

Bath County Wildcats look for new scorer to step up

By Brad Lusk
Sports Writer

Last year the Bath County boys' basketball team was able to withstand the loss of Brandon Clemens and win the 61st District title. This year the Wildcats will look to do the same thing without Zeb Metz.

Two years ago Clemens averaged 18.4 points per game (leading first-year coach Jim Hicks) club to its first district title since 1977. Without Clemens last season, the Wildcats did not miss a beat, reaping an 61st District championship behind the play of Metz, who averaged 23.6 ppg.

In 2007-08, Clemens had Metz to help handle the scoring. Last year Taylor Maza took some of the load off Metz. Now Maza is in the spotlight as the Wildcats will be looking for their third consecutive district crown.

"Taylor is one of the best players in the 16th Region," Hicks said of his starting point guard, who averaged 16.5 ppG last season. "Everything goes through him offensively. He reads what the defense gives. He is a good shooter, but also can break people down off the dribble."

Hicks is hoping that what Metz was two years ago and Maza was last year, senior guard Bobby Lyons will be to the Wildcats this season.

Hicks believes that Lyons, who has been limited by injuries the past two years, has the potential to be one of the best offensive players in the region.

"Bobby is a combo guard. He can break down the defense off the dribble, but is the team's best pure shooter," he said. "He is quick and will guard the ball in our half-court man-to-man defense."

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Senior center Brad Stump is the only other player who has logged significant varsity time for the Wildcats. According to Hicks he will need to play a big role for the team to be successful.

"Brad is our best athlete. He starts the ball. The sky is the limit on his potential," he said. "He is long, lean, strong, can score at the basket and step out to score. For us to be good, we need a whole lot from Brad Stump—10 points and eight rebounds per game. We will be a good team if he can do that."

Bath County graduated seven seniors off last season's 20-7 team, so the rest of the 2009-10 Wildcats are thin on experience. There are two exceptions, however: The team has a pair of transfers, who have started on another school's varsity.

Senior guard Tyler Fraser comes from Fleming County, where he was a two-year starter. He is the son of former Panther coach Brad Fraser, who is joining Hicks on the bench as an assistant this season.

"Tyler has two years of varsity experience at Fleming County, which is valuable," Hicks said. "He is a good 3-point shooter."

The other player is junior forward Jared Ravenscroft, who was the top scorer last season at Lakeside Christian Academy in Morehead. However, Ravenscroft has been limited in what he could do thus far, since he had foot surgery this summer.

"He works as hard as any player. He will have a big role to fill," Hicks said. "He will rebound and put the ball in the hole. He has a knack for getting the ball."

This season Hicks will break from his tradition of bringing in just one or two players off the bench.

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Bath County High School Boys' Basketball

Coach: Jim Hicks

2009-10 Schedule

- Dec. 5 Rose Hill Christian, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10 at Paris, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12 South Point, Ohio, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15 Russell, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 17 Bracken County, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19 Norcross, Ga., 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 21-23 T.J. Samson Hospital Christmas Classic at Barren County
- Dec. 31 at Nicholas County, 3:30 p.m.
- Jan. 5 at Rowan County, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 14 at Menifee County, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 16 Rose Hill Christian, 7:30 p.m.
- [16th Region All "A" Classic]
- Jan. 23 at Ashland Blazers, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 26 West Carter, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29 at Fleming County, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 4 Menifee County, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5 Frankfort, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9 Morgan County, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Elliott County, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12 Rowan County, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16 at East Carter, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 18 Lewis County, 7:30 p.m.

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2009-2010

#1 TAYLOR MAZE	12TH	6'3"	170 LBS.	PT. GUARD/WING
#4 BOBBY LYONS	12TH	5'10"	150 LBS.	WING/PT. GUARD
#2 TYLER FRASER	12TH	6'1"	165 LBS.	WING
#5 BRAD STUMP	12TH	6'5"	210 LBS.	CENTER
#23 LANDON HODGE	12TH	6'2"	150 LBS.	FORWARD
#40 LACEY ONEY	12TH	6'0"	190 LBS.	FORWARD
#34 JARED RAVENSCRAFT	11TH	6'2"	190 LBS.	FORWARD
#10 CODY HOUSE	11TH	5'10"	150 LBS.	WING
#25 TO MASHINGO	11TH	6'2"	165 LBS.	FORWARD
#44 DIMITRI HODGE	11TH	6'2"	180 LBS.	CENTER
#11 CAREY ANDERSON	11TH	5'10"	150 LBS.	WING
#30 JOHNNY HILL	11TH	6'1"	225 LBS.	POST
#1 LOGAN HODGE	10TH	5'9"	150 LBS.	PT. GUARD/WING
#20 MIKE WELLS	10TH	5'9"	150 LBS.	WING
#55 WADE WEROSTA	10TH	6'5"	190 LBS.	CENTER
#14 CABLE WRIGHT	9TH	5'11"	215 LBS.	PT. GUARD/WING

HEAD COACH: JIM HICKS

ASSISTANT COACHES: DAVE MOORE, BRAD FRASER, JEREMY BOOHER, DOUG TOY

Bath County Lady Cats

00 Kara Collins	11	5-9	F/C
4 Lexy Grimes	10	5-3	G
5 Taylor Rogers	7	5-4	G
10 Hannah Everman	10	5-3	G
11 Hannah Mann	8	5-0	G
12 Morgan Howard	7	5-3	G
14 Ginny Adams	12	5-8	F
15 Lamorpha Robinson	9	5-6	G/F
20 Megan Leach	7	5-2	G
22 Amber Martin	9	5-4	G
23 Erica Toy	10	5-6	G
25 Brittany McClain	7	5-5	F/C
30 Haleigh Porter	7	5-6	F
32 Jessica Walton	11	5-5	F
33 Kelsey Thomason	7	5-6	F
34 Sara Price	6	5-6	G
35 Christa Jamison	7	5-3	G
44 Hannah Walkers	7	5-8	C
50 Chelsey McDermott	11	5-8	C



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