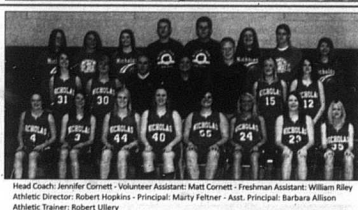


2009-2010 Nicholas County Bluejacket Roster

Varsity	Position	Year	Height	Number
Kyle Campbell	G/F	SR	6'2	32
Cody Fryman	F/C	SR	5'10	30
Dalton Hampton	G/F	SR	6'0	23
Cameron Dale	G	SR	5'8	5
Zach Lemons	F/C	SR	6'3	50
Kalep Briner	F	SR	5'10	35
Harry Fegan	PG	SR	5'9	14
Marias Bogie	C	SR	6'4	50
Charles Washington	F/C	JR	6'6	45
Nathan Gilkerson	F	SO	6'0	40
Jake Blakeman	G	SO	5'9	12
J.D. Wagener	F	FR	6'0	15
Austin Allison	G	FR	5'9	3
Zach Howard	C	FR	6'1	31
Toby Howard	F	FR	5'10	10



Name	Number	Team	Height	Year	Position
Shelby Sozby	24	V	5'4	Senior	PG, G
Megan Hunter	40	V	5'8	Senior	F
Petrea Mitchell	44	V	5'8	Senior	C
Lauren Harrison	55	V	5'8	Senior	C
Mandi McLean	12	V	5'6	Junior	PG, G
Ashley Jordan	30	V	5'7	Junior	G
Robyn Cohorn	31	J/V	5'8	Sophomore	C
Laken Howard	33	J/V	5'8	Sophomore	G
Reesa Martin	15	J/V	5'6	Freshman	G
Elizabeth Johnson	53	J/V	5'8	Freshman	C
Emily Florn	55	F	5'8	Freshman	C
Shelby Wade	21	J/V	5'7	Freshman	F
Shannon Bretz	3	J/V	5'8	Freshman	G
Lakyn Jolly	35	J/V	5'3	8th Grade	G
Whitney Willoughby	30	J/V	5'8	8th Grade	F
Morgan Hamilton	33	J/V	5'5	8th Grade	G
Shania Mitchell	44	F	5'8	8th Grade	F
Megan Bretz	4	J/V	5'0	7th Grade	PG



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Transfers hope to bolster Nicholas County's chances for turnaround season

By Brad Lewis
Sports Writer

Nicholas County coach Michael Colfer thinks his team can win 20 games this season. It is a bold statement for a club that was only victorious nine times last year and had win totals of three, three, five and four in the previous four seasons. The last time the Bluejackets had double-figure victories was in 1999-2000 when the team won 22 games. Why the rebound optimism?

The first reason is a pickup. The Bluejackets have the leading returning scorer in the 10th Region senior guard/forward Kyle Campbell, who last season averaged 22.6 points and 7.9 rebounds per game while hitting 48.3 percent and connecting on 48 percent of his field-goal attempts. Assuming he stays healthy, Campbell should surpass 2,000 career points.

The other reason is the squad's hidden gem, 6-foot-6 junior forward/center Charles Washington, who transferred in from Valley High School in Louisville, and Colfer believes will be one of the top five players in the 10th Region.

Washington is not the only transfer in the program. Senior point guard Harry Fegan is new this year from Fleming County.

"Last year we had no height or point guard and we had players

who transferred in that filled those roles," Colfer said.

"Yet, there is more. Senior guard/forward Dalton Hampton is back after missing last season with an ACL injury. Hampton has the potential to be a big-time scorer."

The Bluejackets lost three players from last year's team, which finished 9-16 and 0-6 in the 10th District. Nicholas County will have eight seniors this season.

"This is the deepest team I've had since I've been here," Colfer said. "Shooting is our strength. This is probably our best shooting team (yet)."

The inside-outside combination of Campbell and Washington gives the Bluejackets a threat they have not had in Colfer's four seasons at the school.

"We can play anywhere from the one to the five. He is a great shooter, but will play more point guard this year than in the past. This will be his fourth year as a starter," Colfer said. "Charles brings athleticism. He is 6-6, 220 to 230 pounds and built like a tank. He can handle the ball and shoot, but he is still keeping the game. He is a street ball (street) player."

The one-two punch will make a difficult job of opponents to shut down the team offensively.

"They give us something we haven't had at Nicholas County for a long time. They can score from everywhere, handle the ball and

bring it up the floor," Colfer added. "We will not be double- and triple-teamed like he has been in the past." With the added athleticism the newcomers bring, the Bluejackets will switch to an up-tempo offensive style this season.

"We are going to try to push it as much as we can. Last year we wanted to slow it down," Colfer said. "The guys are learning to get to spots, make the easy pass, fit the lane and get good spacing. The guys really like it." But the new players and style will mean the team will have a learning curve. "We have a lot of new guys that have to learn the system," Colfer said. "We hope to be a good defensive team halfway through the season."

"We will press a lot and mix in some man (to man)," he added. "We have played zone a lot in the past, but we will play more man-to-man this year. We will mix up our defense."

One of the key newcomers is three-year starting forward Cody Fryman. Colfer notes that he is undervalued for the post at 5-10, but works hard and "has a big heart."

Senior Zach Lemons (5-2 ppw, 3.2 rpg) is another point player. Colfer likes his size and ability to score around the basket.

The return of Hampton will mean another scoring option on the wing.

"Dalton Hampton is a great shooter. He will play the two or the three," Colfer said. "We are excited to have him back. He could have been a big scorer for us last year."

Fegan is likely to join Fryman and Hampton in the backcourt. He will be the team's primary point guard.

"He is quick, can handle the ball and shoot from the outside," Colfer said. Senior Cameron Dale will be a reserve guard, who brings both a hard work ethic and strong shooting ability. Colfer is counting on him to play an important role.

Senior forward Kalep Briner returns to the team after a two-year absence. He is likely to play a defensive role. Another senior, Marius Bogie, is a 6-4 center who will add depth in the post. One freshman has worked his way into the rotation. J.D. Wagener is a 6-0 forward.

"He is one of the hardest workers, always hustling," Colfer said. "He will be a spark off the bench as a defensive stopper."

The keys to achieving the lofty goal total will come down to limiting turnovers, rebounding and sound decision-making.

"We have to take care of the ball and defend. The offense can put points on the board," he concluded. "If we do those things, we will reach our goals."

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