

# HARDWOOD PREVIEWS Jackets on numbers high on effort and spirit

Second year head coach of the Nicholas County boys' team Michael Cofer is looking at this year's team with a lot of confidence.

"We're low on numbers this year," Cofer said early in the pre-season interview. "It's going to be good in one way because a lot of younger players will get some experience on the varsity level, which otherwise they probably wouldn't have."

"So they're going to get a lot of experience," I think our team is going to work hard.

"I think we're going to be a team. They like playing the game with each other. They get along well with each other, which is always good."

"We're going to have a different type of team this year, just because we're so low on numbers."

"They're going to have to work extra hard because they're not very tall and they're not very quick, they're going to have to make up for that with work ethic."

"The guys that have come out for the team have been there every day and they're dedicated. And I think they're enjoying it and that's a good sign. You want the kids to have fun, but you also want them to work hard for you and they have been."

This year's team is made up of seniors Tyler Rose and Matt White. Tyler has been there day-to-day for the last four years and he's the kind of young man you can really count on.

"We're going to count on him to do good things for us, you know. We're looking for him to bring his scoring average up to double figures for us, and really, he's aggressive on the offensive and he shows more this year than he ever has."

Matt hasn't played since middle school. I've seen great improvement since he's been out for the team in August. He's improved more than I've ever seen a kid improve in three months.

"I'm really glad we have him out for the team. Matt White has suffered a pre-season injury and may be out to begin the season. But Cofer praises his level of play. "He's done some really good things for the four spot. He's picking up what he's missed for the past three seasons - he's picking it up pretty quickly actually."

"This year's juniors include D.R. Purvis who is going to be our starting point guard. He really knows the game. He's savvy. He knows where to get the ball in the right places."

"He does a good job taking care of the ball. He makes up for things in smarting the

gets the ball to the open man. I really look for him to have a good year this year. I have a lot of confidence in him when he's out there on the court. I really think he'll be able to take care of the ball for us."

"He's going to step in and get a lot of minutes at the point guard spot. We can keep him healthy we're going to get valuable play from him. I think some people will be really surprised how much he has improved since last season."

"Scotty Clark and Daniel Broderick are working hard each day and showing improvement. They're going to be counted on to come off the bench and help some people. If they continue to work hard I think they'll be fine."

While the Jackets may be low on total numbers, Cofer said he's seen things he likes to see in the gym doing drills. Campbell, Purvis and Rose - those three have worked extremely hard.

"Cody Fryman and Campbell are both sophomores and they're going to be playing for us. Cody works hard and does exactly what I want him to do."

"We play Washington County also at Central Hardin and then when we come home we'll play Harrison County. They have improved a great deal from last year. They have a great young hunch, plus a new coach and I look for them to be favorite in our district."

"We come back home and open with Henry Clay. Daniel Brown - NCHS stand-out performer) is probably in the top five in the state. It will be a good homecoming for him and he should be up to see one of the best teams in the state."

"We hope to get to that level. We're going to see good teams, see how they play and see what they bring to the table and hopefully we can learn from that and bring that same intensity of play throughout the season."

"If we play the style we want to play and control the tempo you know what's going to happen. That's what I am trying to get across to these guys this year. We have to control the tempo and we have to slow the ball down. We have to stay out of foul trouble."

"In order for us to win we have to control the tempo. That's something I don't like doing. I like to speed the game up and control the tempo and get the other teams out of what they're doing. Hopefully if the kids buy into that I think some people will be surprised what we can do this year."

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# HARDWOOD PREVIEWS Lady Jackets have new leadership

Following a new leader, the Nicholas County Bluejackets welcome a new head coach for the 2007-2008 basketball season, Jennifer Cornett.

"I've coached played high school ball at Madison Central High School, played at Union College and served as a graduate assistant and fulltime assistant at Union College."

"I'm excited to be here. I've coached for a long time and I'm excited to be here. I've coached for a long time and I'm excited to be here."

"I wish I had been able to begin coaching this group of freshmen. They're pretty much the core of the team. They've got a lot of leadership ability right now. Brandi wants that leadership ability, she's one of our strongest players, but she's still learning how to grow right now."

"Juniors this year include Brittanie Sosby, Kayla Livingston, Jessica Gilkerson."

"Jessica is playing up and down. She has the ability to play college basketball but I don't know if she's going to step up and do that."

"Brittanie Sosby is one of our strongest outside players. She's pretty scrappy. She'll do anything I ask. Kayla Livingston is also one that will do anything I ask and she is working to learn the game first."

"On this year's sophomore class, Cornett said, "They're pretty good and they're shaking on quickly. A lot of our weakness is from not learning at the lower level. We have Shelby Sosby, Fretia Mitchell - who are our major sophomores that are picking it up quickly."

"Once Petrea learns some good moves and fits in her role, I think she'll feel more comfortable down low."

"Right now our guards are better at post moves than

our centers are."

"Right now we're playing a lot of our middle schoolers to get them a lot of experience. They don't know the plays as well right now they weren't with us as early as the others."

"Cornett has opened the door for the younger players to earn valuable experience. They just finished their junior varsity season. The middle schoolers have only been with the varsity a little more than a week."

Looking at the schedule...

"The district... Looking at Harrison County last year (when recruiting for Union College) it looks like they may be the toughest team. They've lost a lot of players, so it would probably be between Harrison and Pendleton County."

"10th Region... The teams to beat are likely to be Montgomery County or Paris. Paris looked pretty decent at camp this summer," the coach said.

"In pre-season we play a lot differently than we practice. It's a good thing and a bad thing. I am glad our players are picking it up and playing harder in games but I surely would like to see the same in practice."

"I've seen Hollie step up as a leader in games where she doesn't do it as much in practice. Shelby is pretty much consistent - she does the same thing in practice that she does in games."

"Brandi is not used to playing as a starter - she's not used to taking that role. I think she's having a hard time transitioning to being a starter and having to score down low."

"She's working hard, but she hasn't gotten to where we'd like her to be. She has pretty much shown us what she does every day in practice."

Brittanie Sosby has been

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