the teams that people mark on their schedule as a tough game to win every time they play us."

Area High School Basketball Preview

Fayette High School

2013-14 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 26	@ New Franklin (JVG/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Dec. 2-7	Glasgow Tournament	TBA
Dec. 9	Centralia (JVB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 10	@ Slater* (JVG/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Dec. 17	Westran* (JVG/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Dec. 19	Smithton (JVB/VG/VB)	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 27	vs. Stover^ (VG/VB)	Noon
Jan. 3	@ Hallsville (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 6-11	New Franklin Tournament	TBA
Jan. 13	@ Marceline* (JVB/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Jan. 14	Slater* (JVB/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Jan. 16	Pilot Grove (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 17	@ Salisbury* (JVG/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Jan. 20 & 25	Salisbury JV Tournament	TBA
Jan. 21	Harrisburg (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 23	@ Fr. Tolton Catholic (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 24	Atlanta (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 27-Feb. 1	Slater Tournament	TBA
Feb. 3	@ Harrisburg (JVG/JVB, A&B)	5 p.m.
Feb. 4	Marceline* (JVG/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Feb. 6	Hallsville (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 10	New Franklin (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 11	@ Paris* (JVG/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Feb. 14	Salisbury* (JVB/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Feb. 17	Marceline (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 18	Paris* (JVB/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Feb. 21	@ Westran* (JVB/VG/VB)	5 p.m.

Home Games in Bold

* — Lewis & Clark Conference Game

^ — Holiday Shootout @ State Fair Community College

New Franklin High School

2013-14 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 26	Fayette (JVG/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Dec. 2-7	Glasgow Tournament	TBA
Dec. 9	@ Harrisburg (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 10	@ Keytesville* (JVB/VG/VB)	5:15 p.m.
Dec. 13	Brunswick* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 16	Slater (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 17	Cairo* (JV/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Jan. 6-11	New Franklin Tournament	TBA
Jan. 13	@ Slater (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 14	Pilot Grove (JV/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Jan. 17	@ Sturgeon* (JVG/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Jan. 21	@ Glasgow* (JV/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Jan. 23	@ Westran (JVB/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Jan. 24	Madison* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 27-Feb. 1	Sturgeon Tournament	TBA
Feb. 4	Sturgeon* (JVB/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Feb. 6	@ Brunswick* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 7	@ Salisbury (JVG/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Feb. 10	@ Fayette (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 11	Keytesville* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 12	@ Pilot Grove (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	Glasgow* (JV/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Feb. 18	@ Cairo* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 20	@ Madison* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.

Home Games in Bold

* — Central Activities Conference Game

Harrisburg High School

2013-14 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 26	Macon (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 2-7	Glasgow Tournament	TBA
Dec. 9	New Franklin (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 10	Moberly (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 12	@ Russellville (JVG/VG)	6 p.m.
Dec. 17	Southern Boone (JV/V)	5 p.m.
Dec. 19	South Callaway (JVB/VB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 19	@ Knox County (JVG/VG)	6 p.m.
Dec. 21	vs. St. Elizabeth* (VB)	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	vs. California* (VG)	6 p.m.
Jan. 3	@ Sturgeon (JV/V)	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	@ North Callaway (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 7	Mexico (JVG/VG)	6 p.m.
Jan. 7	@ Blair Oaks (JVB/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 9	@ Fr. Tolton Catholic (JV/V)	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	@ Brookfield (VG/VB)	4 p.m.
Jan. 13-18	South Callaway Tournament	TBA
Jan. 13	@ Pilot Grove (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 15	Southern Boone (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 16	Sturgeon (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 21	@ Fayette (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 24	Fatima (JVB/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 25	@ Principia (JVG/VG)	3 p.m.
Jan. 27	@ Westran (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 28	Centralia (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 30	Calvary Lutheran (JVB/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 3-8	Southern Boone Tournament	TBA
Feb. 3	Fayette (JVG/JVB, A&B)	5 p.m.
Feb. 4	@ Hallsville (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	@ Southern Boone (JV/V)	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	@ Santa Fe (JVB/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 20	Hallsville (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 21	Hallsville (VG/VB)	6 p.m.

Home Games in Bold

* — Missouri National Guard Shootout

Glasgow High School

2013-14 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 26	@ Brunswick* (JVB/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Dec. 2-7	Glasgow Tournament	TBA
Dec. 9	Slater (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 10	Brunswick* (JVB/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Dec. 16	@ Marceline (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 17	Madison* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 19	@ Westran (JVG/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Jan. 6-11	Marceline Tournament	TBA
Jan. 14	@ Sturgeon* (JV/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Jan. 16	@ Salisbury (JVG/JVB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 17	@ Cairo* (JV/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Jan. 21	New Franklin* (JV/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Jan. 23	Sweet Springs (JV/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Jan. 24	Keytesville* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 27-Feb. 1	Slater Tournament	TBA
Feb. 6	Sturgeon* (JV/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Feb. 11	Cairo* (JV/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Feb. 13	@ Madison* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	@ New Franklin* (JV/VG/VB)	5 p.m.
Feb. 18	@ Meadville (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 20	Salisbury (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 21	@ Keytesville* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.

Home Games in Bold

* — Central Activities Conference Game

Higbee High School

2013-14 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 26	Christian Fellowship (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 2-7	Northwestern (Mendon) Tournament	TBA
Dec. 10	Mo. School for the Deaf (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 13	@ Madison (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 17	@ Bunceton (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Dec. 19	@ Jamestown (JVG/VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 6-11	Marceline Tournament	TBA
Jan. 14	@ Malta Bend (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 17	@ Atlanta (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 21	@ Prairie Home (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 23	Keytesville (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Jan. 27-Feb. 1	CCAA Tournament (@ Higbee)	TBA
Feb. 3	Prairie Home* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 4	@ Christian Fellowship (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 7	@ Pilot Grove* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 10	Bucklin/Macon County (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 11	Jamestown* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	Bunceton* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 18	Malta Bend* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.
Feb. 21	@ Otterville* (VG/VB)	6 p.m.

Home Games in Bold

* — Cooper County Activities Association Game

Postseason Schedule

Class 1 and 2 District Tournaments — Feb. 24-March 1
 Class 1 and 2 Sectionals — March 4 & 5
 Class 1 and 2 Quarterfinals — March 8
 Show-Me Showdown (Final Four) — March 13-15

District Assignments

Class 2 District 7 Tournament — @ Harrisburg High School
 Fayette, Father Tolton, Harrisburg, New Franklin, Salisbury, Slater, Sturgeon
 Class 1 District 9 Tournament — @ Glasgow High School
 Calvary Lutheran, Chamois, Community, Glasgow, Higbee, Jamestown, Missouri School for the Deaf, Prairie Home

Area Conferences

Lewis & Clark	Central Activities	CCAA
Fayette	Brunswick	Bunceton
Marceline	Cairo	Higbee
Paris	Glasgow	Jamestown
Salisbury	Keytesville	Malta Bend
Slater	Madison	Otterville
Westran	New Franklin	Pilot Grove
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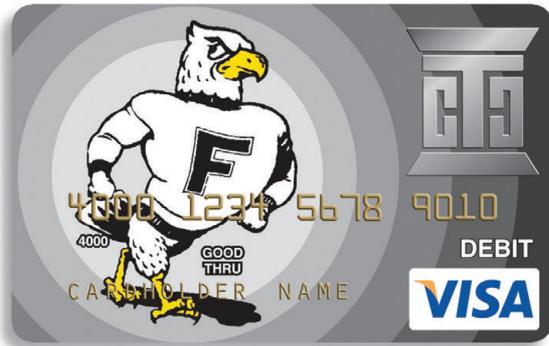


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