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# ADMIRALS



With a strong core of senior guards and wings returning, Farragut boys head coach **Jon Higgins** looks to improve upon a 17-17 season in 2020-21.

"It's going to be a fun season," Higgins said.

## Biggest strengths

"I think our ability to score the basketball will be one of our strengths this year because we've got a good mixture of shooters and creators," the coach said. "Our experience will be good for us."

"As long as we can continue to gel and build chemistry on the floor, then we should be pretty good," he added.

## Concerns

"You always worry about rebounding because we're not very big," Higgins said. "Our size isn't what it's been in the past, and that's always a concern."

## Individuals

Senior guard **Dillon Atwell** "is a very steady player and a very heady player," Higgins said. "He will be counted on to lead us this year. Can play well on the ball or off the ball. Shoots it well. Makes good decisions."

Senior point guard/wings **Ryan Neal** "shoots it really well, scores it really well and defends really well," the coach said. "A really good passer. He'll also be counted on to lead."

Senior point guard **Carter Mayfield** "is a very good defender," Hig-

## BOYS ROSTER

1	Elisha Brabson	W	12
2	Garrick Hrivnak	W	11
3	Dominic VanAcker	W	9
4	Dillon Atwell	G	12
5	Ryan Neal	G	12
10	Tyson Jackson	P	11
11	Luke Johnson	W	11
12	Isaiah Smith	G	12
13	Dallas Carbaugh	W	11
14	Carter Mayfield	G	12
15	David Beaver	P	12
20	Preston Fuller	P	11

**Head Coach:** Jon Higgins

**Assistant Coaches:** Justin Wakefield,  
Steve Hampton, Austin Glascow

**Trainer:** Jessica Frazier

gins said. "Can score timely baskets. Is a really tough competitor."

Senior wing **Isaiah Smith** "is a really good shooter," he said. "A really good scorer of the basketball. Will be counted on to play well both offensively and defensively."

Junior wing **Dallas Carbaugh** "is a very good rebounder and a very good scorer of the basketball, he just has a knack for it," Higgins said. "He's getting better defensively. He'll be counted on big this year — won't

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Most of Farragut's firepower returns this season, finishing 18-8 in 2020-21, as four senior Lady Admirals — the team's "heart and soul" according to skipper **Jason Mayfield** — look to carry their team to a big season: point guard **Keeleigh Rogers**, guard **Avery "Ace" Strickland**, wing **Ashlyn Sheridan** and post **McCall Willis**.

"We look for a lot from those four players, on the court and off the court," he added.

"I think we're all ready to take that next step as a team."

## Biggest strengths

"I think our depth is much better than what it has been," Mayfield said. "... I tell people we're not real big, but we're tall and long for a bunch of guards and wings, so defensively we're able to do a lot of different things."

## Concerns

"We've got to rebound the ball much better than what we did at times last year. ... Over the last few years that's been one of our bigger weaknesses," the coach said.

## Individuals

Strickland, who helped the Lady Ads softball team win a Class AAA state championship last season, "Gets most of the notoriety and awards and things like that," Mayfield said. "She can obviously shoot the ball very,

## GIRLS ROSTER

2	Allie Heins	G	12
3	Annalise Bishop	PG	11
4	Annie Priest	PG	9
11	Mya Johnston	G	10
13	Avery Strickland	G	12
23	Hannah Enderson	W	10
24	Carly Vining	P	10
32	McCall Willis	P	12
33	Madison Foshie	W	12
34	Keeleigh Rogers	G	12
44	Ashlyn Sheridan	G	12

**Head Coach:** Jason Mayfield

**Assistant Coaches:** Andy Arendt,  
Alex Munday, Madison Maples

**Trainer:** Jessica Frazier

very well.

A West Virginia signee, Strickland "is probably as athletic as any player around here," the coach added.

Rogers, a Carson-Newman signee, "is kind of a combo guard that's played a ton of minutes for us since she was a freshman," Mayfield said. "Really played well this summer for us. We really felt she took another step this summer, and we hope that continues."

The coach said Strickland and Rogers "are really our leaders."

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## FHS Boys

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be able to sneak up on anybody after an All-District (4-AAA) season as a sophomore.

"He'll be expected to do just a little bit more this year," the coach added. "I think he'll be up for the task."

Senior wing **Elisha Brabson** "can be good both offensively and defensively," Higgins said. "He's just got to keep working at it to be what we expect him to be on both ends of the floor."

All six of these Admirals "started for us a good, fair amount of games," the coach said. "Dallas and Dylan

and Ryan probably started the most."

As for depth, junior post Tyson Jackson "had a good summer, and we expect that to continue throughout the year this year," Higgins said.

Freshman wing **Dominic Van-Acker** could be in the mix. "It will be interesting how he adjusts to the high

school game," Higgins said. "But we expect him to go out there and make some things happen as a freshman."

Other Admirals looking to contribute are senior post **David Beaver**, junior post **Preston Fuller**, and junior wings **Garrick Hrivnak** and **Luke Johnson**.

## ADMIRALS 21-22 SCHEDULE

Nov. 18	.....at Bradley Central High School
Nov. 20	.....East Hamilton High School
Nov. 20	.....Jefferson Co. High School
Nov. 22	.....Farragut Thanksgiving Tournament
Dec. 3	.....at Bearden High School *
Dec. 7	.....at Fulton High School
Dec. 10-11	.....TN Roundball Classic at Science Hill
Dec. 13	.....Sevier Co. High School
Jan. 4	.....Cleveland High School
Jan. 7	.....at Hardin Valley Academy *
Jan. 11	.....Maryville High School *
Jan. 18	.....at William Blount High School *
Jan. 21	.....Heritage High School *
Jan. 22	.....Greeneville High School
Jan. 25	.....Hardin Valley Academy *
Jan. 28	.....Bearden High School *
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\* District Games



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# HAWKS



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With a lot of seniors and key contributors back from a tough 2020-21 season, head coach **Shane Wells** is “really excited” about several of his Hardin Valley Academy boys players.

“We’ve got a lot of players back,” the second-year Hawks coach said. “We’ve got a nice group of seniors. “I think we’ve got a chance to have a good team,” he added.

### Biggest strengths

“I think we have depth. It may not be top-level depth, but we’re all pretty equal,” Wells said. “So, I think we can sub and not lose a whole lot.

“We shoot the ball very well,” he added.

### Concerns

“The key is going to be: can we defend in the half court, and can we rebound? That’s a major concern,” Wells said. “... We don’t rebound and defend the best, and that’s two things we’ve got to get better at.”

### Individuals

Returning starters include senior guard **Hudson Stokes**, an Honorable Mention All-District 4-AAA honoree. “He’s a really good scorer and a really good shooter,” Wells said. “Hudson’s going to be one of the better shooters in the area.”

Senior **Nick Liakonis** is back after missing the 2020-21 season due to a knee injury. “We’re excited about Nick Liakonis coming back,” the coach said. “... He’s a great shooter.”

Senior **Ty Gentry**, a part-time starter last season, also returns —

## BOYS ROSTER

Nick Liakonis, Sr.	Elijah Johnson, Jr.
Hudson Stokes, Sr.	Levi Bohne, Jr.
Dale Henley, Sr.	Hakeem Rashid, Jr.
Jaelyn Pannell, Sr.	Jack Smith, Jr.
Julian McCoy, Sr.	Jackson Clark, So.
Jacob Greene, Sr.	Nicholas Hodge, So.
Ty Gentry, Sr.	Thomas Joseph, So.
Hunter Frey, Jr.	Tyson Smith, So.
Amadou Seck, Jr.	Barron Scheetz, Fr.
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though he will miss some early season games due to injury. “Ty is one of our best defenders and one of our best athletes,” the coach said. “He led us in three-point shooting percentage last year. He’s one of our best competitors.”

**Dale Henley**, a senior post, also returns. “Dale’s our best post player,” Wells said. “We’re really looking for Dell to bring us some inside presence this year.”

Senior **Julian McCoy** “is going to be a key contributor this year,” the coach said. “He brings toughness. He’s one of our best defenders. Probably one of our best leaders.”

Senior **Jaelyn Pannell** “was All-District tournament, All-District regular season,” Wells said. “He was our leading scorer last year — and maybe

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Photo courtesy of Jeremy Wiggs Photography

Looking to rebound from a rough 2020-21 season, **Jennifer Galloway** has begun her 14th season as Hardin Valley Academy Lady Hawks head coach (the only head coach in program history) with three starters returning.

### Biggest strengths

“I think this team is going to be very relentless,” Galloway said. “I think that they are going to value the defensive side of the ball. We’re hoping to score off of some of our defense.

“They’ve been very responsive to our conditioning program in the pre-season,” she added. “I feel like they’ve gelled well together this pre-season.”

### Concerns

“We are a very young team,” the coach said. “But that’s exciting for me because everybody is very eager to learn.”

### Individuals

Sophomore guard **Gracie Waite** was a huge bright spot as a freshman.

“Her strength is her bursts off the dribble,” Galloway said. “Last year she ran our point guard spot. Does a real good job seeing the floor.”

Senior guard **Avery Laugherty** also returns, as does junior guard **Lexi Hall**.

“Avery is a sparkplug for us, she brings a lot of energy in practice and in the games,” Galloway said. “She also has the ability to run the floor well.”

## GIRLS ROSTER

3	Avery Laugherty	G	12
5	Kamryn Butcher	G	9
10	Kyndra West	G	9
11	Faith Johnson	G	12
14	Lexi Hall	G	11
20	Ava Claire Wrather	G	9
22	Lily Adkisson	G	9
23	Deneya Peays	G	10
24	Callie Butler	P	11
32	Gracie Waite	G	10
44	Kamiyah Love	P	9

**Head Coach:** Jennifer Galloway

**Assistant Coaches:** Brianne McCroskey,

Tiffany Cantrell, L.C. Wilson

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As for Hall, “her strength is her ability to shoot the ball,” the coach said.

The team’s other senior, guard **Faith Johnson**, “has improved tremendously over the last few years with her decision-making,” Galloway said. “She takes pride in her defense and rebounding.”

As for newcomers, the coach mentioned five freshmen. **Kyndra West**, point guard, “can score from the outside,” the coach said. “She can also get the ball around the rim to finish.

**Kamryn Butcher**, point guard, “has a motor that never stops,” Galloway said. “She brings a

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## HVA Girls

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lot, especially defensively.”

**Kamiyah Love**, post, “has an ability to score with her back to the basket,” she said.

**Ava Claire Wrather**, guard, “is a slasher,” Galoway said about her ability to penetrate to the basket offensively.

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Sheridan, an Anderson University (South Carolina) signee, “also has played a lot of minutes for us,” Mayfield said. “Shoots the ball really well; is getting better at attacking the rim and being more physical.”

Willis “is our dirty work player ... as a wing-forward and post player. She’s also played a ton of minutes for us,” he said. “She does all those little things around the basket.

“In our region tournament game last year against Oak Ridge, she had 18 rebounds,” Mayfield added. “She’s got skill and talent as well.

She’s improved her range on her shot, and she’ll make some of the bigger (defenders) step out and guard her.”

In the mix as a fifth starter includes senior guard **Allie Heins**. “She’s a good role player, a good shooter,” Mayfield said. “Does a lot of little things that are important. A

good athlete.”

Junior point guard **Annalise Bishop** “hasn’t really played a ton of minutes in her two years so far, but she’s definitely in the starter mix, the top eight or nine player rotation,” the coach said. “A really, really good defender.”

## HAWKS 21-22 SCHEDULE

\* District Games

Nov. 16.....	Austin East
Nov. 18.....	at Gibbs High School
Dec. 3.....	West High School
Dec. 7.....	at Halls High School
Dec. 14.....	at Knoxville Central High School
Dec. 16.....	Karns High School
Dec. 28-30.....	Lenoir City Christmas Tournament
Jan. 3.....	Concord Christian School
Jan. 4.....	at Anderson Co. High School
Jan. 7.....	Farragut High School *
Jan. 11.....	Heritage High School *

Jan. 14.....	at William Blount High School *
Jan. 18.....	at Maryville High School *
Jan. 21.....	Bearden High School *
Jan. 24.....	at Clinton High School
Jan. 25.....	at Farragut High School *
Jan. 28.....	William Blount High School *
Feb. 1.....	at Heritage High School *
Feb. 3.....	Knoxville Central High School
Feb. 4.....	at Bearden High School *
Feb. 8.....	Maryville High School *
Feb. 11.....	at West High School



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# BULLDOGS



Don't worry about head coach **Jeremy Parrott's** Bearden Bulldogs this season: plenty of talent returns for another Class AAA state title run (last year's final record 30-4 while unbeaten in District 4-AAA).

## Biggest strengths

"The strength of our program rests in our senior class," Parrott said. "We've got six seniors who'll be vying for starting spots, and a couple of juniors who'll be pushing them as well."

"Overall, we're going to go as our seniors go this year," he added. "... We were pretty good in transition this summer. ... I feel we should be a pretty decent shooting team."

## Concerns

"We're not an overly big team competing on a high level," Parrott said.

## Individuals

Senior guard **Elijah Bredwood** "is the guy returning with the most experience," Parrott said. "We're going to count on him to carry the scoring load, but we need him also to be a good facilitator and a good defender."

"We're looking for Elijah to be one of our leaders on and off the court this season," he added.

Senior **Walker Kile** (6-foot-5) "is going to anchor our post for us," Parrott said. "... Walker played with a great motor and a lot of determination this summer on both ends of the floor."

In fact, "I believe Walker's going to determine how good we are in the end because he's something most of us aren't — he's a little bit of a throw-

BOYS ROSTER				
0	Elijah Bredwood	G	SR	
1	Nelson Karnowski	G	JR	
2	Wyatt Shomaker	G	SR	
3	Tyree Gibson	G	SR	
4	Darian Bailey	W	SR	
5	Hayden Moseley	W	SR	
10	Jake Poole	G	JR	
12	Drew Parrott	G	FR	
13	King Hubbard	G	FR	
23	Drew Parrot	W	SO	
24	Jamichael Blair	W	FR	
31	Dalton Siva	W	SO	
35	Walker Kyle	W	SR	
<b>Head Coach:</b> Jeremy Parrott <b>Asst. Coaches:</b> Tyler Place, Luke West, Eric Sandefur, Darren Higgins <b>Trainer:</b> Nicole Lichtenwalner				

back around the bucket," he added. "We're going to need that some nights depending on how we're guarded."

"He can be a true back-to-the-basket guy when we need him to be, but he can also step out and hit a three when necessary. And he's a good passer."

"Walker's going to draw some of the tougher interior assignments as the year goes," the coach added.

Senior **Hayden Mosley**, a 6-foot-4 wing, wasn't a starter last year "but was in our top eight or nine rotation," Parrott said. "Hayden's going to be kind of like a Swiss Army knife

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Add this up: Bearden's Lady Bulldogs finished 30-2 last season — earning another TSSAA Class AAA state tourney berth before a first-round exit — and head coach **Justin Underwood** has welcomed back four returning starters.

## Biggest strengths

"I think experience and having played in big games," Underwood said. "I think their willingness to share the basketball, even as individually talented as they are."

"And just their commitment to defend; they take pride in playing defense and slowing other teams down," he added.

## Concerns

"Just the normal things: you hope to stay healthy."

## Individuals

Senior point guard/wing **Jennifer Sullivan**, a Tennessee Tech signee, "can shoot it, slash, take a charge — kind of your energy leader," Underwood said.

Also a dual threat as a point guard or wing, senior **Emily Gonzales**, a Carson-Newman University signee, is a three-year starter. "Some of the best hands defensively, a great slasher and just an ability to get to the rim," the coach said.

Senior **Maddie Brillhart**, a 6-foot-1 wing/post and LMU signee, "is a match-up challenge for most teams," Underwood said. "She can shoot it well from the outside, but also can take you inside."

Junior **Avery Treadwell**, a 6-foot-3 post earning All-state honors last

GIRLS ROSTER				
2	Lauren Spainhower	PG/W	10	
3	Hannah Claire Stephens	W	12	
10	Kendall Anne Murphy	W	9	
12	Bailey Burgess	PG/W	12	
14	Brinley Murphy	W/P	11	
22	Lindsay Wilson	W	10	
23	Maddie Brillhart	W/P	12	
24	Jennifer Sullivan	PG/W	12	
30	Emily Gonzalez	PG/W	12	
32	Avery Treadwell	P	11	
33	Amanda Parker	P	10	
34	Lainey Cox	P	9	
<b>Head Coach:</b> Justin Underwood <b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Josh Suttles, Cozette Gaspard & Stephanie Torrence				

season, "has a great touch," the coach said about her shooting.

Already a huge inside scoring threat and top rebounder, Treadwell "has gotten herself stronger," Underwood said.

Senior **Bailey Burgess**, a point guard/wing who transferred from The Kings Academy, "has had a really good career thus far. Can really shoot it," the coach said about this commit to Lee University.

Senior wing **Hannah Claire Stephens** "is a team player" who has been content to see "her role change and adjust," Underwood said.

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## BHS Boys

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for us ... his leaping ability sets him apart from others.

"We're going to depend on Hayden to do a little scoring for us this year, and he's probably going to draw some of the tougher perimeter (defensive) assignments," he added.

Senior **Wyatt Shomaker** "was our starting point guard this summer, and had a nice summer," Parrott

said. "We need steady play from him because he's got some big shoes to fill with **Ques Glover** and **Isaiah Bredwood** (recent years standout points at BHS), both playing college basketball right now."

Pushing Shoemaker for point guard duties is senior **Tyree Gibson**, although Shoemaker and Gibson will play together often, the coach said.

"Having both those guys on the roster is really an advantage for us," he added.

"Tyree can be a menace on the defensive end of the floor because of his quickness and anticipation," Parrott added. "But he can step in and run the team as well."

Senior wing **Darian Bailey** (6-foot-6), a transfer, "can play inside, can play outside," the coach said. "He can defend multiple positions.

"We're looking for a big year out of him as well. He's another one who had a great summer."

Two juniors "in the mix push-

ing these seniors" are guards **Jake Poole** and **Nelson Karnowski**.

Poole "is a bigger guard at 6-foot-2 that's got a good head on his shoulders and knows how to play," the coach said.

Karnowski, in his first full year on the varsity, "is a tough, hard-nosed kid that can shoot it as well," Parrott said.

Others looking to contribute are sophomore wing **Dalton Silva** and freshmen guards **King Hubbard** and **Drew Parrott**.

## BHS Girls

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Junior **Brinley Murphy**, a wing/

post who was a major contributor to the BHS Lady SoccerDawgs Class AAA state title run, "plays with so much energy and intensity, which

can really change the pace of a game," the coach said.

Others looking to contribute are sophomore point guard/wing **Lauren**

**Spainhower**, sophomore wing **Lindsay Wilson**, sophomore post **Amanda Parker**, freshman post **Lainey Cox** and freshmen guard **Anne Murphy**.

## BULLDOGS 21-22 SCHEDULE

Nov. 18.....	at Bradley Central High School
Nov. 20.....	Sevier Co. High School
Nov. 20.....	Alcoa High School
Nov. 22.....	Farragut Thanksgiving Tournament
Dec. 3.....	at Bearden High School *
Dec. 7.....	at Fulton High School
Dec. 10.....	Double Tree Roundball Classic-Science Hill
Dec. 13.....	Sevier Co. High School
Dec. 17.....	Ensworth High School
Dec. 18.....	Science Hill High School
Dec. 29.....	at Tampa Bay Invitational
Jan. 4.....	Cleveland High School
Jan. 7.....	at Hardin Valley Academy *
Jan. 11.....	Maryville High School *
Jan. 18.....	at William Blount High School *
Jan. 21.....	Heritage High School *
Jan. 22.....	Greeneville High School
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## HVA Boys

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our best defender."

**Jack Smith**, a junior, adds depth to the post.

As for newcomers, sophomore guard **Nick Hodge** looks to provide depth at point guard.

"I'm really excited about **Eli Johnson**," Wells said about the junior wing. "A tough competitor. He does everything right."

"I'm excited about

**Hakeem Rashid** ... he could be a surprise in our district this year," the coach said about the junior.

A pair of transfers pads the talent pool. **Victor Campbell**, from Michigan, has Wells "excited about what he's done in practice."

**Barron Scheetz**, a freshman transfer from Webb School of Knoxville, "is a very talented player," the coach said.

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# WARRIORS

Showering his four returning starters and key reserves with much praise — being strong on fundamentals despite physical limitations — **James Johnson** has begun his second season as Christian Academy of Knoxville boys head coach.

## Biggest strengths

Coming off a 19-10 season in 2020-21, “I think we defend well, especially in the quarter-court ... that’s how we won a lot of games last year,” Johnson said. “I think we’re a gritty, tough, defensive-minded team.

“We shoot the ball well,” he added. “We’ve got to knock down shots to be successful.”

As for intangibles, “We have a lot of 4.0’s (GPAs), a lot of cerebral guys,” Johnson said. “We can really execute, get the shots we want.”

## Concerns

“We’re not very big; we don’t have a lot of size or athleticism,” he said. “... We’re super guard-heavy.”

## Individuals

Returning starters are **Matt Murray, Luke Carter, Evan Coffman** and **Denzel Jackson**.

Murray, a senior forward, “is one of the best leaders I’ve ever coached,” Johnson said about the All-district honoree from 2020-21. “Was really productive for us. ... Very high-character kid; incredibly hard worker. ... A great defensive player. Kind of a Jack-of-all-trades.”

Carter, a junior guard, “is one of the most underrated players, not just in the city but the whole state of Tennessee,” Johnson said. “Battled injury and illness last year.

“I think he’s going to be a big-time scorer for us,” he added. “Can score in a lot of different ways. Excellent finisher. Shoots the three really well. Also a really good defensive player.”

Coffman, a junior guard, “is an excellent three-point shooter,” Johnson said. “He’s another guy that defends really well for us. We’re looking forward to a big year out of him.”



## BOYS ROSTER

1.	Matthew Murray	F	Sr
2.	Nathan Benton	F	Sr
3.	Denzel Jackson	G	Sr
4.	Chi McNeil-Harrison	F	Sr
5.	Luke Carter	G	Jr
6.	Evan Coffman	G	Jr
7.	Thomas Simpson	G	Jr
8.	Nathan Ogle	F	Jr
9.	KP Campbell	G	So
10.	Sloan Helton	G	So
11.	Aidan Troutt	F	So
12.	Will Kelley	F	Sr
13.	Bryson White	G	Sr

Head Coach: James Johnson



To have an experienced team — and yet not one senior — is a unique position for Christian Academy of Knoxville girls head coach **Abby Williams**.

In fact, the Lady Warriors are, to put it mildly, heavy on juniors, with nine of 10 roster spots in the Class of 2023.

Many of these girls, as sophomores, experienced a TSSAA Division II-A substate game last season, though losing to University School of Jackson (22-12 final CAK record).

## GIRLS ROSTER

2	Reese Campbell	G	JR
10	Madi Jones	G	JR
11	Keira Leffew	SG	JR
12	Chatham Ibach	G	JR
14	Emma Carroll	G	JR
20	Izzy Proffitt	F	SO
21	Jenneh Day	G	JR
23	Emily Wilson	PG	JR
34	Zoie Bourgoyne	C	JR
42	Macaiah Harrison	SF	JR

Head Coach: Abby Williams

Assistant Coach: Donnie Cooper

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Jackson, the team's point guard, "is a tremendous leader," the coach said about the senior. "He's been a four-year player. A really steady, very poised guy. Really, really good ballhandler for us. He can score when we need him to. Really like a floor-general guy. ... He'll guard the other team's best guard."

Senior forward **Nathan Benton** "gave us some big minutes off the bench last year," Johnson said. "He'll definitely be a big leader for us."

## CAK Girls

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Practically the entire 10-girl roster is expected to see significant playing time, the coach added.

"Anybody could lead for us," Williams said. "... And we have a lot of girls who can score. We have a lot of talent."

As for yet another strength, "I think we have a lot of length," the coach said, pointing to a couple of big guards.

### Concerns

"Finding that leader or leaders to make sure we're all on track and help

He's one of our most talented kids. Really shoots the ball well. An excellent defender."

Junior guard **Thomas Simpson**, "the quarterback of the football team, was the best player on our JV team last year," the coach said. "Has a ton of energy. ... He's a guy who can really get to the basket. He's also tremendous defensively."

**Chi McNeil-Harrison**, senior forward, "is our biggest guy (6-foot-5). Excellent rebounder, excellent shot-blocker," Johnson said. "A big-time energy guy; can switch out and guard guards. He can finish around the rim."

set that precedent each day in practice and in games," Williams said.

### Individuals

Shooting guard/small forward Keira Leffew joins fellow returning starting guards Madi Jones, Chatham Ibach and point Emily Wilson.

Yet another junior guard, point Emma Carroll, returns after being a part-time starter in 2020-21.

As for size, Leffew is around 5-foot-11 while junior post Zoie Bourgoyne is 6-foot.

Others looking to contribute are guards Reese Campbell and Jenneh Day, small forward Macaiah Harrison and sophomore forward Izzy Proffitt.

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# IRISH



It's **B.J. Edwards'** senior season at Knoxville Catholic. The 2021-22 season also concludes one-third of a century of mentoring Fighting Irish varsity boys basketball for **Mike Hutchens**.

Neither the young superstar guard, who's headed to Tennessee, nor the highly successful middle-aged head coach and assistant athletic director, with a 597-268 career record, a state championship at KCHS (2020) and five other TSSAA state tourney appearances in his first 32 seasons, will be around next year.

Time for another TSSAA Division II-AA state title run? Last year's Irish, reaching the state semifinals before losing, finished 21-4.

## Individuals

Continuing about Edwards, "He just does it all. ... He gets people in the right place," said Hutchens, a nine-time conference Coach of the Year and 2002 East Tennessee Coach of the Year. "He's like a quarterback on the floor.

"He could average 30 points a game if he wanted to," the veteran coach added about Edwards. "In our system, we need him to average 20, which he will, and 125 assists.

"He's the most highly decorated player I've had, and he's certainly one of the better players out of Knoxville in many years."

**Blue Cain**, a 6-foot-4 junior wing, "averaged 15.9 points last year; he

## BOYS ROSTER

1	Blue Cain	G	Jr
2	Deondrea Lindsey	F	Fr
3	Yesan Warren	G	Jr
4	Presley Patterson	G	Sr
5	Brian Edwards	G	Sr
12	Luke Jessie	G	Sr
14	Quincy Pannell	G	So
21	Joseph O'Leary	G	Jr
22	Bentley Turbyville	G	So
23	Caleb Asbaty	G	So
24	Alex Doerger	F	So
25	Jaevien Eleam	F	Fr

**Head Coach:** Mike Hutchens  
**Associate Head Coach:** Tony Scott  
 Geraud Hall  
**Trainer:** Matt Schaller

really came on as a sophomore," Hutchens said. "We need him to be our other leader. In practice so far, and workouts, he's really improved. He's bigger and stronger. ... A tremendous leaper."

**Presley Patterson**, a senior wing, "is our dead-eye sharpshooter," Hutchens said about the state championship game MVP as a sophomore. "In pre-season workouts, he's just been lights-out shooting."

**Yesan Warren**, a junior guard,

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Combining a young but talented team with an extremely tough regular schedule last season, it's no wonder head coach **Travis Mains'** Knoxville Catholic Lady Irish had a losing record — yet showed many flashes of brilliance.

Those flashes, in fact, were a regular occurrence in the post-season, resulting in a trip to the TSSAA Division II-AA state championship game last March.

Mains' state runner-up team returns four starters

## Individuals

Senior guard **Reagan Dodson** and senior forward/center **Ella Renfree** look to lead the Irish back to state-title contention.

A 6-foot-1 "athletic post player," Renfree "was fifth in the state in blocked shots last year," Mains said. "She did a great job defensively for us. ...

"She's pretty much our leader, emotionally."

Dodson was a key player off the bench last season "who plays hard, and is athletic ... has gotten stronger," Mains said.

Junior guard **Jazmin Williams**, an All-state honoree as a freshman

## GIRLS ROSTER

0	Kahlia Lattimore	G	So.
1	Jazmin Williams	G	So.
3	Reagan Dodson	G	Jr.
5	Caroline Krueger	F/C	Fr.
11	Jeila Greenlee	G	Sr.
12	Ceci Pumariega	G/F	Jr.
15	Sharon Wilson	G	Fr.
20	Grayce Lane	G	So.
21	Kate Pettinger	G	So.
22	Jaya Jenkins	G	So.
23	Ella Renfree	F/C	Jr.
24	Sydney Mains	G/F	Fr.
25	Gigi Sompayrac	G	So.
32	Rebecca Deyo	F	Fr.

**Coaches:** Travis Mains, Missey Mains



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# LIONS



For a team that made a strong post-season run last year (20-7 final record), watch out for head coach **Michael Wilkins'** Concord Christian School Lions.

A tough schedule awaits CCS versus "Oak Hill, (Virginia), Hamilton Heights, (Knoxville) Catholic, Christ School out of North Carolina," Wilkins said.

### Biggest strengths

"This year, for our starters, we have pretty much everybody back," Wilkins said. "We were a heavy junior class last year. ... We're a good-sized team, and we're going to be a physical team in the paint.

"For the first time at Concord, we've got about eight guys that we'll have in a rotation," he added. "And we've got up to 11 who'll be contributors this year.

"We've got experienced guys, and we've got a deep bench."

The exact starting five, however, "will depend on match-ups and who we're playing," he added. "We've got guys who we're expecting to have really big seasons.

"On the perimeter we've got a lot of options. We've got multiple guys who can score and defend different positions. And we're good in transition."

### Concerns

"Just keeping everybody healthy," Wilkins said. "And we have to watch how we play," to stay out of foul trou-

## BOYS ROSTER

0	Jose Rodriguez	Sr
1	Jake Blankenship	Jr
2	Caden Gheen	Jr
3	Jeremiah Fletcher	Jr
4	Jacob Dunn	Jr
5	Elijah Divine	Sr
11	Noah Gilder	Jr
13	Chase Morgan	Sr
21	Juan Rodriguez	Sr
22	Dominic Alford	So
23	Will Morris	Sr
34	Drew Sloan	So
45	Harry Pennoyer	Sr

**Coach:** Michael Wilkins

**Assistant coach:** Troy Fleming, Jefferson Holt

ble, "being a bigger, physical team," he added.

### Individuals

Senior point guard **Jose Rodriguez**, district MVP last season, **Juan Rodriguez**, **Chase Morgan**, **Will Morris**, **Harry Pennoyer** and **Elijah Divine** are the six seniors.

"I can see Chase Morgan stepping up in a lot of games," the coach said. "Juan Rodriguez just plays 100 percent every time he steps onto the floor.

"Will is a shooter for us," Wilkins added. "Harry is a great defender and a good post guy."

Junior **Jake Blankenship**, ineligi-

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The basketball "firm" of Peterson, Pattison, Patterson and Patterson look to help provide strong play alongside two returning starters for a Concord Christian School Lady Lions program that won three games in 2020.

With a young line-up and thin roster, new Concord Christian School girls head coach **Denard Bertram** looks to build his team around senior point guard **Kylie Phillips** and junior wing/point guard **Raleigh Jack Walker**.

### Biggest strengths

"We shoot the ball really well ... shooting from the outside is the strength of our team," Bertram said. "And our team defense has looked really good."

### Concerns

"Our main concern is depth," the coach said. "... And we've had a lot of turnover in coaching staffs."

### Individuals

Phillips "is a really good shooter, handles the ball well, had a high basketball I.Q.," the coach said. "Has one of the best work ethics I've ever been around. A very

## GIRLS ROSTER

2	Sydney Peterson	Sr.	W
3	Ashley Anderson	So.	F
4	Ester Pattison	Fr.	
10	Anistin Patterson	Jr.	
15	Sheridan Patterson	8th	G
20	Raleigh Jack Walker	Jr.	W/PG
30	Kylie Phillips	Sr.	PG
32	Grace Davis	Sr.	P

**Head Coach:** Denard Q. Bertram

**Assistant Coach:** Anna Hamilton



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## CCS Boys

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ble last season due to transfer rules, is ready to roll.

"He's a 6-foot-5 wing that can shoot the ball and put it on the floor,"

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coachable kid."

Walker "is a very strong defender, brings toughness," Bertram said. "Can make shots. Just a really smart player."

Senior wing **Sydney Peterson** "is a very quick, aggressive defender," the coach said. "She does all the blue collar dirty work. Very hard-nosed. She'll draw the assignment of guarding the best guard on the other team night-in and night-out."

Senior post **Grace Davis**, 5-foot-9, "is a very strong player," Bertram said. "Has a nice touch on the inside, and she rebounds the ball really well."

Sophomore forward **Ashley Anderson**, 5-foot-11, "is still figuring the game out," the coach said. "But she's come leaps and bounds from

Wilkins said.

Junior **Noah Gilder** "has been a starter since his freshman year," the coach said.

**Caden Gheer**, a junior, is another Lion who is being counted upon to provide depth.

the summer until now. She shoots the ball very well from 15 feet in. She's getting where she can put it on the ground. She runs like a guard, so she's going to be able to get out on transition and make some buckets, and help us in our press."

Providing depth will be junior **Anistin Patterson**. "She's a really good shooter," Bertram said. "And she's quick on the defensive end. She's looking to add some valuable minutes for us."

Freshman **Ester Pattison** "is a dead-end shooter," the coach said. "Right now we're working with her, trying to get her better putting the ball on the floor."

Eighth-grader **Sheridan Patterson** "has a knack for the ball," Bertram said. "She's going to help us with some of our ball-handling duties. She can shoot it.

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who was slowed by injuries last year, "is just a really good athlete. ... We turned it around we she got healthy" late last season.

Sophomore guard/forward **Sydney Mains**, the coach's daughter, "had a good summer," coach Mains said. "She got three Division I honors over the summer."

Sophomore guard **Sharon Wilson** also returns after starting as a freshman. "She's very quick, athletic and ... is a disruptor on defense."

Junior guards **Kate Pettinger** and **Grayce Lane** came off the bench last year "and gave us timely scoring," coach Mains said. "Kate is a leader. ... Lane "shoots it well."

"Probably our most improved player since this time last year" is sophomore forward/center **Caroline Krueger**. "She's got a good chance to probably start."

As for young depth, "We've got four freshman who should be able to contribute and help this year as well," he said of guard/forwards **Tinsley Walker** and **Maggie Frana**, guard **Ensley Perry** and forward **Katie Gonzales**.

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also returns. "He is a tremendous ball-handler and on-ball defender," the coach said. "He took on some of the toughest jobs last year defensively and was outstanding."

"He'll be a key piece to our line-up. ... An outstanding rebounder for his size (6-foot)."

Sophomore **Alex Doerger** (6-foot-7) will man the post. "He got a lot of minutes last year as a freshman," Hutchens said. "... He's also an outstanding three-point shooter."

Lot's of size will come off the bench in the person of 6-foot-7 freshman **Deondrea Lindsey**. "He's already ranked on several sites as one of the top five freshmen in the state," the coach said. "He can shoot the three, rebound, run the floor, handle the ball."

Sophomore guard **Caleb Asbaty** "is starting to push for a role," the coach said. "He can shoot the ball, he rebounds real well."

Sophomore **Quincy Pannell**, a shooting guard, "played some minutes last year," Hutchens said.



Concord Christian School is looking forward to a great season and would like to welcome new High School Girls Head Coach, Denard Bertram.



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# KNIGHTS



With scary size and lots of athleticism — the result of continuing to recruit regionally and internationally — Knoxville Christian School is back to looking like a junior college team.

Reflecting their size and ability, the Knights are playing some nationally ranked teams in 2021-22 — a couple on a home-and-home basis — including one each from North Carolina and Georgia.

"We're such a small school, we rely so much on our internationals," head coach **Joey Brandenburg** said about his talent.

With greatly reduced talent in 2020-21 due to COVID-19, KCS only finished 11-9.

In close contact with TSSAA concerning membership, this program decided to wait until the 2022-23 seasons to join the state's athletic governing body for high school sports.

## Biggest strengths

"This is a whole different team (versus last year). This is the best and deepest team that I've had" at KCS, Brandenburg said. "... We're really well-rounded. We've got guards, we've got bigs. And we're young, still.

"We should line up pretty well with anybody around (locally)," he added.

## Concerns

"The only concern is some of the guys coming off the bench, most are freshmen and sophomores, but they've got plenty of experience in our system because they were there at (KCS) Middle School," Brandenburg said.

## BOYS ROSTER

1	Paul Stegmann	JR	G
2	Chandler Gamble	FR	F
3	Joel Morsi	SR	G
4	Bennett Simerlein	SO	G
10	Caleb Hammann	SO	C
12	Kei'Shawn Bowman	JR	G
13	Edoardo Grimaldi	SR	G
15	Ogbonna Agbo	JR	F
21	Ja'Mel Yarbrough	JR	PG
30	Blake McNew	JR	G
32	Kosi Mgbefiofor	8th	C

**Head Coach:** Joey Brandenburg  
**Assistant Coach:** Dylan Brandenburg,  
Joshua Amos

Junior point guard **Ja'Mel Yarbrough** and junior forward **Ogbonna Agbo** (6-foot-8) are returning starters (both are captains).

Yarbrough "is a really good defensive player," Brandenburg said. "Distributes the ball well. Has gotten faster and strong while having a really good off-season in the weight room and things like that."

Agbo "is a pretty dominant force on the inside," the coach said. "... He has been in the weight room."

Labeling the Knights "an international program," Brandenburg picked up a pair of Germans: 6-foot-9 shooting guard **Paul Stegmann**, a junior, and **Joel Morsi**, a 6-foot-2 senior guard.



With no season last year, Knoxville Christian School's girls begin the 2021-22 hoops season with eight varsity players who are "very young and very small," head coach **Jada Chamblee** said.

However, there's apparently lots of balance on this eight-girl team. "Everybody will get close to the same playing time," the coach said. "Besides **JaKiah (George)**, a senior guard/forward, they're all about the same skill level."

Overall, "I don't know how many games we'll win, but I'm looking for improvement and just how they play the game this year," Chamblee said.

## Biggest strengths

"Most of them have played a lot together, except for **Jill (Schindler)**, for a while," Chamblee said. "They each know each other's strengths and weaknesses.

"They play good together as a team," she added. "They talk good.

"They are young, but I have a lot of expectations for them this year."

## Concerns

"The biggest concern is that they are young, especially since my point guard is a seventh-grader," Chamblee said.

## Individuals

George "is going to be one of our leading scorers," Chamblee said.

## GIRLS ROSTER

0	Ashton Chamblee	G
1	Zoei Barnett	F
3	Bri Wilson	G
5	Helen O'Leary	F
11	Baylee West	C
12	Jill Schindler	G
14	JaKiah George	F
32	Rylee Boling	G

**Head Coach:** Jada Chamblee  
**Assistant Coach:** Dylan Brandenburg,  
Alisha Wright

Senior **Bri Wilson**, the team's starting two-guard, "is a good shoot-

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# WEBB SCHOOL OF KNOXVILLE

# SPARTANS



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The good news: though losing the reliable shooting touch and steady play of wing **David Sanger**, Webb School of Knoxville boys team returns all its other top players for 2021-22, finishing at 30-4 last season following a 1-point substate loss to Tipton-Rosemark.

The challenging news: the Spartans move up a classification and now play in Division II-AA with a relatively small team.

"It's pretty consistent with how we've been over the last several years: I think our skill level at all five positions is pretty high," head coach **Ricky Norris** said.

## Individuals

Senior **Jaylon Green** starts for a third season at point guard. "He's going to play college basketball at some level," Norris said. "I think he's as good a high school player as there is around. And he just continues to get better and better."

"He's everything I would want in a high school point guard," the coach added. "That's a lot of experience coming back to lead your team."

Senior wing **Luke Lentz** "can really, really shoot it," Norris said. "He's a big-time three-point shooter. He's as good of a catch-and-shoot three-point maker as I've ever coached."

"His development in other areas has been significant," the coach added. "We're excited to see him put all

## BOYS ROSTER

0	Jaylon Green	Pg	Sr
1	Luke Lentz	W	Sr
2	Lukas Walls	W	Jr
3	Brandon Winton	PG	So
4	Markeis Barrett	W	So
5	Shavar Young	W	8th
10	Jaylen Pompey	PG	Fr
11	Lane Shipley	W	Jr
15	Devin Mixon	W	Sr
22	Drake Ingram	W	So
24	Eli Vickers	W	So
25	John Tolsma	W	Jr

**Head Coach:** Ricky Norris

**Assistant Coaches:** Zach Gulmire, James Michel, Rashawn Rembert



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Looking to get back to their state championship-contending ways this season with Webb School of Knoxville girls hoops, head coach **Shelley Collier** — leading her program to six state crowns and four TSSAA runner-up finishes in her first 23 seasons — returns three starters from last year's extremely rare losing season.

## Individuals

Senior point guard/wing **Shae Berry**, junior forward **Madelyn Ladd** and senior forward **Sheelove Knowles** return.

"I have three seniors that are just solid young ladies," Collier said, also including **Lily Hirsh**, a wing.

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## GIRLS ROSTER

2	Shae Berry	Pg/W	Sr
3	Katelyn Overton	Pg/W	So
4	Madelyn Ladd	F	Jr
5	Maliyah Mixon Wing	So	
10	Caitlyn Jenkins	W/F	Jr
11	Lily Hirsh Wing	Sr	
12	Brooklyn Bush	W/F	So
14	Riley Nathan	F	Fr
15	Sheelove Knowles	F	Sr
22	Sydney Stinson	W/F	So
23	Alexis Houser	Pg/W	So
24	Meeyah Green	Pg/W	8th
33	Avery Green	W/F	8th

**Head Coach:** Shelley Collier

**Assistant Coaches:** David Ball, Day Vance, Niki Horner

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er for the outside," the coach said.

A "very young" point guard, **Rylee Boling** is only a seventh-grader. "But she can hold her own, I don't have any doubts about her," Chamblee said. "She has real good ball handling skills."

Also expected to start is the versatile **Ashton Chamblee**, a freshman.

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Berry, an Anderson University (South Carolina) signee, "has really matured in the time that she's been here," Collier said. "A good floor leader for us; a vocal leader."

Knowles provides "mature senior leadership," Collier said. "She has done a lot of things for us. She's small but athletic ... in terms of rebounding, defending."

Ladd, the team MVP last season, has been offered a scholarship by Carson-Newman University. As the team's tallest player at 5-foot-10, "she has to play multiple positions and guard multiple (types) of players."

Moreover, "She's gotten stronger," the coach added.

About Hirsh role as a new starter, Collier said, "She's been in our program" a long time, "and been to my camps since she was little."

"She will play a key role for us this

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of that together."

**Devin Mixon**, senior wing, "does a little bit of everything for us," Norris said. "He's kind of an inside-outside guy who we can also play at the point if we had to."

"He's probably our best on-the-ball defender," the coach added.

**Lukas Walls**, a 6-foot-3 junior guard, "has gotten some Division I (college) offers," Norris said. "He can play both inside and out. He's a slasher, an athletic kid who can also make a jump shot. He made a little over 40 percent from three-(point range) last year."

"He's our best athlete," the coach added.

"I can pretty much put her anywhere, but mainly she'll probably play our three-guard or our power forward," coach Chamblee said.

Three guard/power forward **Helen O'Leary**, an eighth-grader, is the team's top perimeter offense threat. "She's our shooter," the coach said.

Freshman forward/post **Zoei Barnett** "will probably be the first off the bench," she said. "She's a rebounding queen."

year," the coach added.

A really young Lady Spartan has cracked the starting lineup.

About eighth-grade wing/point guard **Meeyah Green**, "You're going to hear her name a lot," Collier said. "She does not look like an eighth-grader. She's going to be, hopefully, somebody you're going to enjoy watching. She's got a lot to her game."

Providing depth are "a group of sophomores ... that are going to see a lot of minutes," Collier said about point guard/wing **Katelyn Overton**, wing **Maliyah Mixon**, wing/forward **Sydney Stinson** and point guard/wing **Alexis Houser**.

Houser, out with an injury to begin the season, "is one of our best three point shooters," while **Overton**, **Mixon** and **Stinson** "are tough. They'll play a lot," the coach added.

In addition, Overton "does a lot of little things, and is vocal for a sophomore," Collier said.

Sophomore **Brandon Winton**, point guard, started as a freshman last season. "I've always thought you make your biggest jump between your freshman and sophomore years, and I think Brandon's on pace to do that watching him over the summer," Norris said. "He's a strong, big, physical guard that has a really high basketball IQ. And he's an incredibly willing defender as well."

As for depth, sophomore guard **Markeis Barrett**, junior forward **John Tolsma**, sophomore forward **Eli Vickers** and sophomore guard **Drake Ingram** all played varsity last year.

A pair of newcomers further adds depth: freshman point guard **Jaylen Pompey** and eighth-grader **Shavar Young** "are good enough to play (varsity) high school," Norris said.





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