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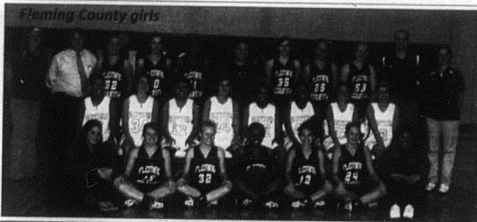
Name	Year	Position	#	Height
Toya Barris	12	G	12	5'2"
Kaylyn Emmons	12	G	24	5'7"
Lindsay McKee	12	G	32	5'2"
Destiny Jackson	12	F	40	5'5"
Sarah Boyd	11	G	34	5'4"
Kristina Fuente	11	G	20	5'2"
Sami Thacker	11	F	13	5'5"
Kayla Brown	11	F	53	5'8"
Robbie Allen	10	G	23	5'2"
Mandy Boyd	10	G	3	5'3"
Victoria Edmond	10	G	10	5'2"
Alex James	10	C	35	5'9"
Morgan Jett	10	F	52	5'7"
Alliyah Johnson	10	C	41	5'7"
Shannon Morgan	10	G	8	5'1"
Faige Hurst	9	G	33	5'5"
Abby Miller	9	F	17	5'7"
Shayla Robinson	9	F	5	5'8"
Tierra Taylor	9	G	54	5'4"

Head Coach: Kristy Orem - Asst Coach: Robert Orem
Asst Coach: Gene Peterson - Asst Coach: Margaret Klee

Fleming County boys

Name	Number	Grade	Height	Position
Josh Gray	3	SR	6-2	Guard
Ryan Jackson	35	SR	6-0	Forward
Preston Dugan	10	SR	6-2	Guard
Bradley Gooding	20	SR	6-3	Forward
Matthew Jolly	21	SR	6-4	Forward
Devin Duran	31	SR	6-3	Guard
Chip Clark	5	JR	5-11	Guard
Troy Gibbs	23	JR	6-1	Guard
Ian Kinder	40	JR	6-2	Forward
Dillon Hicks	41	JR	6-3	Forward
Cole Clark	14	SO	5-9	Guard
Travis Taylor	15	SO	5-10	Guard
Danny Rigdon	22	SO	6-0	Forward
Darren Brooks	34	SO	6-2	Guard

Head coach: Brian Kelly
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Fleming County looks for compliment to Emmons in effort to challenge for district title

By Brad Lutz
Sports Writer

The coaches of the 16th Region know one thing about the Fleming County girls' basketball team, Kaylyn Emmons can score. The coach for Lady Panther coach Kristy Orem is who else will step up to help her. Last season Emmons, a 5-7 shooting guard, averaged 18.4 points per game and "Kaylyn has worked hard in the off-season to have the same kind of success (as last year)," Orem said. "But other teams will key on her, and (when that happens) who is the other person who will step up when Kaylyn is shut down?"

It is not as if the Lady Panthers do not have other options. The team returns four starters, including the senior Emmons, from last season's 14-13 team. However, none of the other players are the consistent scorer that Emmons is.

"Robbie shoots well and has really stepped up," Orem said. "She has speed and is an athlete." Besides finding that second scoring threat, the major concern that Orem has about her team is its lack of size. The Lady Panthers graduated starting center Danielle Harmon (5.0 ppg) last year and has no clear replacement for her. The team as a whole has only one player who stands as tall as 5-9 (sophomore center Alex James).

If no one steps into the role of a center, Fleming County often may have five guards on the floor.

"We don't have a true post player with a big presence," Orem said. "We have to get teams to turn over the ball. We will create everything in our offense from our defense. The question is, how are teams going to match up with us?"

The Lady Panthers are young, but experienced. Although there are four seniors on the team, Em-

mons is a returning starter. Of the players likely to make it into the rotation, as many of seven of them are either sophomores or freshmen.

Orem will want to use the team's speed and athleticism to play a full-court up-tempo game that includes pressuring the ball for 84 feet. Yet, she believes that the team can still play in the half court.

"We can run half-court sets and score," she said. "We have to be able to recognize when to run set plays. We have got to get better at that," she said. "We have made a commitment to ball-handling and not turning the ball over. We have to get settle-offense."

Another returning starter is junior point guard K'Osha Puente. In addition to her ability to break down the defense and get to the basket or find the open man, she is the team's defensive stopper.

Sisters Sarah and Mandy Boyd will provide some of the muscle. Although only 5-4 and 5-3, respectively, the pair will be the closest things the team has to forwards. Sarah is a junior. Mandy is a sophomore.

"Sarah is our 'four,'" she does all of the little things. She is a hard worker. She will help in rebounding and spearhead our defense," Orem said. "Mandy is a physical player. In practice, no one wants to guard her."

The Lady Panthers will see the return of senior guard Toya Burns, who missed most of last season with an injury. Burns started as a sophomore. Orem likes her athleticism; ability to shoot from the outside, rebound and defend.

The two other seniors, forward Destiny Jackson and guard Lindsey McKee, will both play. Jackson is a hard-worker who rebounds and defends well, while McKee is a 3-point shooter.

Junior forward Sami Thacker adds another shooter to the mix, while sophomore guard "Victoria Edmond is a feisty, high-energy player, who is constantly chasing after the ball. Sophomore centers James and Alliyah Johnson give the team some size underneath, but have thin frames. Alliyah is the more physical of the two, while James has the potential to be a shot blocker.

Junior Kayla Brown and sophomore Morgan Jett also may slip into the rotation as forwards. Freshman guard Tierra Taylor also could see some time because of her speed and athleticism.

The Lady Panthers have the talent to make a run at the 61st District title and advance through the regional tournament, but the team will need to develop a consistent perimeter game to offset its lack of height.

"We've improved our ball handling, but we've got to be better shooters (than last season's 31.6 team field-goal percentage)," Orem said. "If we can make shots and play defense, rebounding will not be an issue."

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