

Kenney optimistic about '87-88

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Nicholas County girls' varsity Head Coach Barbara Kenney has an optimistic outlook on her team's upcoming season.

"This should be one of our best we've ever had," she said.

Kenney said the girls' team, coached by both herself and assistant coach Penny Bretz, has been practicing since mid-October and has a roster containing 11 players.

She said they would only concentrate on a varsity team this season. She said they just didn't have enough players to divide them into both a varsity and junior varsity team.

Kenney said her 87-88 team consists of one senior, two juniors and the remaining eight being sophomores and freshmen.

"We played fairly well against the teams last season so I think we'll do well this year," she said.

"We have to press. Because of our size we're not effective in zone defense."

Kenney said they like to run with

the ball a lot, to keep the game moving and fast paced.

"Our starters are pretty tough," she said. She added her bench should provide relief and should improve a lot after they get some experience on the court.

Kenney said her five starters are Christal Russell, a 5'9" senior center; Sandy Warner, a 5'6" forward/guard; Tonya Moore, a 5' guard; Chris Ausler, a 5'8" forward and Cindy Hamilton, a 5'5" forward.

Junior, 5'7" Christie Padgett, sophomore, 5'4" Lucinda Prather, and freshmen, 5'7" Amy Simon, 5'6" Susan Trussell, 5'3" Twanna Trussell and 5'3" Penny McConnell add depth to the team.

Russell averaged 10 points and 8 rebounds a game last year. She is extremely strong and physical; should be a strong inside player, according to Kenney.

She said Russell will be a player they will depend on for rebounding and scoring.

Warner averaged 5 points a game last year.

She said Warner is a good ball handler, inside player, goes to the boards well and is a necessity in breaking press defense.

Moore, according to Kenney, is a quick, excellent ball handler and a good passer and shooter. Moore was the leading scorer last year with 11 points per game, according to Kenney.

Ausler played a lot last year off the bench and averaged 2 points a game. Kenney said she is strong defensively and a good rebounder.

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Barbara Kenney

Kenney begins 11th season

Barbara Kenney has been teaching at the Nicholas County Elementary since 1971.

In her 17 years of working in the Nicholas County school system she has coached girls' basketball for 11 seasons.

She coached the first girls' basketball team in 1974.

"I want to see a team from here

compete with other teams," she said. Kenney added she would like to see the interest grow in this area for the girls' athletic programs.

"The girls in it really get enjoyment out of it," she added.

Kenney coaches the high school girls as well as the seventh and eighth grade girls' teams.

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Lady Blue Jacket Varsity include, top row, Penny McConnell, Christie Padgett, Amy Simon, Twanna Trussell, Bottom row, Cindy Hamilton, Tonya Moore, Christal Russell and Chris Ausler. Heather Madson Photo.



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Hamilton is a quick, hustling player who is willing to work hard and will be able to help us both defensively and offensively," Kenney said.

The girls' first three games are at home. The opener is against Bourbon County on November 20 at 7:30 p.m.

"Bourbon is tough," Kenney said. "But I think we can compete well with them. I think we can play with any team on our schedule."

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