



Name	Number	Grade	Height	Position
Mary Case	5	12	5-6	Forward
Emily Gifford	33	12	5-9	Center
Elizabeth Wright	32	12	5-10	Center
Hana Filman	20	11	5-9	Forward
Chelsea Fryman	23	11	5-7	Guard
Felicia Fryman	21	11	5-10	Forward/Center
Kelsey Carmack	24	10	5-9	Center
Jodi Grooms	41	10	5-5	Guard/Forward
Jessica Mitchell	3	10	5-8	Guard
Bianca Delgado	10	9	5-6	Forward
Krista Smithers	31	9	5-11	Center
Hannah Gifford	40	8	5-5	Guard
Kendal Greaves	14	8	5-6	Forward
Katie Stewart	15	8	3-5	Guard
Haley Cooper	2	7	5-2	Guard
Hannah Lovins	5	7	5-2	Forward
Lacey Mitchell	12	7	5-3	Guard

**Deming Girls Roster**  
**Head coach:** Thomas Mitchell  
**Assistant coach:** April Brumagen  
**Manager:** Jared Cummins  
**Book:** Lisa Mitchell  
**Stats:** A.D. Carmack

**Deming Boys Roster**

Name	Number	Grade	Height	Position
Ethan Earlywine	24	SR	6-1	Forward
Austin Stitt	40	SR	6-3	Forward
Matt Durham	25	SR	6-3	Forward
Luke King	15	JR	6-2	Guard/Forward
Kyle King	4	JR	6-1	Guard
Jonathan Caldwell	23	JR	5-9	Guard
Larry Collins	42	JR	5-8	Guard
Johnathan Pilosky	33	SO	6-3	Guard/Forward
Calvin Schlich	12	SO	6-0	Guard
Travis Miller	30	SO	5-11	Forward
Nathan Massey	50	SO	5-7	Forward



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**Deming girls to again play without Carmack**

By Brad Lutz  
 Sports Writer

Just when it looked like the Deming Lady Devil basketball team was ready to step up and challenge for the 38th District title, the team learned it will have to play the season without its top scorer and rebounder Kelsey Carmack.

A 5-foot-9 sophomore center who averaged 12.4 points and 13.5 points per game last season and was quickly becoming one of the top players in the 12th Region, Carmack will miss the 2009-10 campaign with an ACL tear after suffering the knee injury two minutes into the second scrimmage of the preseason. She missed the final five games of last season after an injury to her other knee.

Before the injury, coach Thomas Mitchell was excited about the size that was coming into his program. Now he will need to size those youngsters earlier than he had expected. "We graduated three seniors who were all major contributors, but replaced them with different style players, mostly forward's," Mitchell said. "Now we could play four guards with-

out Carmack or we could end up playing three points (at the same time) because of our size."

The Lady Devils are going to play a full-court game regardless of their personnel. Now Mitchell will have to decide which of those options work best. "We were an up-tempo fast break team in the past and that won't change," he said. "We use our defense to create the best break and force our opponents to take a bad shot or turn the ball over."

Last season, five players averaged between five and eight points per game for the 14-15 Lady Devils. Three of those players graduated. Mitchell will now have to turn to junior point guard Chelsea Fryman (7.9 ppg) and sophomore guard Jessica Mitchell (6.7 ppg) to handle the bulk of the scoring.

"Chelsea is our floor leader, she is intelligent and gets the players started," coach Mitchell said. "Jessica is versatile and fast. She became our sixth man last year when Kelsey got injured. Both Chelsea and Jessica are good outside shooters."

Mary Case, a 5-6 senior forward, is a returning starter. A team co-captain, she does not

provide much statistically, but is a critical part of the Deming defense.

"Mary is an excellent defender. She has speed and is aggressive," coach Mitchell said. Junior Felicia Fryman is the only other returning upperclassman. The 5-10 post player was going to play a larger role this season even before Carmack's injury. However, she likely will get the first crack at the starting center spot now that it is open.

"Felicia was our sixth or seventh man last year, but she is our most improved player," coach Mitchell said. "She is a quick learner, aggressive and a shot blocker."

Deming's three other returnees are all guards who are still in middle school. All three saw limited playing time on the varsity last season.

"These of the middle schoolers, Katie Stewart, Haley Cooper and Lacey Mitchell will push the older girls," coach Mitchell said. "They all have good attitudes and work hard."

The other nine players are all newcomers. However, there only were 11 players on last year's varsity, so coach Mitchell is pleased that his roster has

swelled to 16. "We have more size this year with the new girls. We have more aggressive defenders and our numbers should allow us to use that aggressiveness in our pressure defense," he said. "We have big numbers, but depth is still a question mark."

Seniors Emily Gifford and Elizabeth Wright return to the team after sitting out last year. Coach Mitchell thinks both will challenge for time in the post.

The team's tallest player is 5-11 freshman center Krista Smithers. She, too, is likely to be in the rotational mix. Coach Mitchell likes junior forward Hana Filman and sophomore wing Jodi Grooms because of their work ethic. Both could maneuver their way into the lineup with their effort and tenacity.

"Eighth grader" Hannah Gifford is likely to see playing time on the perimeter due to her quickness and aggressiveness. Coach Mitchell describes his team as relentless.

"We are going to outwork our opponents. We are persistent in what we do. We will go after offensive rebounds and collect junk points," he said. "Our strength is

our hard work and heart. All of our players have individual skills that make us a unit and cohesive group."

That philosophy helps when it comes to the style of defense Deming employs.

"We will mostly play man-to-man, but will switch defenses. We will play some zone and trap some to create turnovers, hopefully unforced," coach Mitchell said. "We will play in-you-face pressure defense in the half or full court."

Obviously, the Lady Devils will need to have more players contribute to the scoring this year. "Our transition game is our bread and butter," coach Mitchell said. "We have developed a half-court game and sets to carry us through the dry spells, but we are reluctant to slowing down the

ball." He highlighted rebounding and free throw shooting as areas that need improvement.

Coach Mitchell said he has "put the team's goals in perspective," but does have some that are etched in more heavily.

"We want to win the ward to win the Christmas Tournament (at Grant County)," he said. "We want to do well in the Class 'K' (Tournament) versus (Bishop) Broasart and we want to go back to the regional, but we are direct champions."

"In order to do that, we have to stay positive as a team, get our shots up, especially out of our transition game, always out-rebound our opponent and limit our turnovers on offense," he concluded.

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