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Don't let grass grow under the basketball



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It has been an interesting season already. Teams have started to play earlier than normal. Teams have begun to play other teams that would not be on their normal schedule.

However, that is 2020. You play who you can when you can. If someone can't play, get on the phone and find someone else to play.

Don't let the grass grow under a basketball this season.

COVID-19 has created all kinds of problems for the athletic world. Never would I have thought that some would close down an entire conference's money making sport.

But, the Big 10 is really not that big or really a football conference.

High school basketball is entering into a season after not being able to finish the last one. Instead of six schools calling themselves state champions, we have 10 as four classifications named the state finalists as champions. Poor 1A and 2A played championship games and 3A-6A all went home and never saw the lights of the Hot Springs Convention Center.

It is a new year and now the concerns of seeing the end of the season are there, but high schools have adapted and have found ways to work toward a championship.

Football in the larger classifications have moved on to the finals. So there is hope for completing a season.

In the world of 4A-1, not much has changed. Maybe the most exciting news is that Johnny Basketball or Johnny Taylor has joined the league. He will be coaching at Farmington. He is always exciting.

The worse and best news for the 4A-1 is the regional opponents from the 4A-4.

According to coaches, this could be the best boy teams ever in that conference. These same scholars say that any boys team from the 4A-1 would be lucky to get out of regionals and make it to state. Which has been the case over the last couple of years.

But, for the girls, it seems that any team from the 4A-1 that makes regionals will almost certainly have a state tournament bid. Which like the boys has been the case over the last few years.

Green Forest has a shot at a regional berth this season. The Tigers could be on the cusp of making the postseason tournament.

Yellville-Summit and Marshall are all playing 2A basketball. Marshall got shipped south to play with the central Arkansas schools while the Panthers stay with the northwest schools.

The best advice that basketball fans can have this season is to call ahead before going to the game. Who knows if the game will be held or who knows who the opponent will be.

Players enjoy every minute that you have on the court. Who knows how many minutes there will be.

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Good luck to each of our teams, I hope you win every game.

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BOBCAT ROSTER

No.	Athlete	Height	Class
1	Kennon Helmlinger	6-2	11
2	Kade Davidson	5-8	11
3	Jack Dignan	6-0	10
5	Kanon Coatney	5-5	10
11	D.J. Colbert	5-11	10
12	Landon Chester	6-0	12
14	Layton Grunwald	5-9	12
20	Zach Boaz	5-8	11
21	Weston Teague	6-8	11
22	Chet Hudgens	5-11	10
23	Jake Wilson	6-3	10
24	Nate Allen	5-8	10
30	Caden Nickell	5-10	12
32	J.D. Smith	6-2	12

Berryville's season has taken a different look



By **JEFF BRASEL**

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BERRYVILLE — In a season that will have changes made almost each day to either the schedule or the team roster, the Berryville Bobcats got the season started and will now have to make another change.

An injury during the third game of the season put the team's point guard on the bench for most of the foreseeable future.

Junior returning starting point guard Kade Davidson suffered a leg injury during Berryville's contest with Rogers Heritage.

"Kade really made us go," said Berryville coach Brent Compton. "He is a dynamic player that has great athletic ability. He is a hard one to handle."

The loss of the Bobcat will allow other players the opportunity to step up. Berryville has two returning starters and one part-time starter back this season.

Landon Chester is one of the returning starters.

"He is an outstanding 3-point shooter," said Compton. "He has improved his ability to score at all three levels. He has put weight on in the weight room. He is going to be a hard matchup for defensive players."

The man in the middle also is back for the Bobcats.

"Weston Teague is a rim protector," said the coach. "He has improved in his physical strength. He has expanded his game to the 3-point line. People have to go with him because he can score out there or at the rim."

The part-time starter is J.D. Smith.

"He is an excellent 3-point shooter," stated the shot caller. "He really improved his driving game. He can get to the rim and finish. He can also rebound very well. He has some length. He has a quick release and can knock down his outside shots. Defenses will have to cover him when he catches the ball."

The Berryville lineup could be filled with several players. The coach discussed the attributes of each one.

"Jake Wilson looks like he will be taking a position," said the coach. "He has good size and good skills offensively. I think that he will hold the position down. He gives us some height at 6-foot-3."

Another player that will be on the court a lot is Nate Allen.

"He is a hard worker," said the coach. "He shoots it well. He will be in the mix this year. If he isn't starting, he will play a bunch."

A sophomore that will help the team is Jack Dignan.

"He is another one in that sophomore class," said Compton. "He will play a lot this season."

Another couple of players that will help the team from the football team.

"Kennon Helmlinger is coming over from football," said Compton. "He will find some time when he gets his basketball skills back under him."

"D.J. Colbert is another football player that is joining us," continued the coach. "He can shoot it and has a nice touch."

Compton also points to Chet Hudgens as a player that in the sophomore class that will see the court.

There are several other players that will be vying for minutes on the hardwoods. Compton pointed to Kanon Coatney, Layton Grunwald, Zach Boaz and Caden Nickell as players that can help the squad this season.

Coming into the season, the Bobcats are looking for a successful season. The team earned a trip to the regional tournament last season and fell a point short in a loss to Morrilton.

The Bobcats have found a place in Compton's heart.

"I really like these kids," he said. "They work hard. They have high basketball IQs. There are a lot of gym rats in this group."

"We will see steady improvement this season," he said. "We will play our best basketball at the end of the season if we can keep everyone healthy."

When asked about the strength of his team, Compton pointed to one thing that he liked about the team.

"Our skill," he said. "We have a lot of players that can score. We can put five players on the floor that can knock down a 3-point shot."

The coach pointed to the team's overall size and athleticism as a possible weakness, along with the youth of the team.

Expect the expected for Berryville this season. The Bobcats will be playing a man defense while Berryville will be using a motion offense.

"We switch up our offense each year based on our kids skills," the coach said.

Berryville is one of the favorites in the conference race this season, but Compton feels the team has to improve and that the league is crowded.

"Our league is a challenge," he said. "Our side is a big challenge. Harrison, Huntsville and Shiloh just reload every year. Our conference is tough. Farmington has a new coach and he brought his son with him. They will be good as well."

The 4A-1 has its work cut out for them in the regional tournament.

"The conference down there may be the best that they have been in the 17 years that I have been here," said Compton. "Morrilton has had a couple of move-ins and Ozark won the region last year with a young team."

This season like every school, the Bobcats have had to adjust the team's approach to the game because of COVID-19.

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LADY BOBCAT ROSTER

No.	Athlete	Height	Class
1	Shaelys Rameriz	5-2	10
2	Emma Hall	5-0	10
3	Emma Samac	5-5	11
4	Lauren Compton	5-7	12
5	Kayley McCarty	5-4	10
10	Lilli Compton	5-4	10
12	Hannah Youngblood	5-2	10
14	Sarah Prunte	5-4	11
22	Madison Beck	5-7	11
24	Faith Kelley	5-8	11
25	Anniston Armer	5-5	11
31	Avery Bell	5-4	10
33	Ella McMellon	6-1	12



Lady Bobcats entering unknown season

By **JEFF BRASEL**

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BERRYVILLE — The season will begin for Berryville with many unknowns. Replacing 60 percent of the starting lineup will be a challenge for the team. Daniel Cornelison doesn't know how the team will react at the first of the season.

"We just don't have much game experience," said the veteran coach.

Without much experience, the Lady Bobcats will enter the season without much experience in the season to draw from. That is due to the COVID-19.

"We had no summer," said the coach. "We lost three starters and have had no summer to figure out what this team can do."

"It is something that I and several other coaches have had to overcome," continued the coach. "We have to find a way to get it done."

The Lady Bobcats have had a hard time getting the new season started.

"We have already lost four games this season," said Cornelison. "We have had the girls for three weeks after volleyball season and then I was in quarantine for two weeks."

"We don't know if we will get to make the games up," continued the shot caller. "We will have to adjust on the fly. This is not going away at least not this season. We have to make the most of a difficult situation."

The Lady Bobcats play in one of the toughest leagues in Class 4A. The 4A-1 has nine teams in conference with four playing on the east side and five on the west side. Berryville, Harrison, Huntsville and Shiloh Christian all play in the east.

"I think Harrison is the front runner on our side even with the two girls that are hurt," said Cornelison. "Shiloh Christian is significantly improved. They are so big and the guards are better."

"It is going to be tough," he said. "Huntsville has improved. It will be tough every night."

Cornelison took a look at the other side of the conference.

"Farmington, Pea Ridge and Gravette are all really good," said the coach. "I don't know which one is better. They are all very good."

When the conference moves to regional play, Cornelison feels that Ozark and Morrilton are two better teams in the conference.

Moving into the season, Cornelison likes the characteristics that he sees in his team.

"They are really great kids," he started. "We have a great group of seniors that play hard and have been best friends for years. They have great chemistry."

Team unity is one of the things that draws Cornelison to the team.

"I like our guard play," said the coach. "We have strong guard play and the chemistry."

As the team enters the season, Berryville will have a weakness to overcome.

"We are inexperienced," said Cornelison. "It is the main thing that we have to overcome. We will have several girls on the floor that have never played significant playing time."

Cornelison has a plan to help his team get ready for the season.

"We are going to try to get our guards in space," stated the coach. "We want to use our speed. We need to shoot the ball well every night."

This season the Lady Bobcats will have a different look than in the years past.

"We have relied on our inside," Cornelison said. "We will have to spread out and space the floor well."

Defensively the Lady Bobcats will be continuing to pressure the ball. The coach said that the team will use a combination of zone and man.

There are two returning starters for the Lady Bobcats. Seniors Lilli Compton and Lauren Compton are back for the purple-and-gold.

Lilli Compton saw a lot of playing time for the Lady Bobcats during their runner-up trip to the Class 4A finals two seasons ago.

"She brings leadership," stated the coach. "She can put the ball in the basket whether she is shooting it or at the free throw line. She is our leader on the floor."

Lauren Compton is another senior returning starter.

"She is a great rebounder and good defender," said Cornelison. "She is

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TIGER ROSTER

No.	Athlete	Class
0	Jay Pope	10
1	Ali Cabrera	10
3	Isaac Demeyer	11
5	Jacob Zimmerman	10
10	Kalwine Anjolak	12
11	Tony Gonzalez	10
12	Reiley Gordon	12
20	Elijah West	11
22	Andre Tobar	10
23	Colton Richardson	10
24	Adrian Serna	12
30	Jordan McCloud	11
32	Daniel McDonald	12



Rough start to uncertain season for Tigers

By **RODNEY BEAVER**

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GREEN FOREST — The unknown of the 2020-2021 basketball season hit the Tigers of Green Forest early.

"We have already had five games either canceled or postponed," Tiger head coach Shane Compton noted of the effect that COVID-19 had on the summer and through the early stretch of the basketball season. "We had several practices with few participants because players were quarantined."

If Green Forest looks to improve on last season's first-round exit in the conference tournament, the Tigers will have to take advantages of their strengths.

"Post play should be our strength," Compton exclaimed. "We have good size in the front court (6-foot-6, 6-4, 6-3) and better shooters than we have had in the past."

Experience in the paint will be a big asset for the Tigers.

"We have our two leading scorers and rebounders from last year's team and both are post players," said the coach.

Compton pointed to the ball handlers on the team as the area with the least experience.

"Guard play by committee," the coach commented when asked how the Green Forest team would work to cover that weakness. "We don't have a lot of experience, but we are fairly deep at the guard position."

The Tiger offense will vary from one game to the next. The coaching staff will analyze the opposing defense and how the personnel matches up with the competition.

Defensively, the team will play according to their opponent.

"We are hoping to play mainly man-to-man, but we will adjust depending on the matchups," said Compton.

This season the Tigers are placed in the 3A-1 and though some teams are no longer on their schedule, some are the same.

The coach pointed to Bergman, Elkins and Valley Springs as teams to look out for on the schedule. Those venues are familiar for the Tigers as they all have been part of Green Forest's conference from previous seasons.

"I like the new conference," he said. "Because of the closer proximity of the schools. We no longer have road trips to Rose Bud, Mountain View or Clinton."

Two players will take the court in a familiar role this season. Compton returns

two starters from last year's team.

"Daniel McDonald is a versatile player who can play in the post or on the perimeter," Compton mentioned of his 6-4 senior forward who was an All-Conference player last season.

"Jordan McCloud is a big body in the post," the coach noted of his other returning starter. "He has good touches down around the basket. He is a good rebounder and shot blocker and was an All-Conference honorable mention last season."

Rounding out the lineup includes two seniors.

"Kalwine Anjolak is a good defender and ball handler," he commented. "Reiley Gordon is very athletic and does a good job attacking the basket."

Isaac Demeyer is a forward that completed the starting lineup and Compton referred to the 6-3 junior as "athletic and a good defender and rebounder."

Adrian Serna is a senior guard that will be coming off the bench and will see playing time along with sophomores Ali Cabrera and Tony Gonzalez.

Other players that will vying for time on the court include Elijah West, Colton Richardson, Jacob Zimmerman, Jay Pope and Andre Tobar.

JUNIOR BOYS

The Junior Tigers will be looking to improve from a 4-17 season last year.

Team members include: Kobok Lanki; Sergio Martinez; Boris Tobar; Araun Reyes; Mason Meador; Zak Watson; Renold Anjolak; Antwon Paul; Ajay Strain; Hesten Maybee; Decimus Reyes; Victor Cervantes; Sebastian Holsted; Brayden Meek; Ridge Gordon; Brayden Compton; Payton Gardner; and Halen Boyd.

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LADY TIGER ROSTER

No.	Athlete	Height	Class
00	Allie Snow	5-9	10
2	Evelyn Lopez	5-4	12
5	Leah Evans	5-2	10
10	Katie Farrar	5-10	10
11	Emily Lozano	5-1	10
12	Kimberly Lozano	5-3	11
14	Maddie Youngblood	5-9	12
15	Samantha Delavin	5-6	11
24	Glorina Langinbelik	5-7	10
25	Bianca Rosales	5-4	12
31	Lyndsey Snow	5-9	10
34	Carlee Smothers	5-5	11
44	Jessica Padilla	5-1	11



New conference, familiar foes for Lady Tigers

By **RODNEY BEAVER**

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GREEN FOREST — The Lady Tigers of Green Forest made an early exit in the district tournament last season. This year, the girls in red and white will work their way through a newly aligned 3A-1 that features several differences, but also some familiarities.

"I like the conference change because the travel is much better," Lady Tiger head coach Kyle Farrar commented on the upcoming season. "It's also the conference teams that typically we have always been with at Green Forest. So there are some natural rivalries.

"Having said that, northwest Arkansas has always been a hot spot for very athletic and very hard-nosed basketball teams," he continued. "So we will have to be prepared for that."

Preparation for the season has had its ups and downs with the COVID-19 situation affecting scheduling as well as the practices.

"Practices have been affected," stated Farrar regarding all of the preseason conditioning changes. "But luckily we have not canceled due to our kids being out. There have been several games due to the other teams being quarantined though."

With the season having begun, the coach has taken note of the things that he likes about his team.

"We have a lot more depth and a lot more skill and athleticism than we have had recently," said the coach.

When it comes to the strengths of the Lady Tiger team, the coach will be relying on the depth of his bench and the shooting skills of his players.

However, when it comes to what the coach sees as a weakness, quality time on the hardwood will be valuable toward overcoming the obstacles.

"Very inexperienced at the high school level in several spots," he noted of the weakness.

Lack of experience can only be addressed with gaining new experience. The coach commented that he will tackle that issue by "throwing them into the fire and ride out the bumpy stretches."

The Lady Tigers squad will use multiple defenses as they go along the season and the coach will use his players in an array of continuity offenses.

Farrar looks to get his players accustomed to playing good teams on a regular basis.

"All of the conference teams are going to be good," he noted of Green Forest's placement in the 3A-1. "They're very well coached and have a lot of good returning players.

The coach pointed at Bergman and Valley Springs as being "very tough opponents."

Green Forest and the coaches are encouraged by their starters this season. "Maddie Youngblood is a very talented returning shooting guard with lots of experience," Farrar began with his lineup. "Samantha Delavin is a very athletic returning point guard and is a very tough minded competitive kid."

There will be a new face on the Lady Tigers starting five this season. "Carlee Smothers is a new girl returning home to Green Forest," said the coach. "She is very talented offensively and extremely competitive."

Two sophomores will be moving into the senior squad and will be asked to contribute from the opening tip.

"Katie Farrar is a very intelligent sophomore that is stepping into a big role with some good size," he noted of his tenth-grade starters. "Glorina Langinbelik is another sophomore with a good motor on the floor who plays very hard."

Evelyn Lopez and Bianca Rosales round out the senior roster while Kimberly Lozano and Jessica Padilla are returning to the team as juniors.

The sophomore group will include Leah Evans, Emily Lozano, Allie Snow and Lyndsey Snow.

"All of these girls will contribute very heavily to our season and success this

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BERRYVILLE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
NOVEMBER			
30	@Pea Ridge	1,2,5,6	4
DECEMBER			
1	@Bergman	3,4,4B	5
3	@Alpena	1,2,5,6	5
4	Bentonville West	3,4	6
7	@Huntsville	1,2,5,6	4:30
8	@Blue Eye, Mo.	3,4,4B	5
11	@Ozark	3,4	6
12	Huntsville	5,6	9 a.m.
14	@Kingston	1,2,6	5
15	Eureka Springs	1,2,3,4	4:30
18	@Farmington	3,4	6
21	@Lincoln	1,2,3,4	2
22	Jasper	1,2,3,4	4
JANUARY			
4	Ozark Mountain	1,2,5,6	4:30
5	@Shiloh Christian	1,2,3,4	4
7	Gentry	1,2,5,6	4
8	Clarksville	3	5
8	Crane, Mo.	4,4B	6:30
12	Huntsville	3,4,4B	5
14	Alpena	1,2,5,6	4:30
15	@Harrison	3,4	6
18	Huntsville	1,2,5,6	4:30
19	Pea Ridge	3,4,4B	5
21	Harrison	1,2,5,6	4:30
22	Prairie Grove	3,4	6
23	@Green Forest	5,6	9 a.m.
25	@Prairie Grove	1,2,5,6	4
26	@Gravette	1,2,3,4	4
29	Shiloh Christian	3,4,4B	5
FEBRUARY			
1	Pea Ridge	1,2,5,6	4
2	@Huntsville	3,4,4B	5
5	Harrison	3,4	6
8-12	District Tournament	1,2	TBA
12	@Gentry	3,4,4B	5
15-20	District Tournament	3,4	TBA
24-27	Regional Tournament	3,4	TBA
MARCH			
2-6	State Tournament	3,4	TBA
11-13	Finals	3,4	TBA

1-Jr. Girls; 2-Jr. Boys; 3-Sr. Girls; 4-Sr. Boys;
5-Seventh-Grade Girls; 6-Seventh-Grade Boys

GREEN FOREST SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
NOVEMBER			
30	Lead Hill	1,2,3,4	4
DECEMBER			
1	Harrison	1B,2B,5,6	4:30
3	@Marshall	1,2,5,6	5
4	@Eureka Springs	1,2,3,4	4
5	Huntsville	1B,2B,5,6	9 a.m.
8	@Elkins	1,2,5,6	4:30
10	Flippin	3,3B,4,4B	5
14	@St. Paul	2,3,4	5
15	@Greenland	1,2,3,4	4
17	@West Fork	1,1B,2,2B	5
18	West Fork	3,3B,4,4B	5
JANUARY			
5	Lincoln	1,2,3,4	4
7	Yellville-Summit	1,2,5,6	4:30
8	@Bergman	1,2,3,4	4
9	@Huntsville	1B,2B,5,6	9 a.m.
11	Deer	1,2,3,4	4:30
15	Valley Springs	1,2,3,4	4
18	Elkins	1,2,5,6	4:30
19	@Elkins	3,3B,4,4B	5
22	Greenland	1,2,3,4	4
23	Berryville	5,6	9 a.m.
25	West Fork	1,1B,2,2B	5
26	@West Fork	3,3B,4,4B	5
28	Bergman	1,2,5,6	5
29	@Lincoln	1,2,3,4	4
FEBRUARY			
1	@Omaha	1,2,5,6	4:30
2	Bergman	3,3B,4,4B	TBA
4	@Valley Springs	1,2,5,6	5
6	@Deer	3,4	4
8-12	District Tournament	1,2	TBA
9	@Valley Springs	3,3B,4,4B	6
12	Elkins	3,3B,4,4B	6
15-20	District Tournament	3,4	TBA
24-27	Regional Tournament	3,4	TBA
MARCH			
2-6	State Tournament	3,4	TBA
11-13	Finals	3,4	TBA

1-Jr. Girls; 2-Jr. Boys; 3-Sr. Girls; 4-Sr. Boys;
5-Seventh-Grade Girls; 6-Seventh-Grade Boys

HARRISON SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
DECEMBER			
1	@Green Forest	5,6,7,8	4:30
1	@Springdale	3,4	6
3	Valley Springs	1,2,5,6	4:30
4	Pottsville	3,4	5
7	Mt. Home	1,5,7	4:30
7	@Mt. Home	2,6,8	4:30
8	Fayetteville	4	6
10	@Huntsville	1,2,7,8	4:30
10	Rogers Heritage	3,4	5
14	@Siloam Springs	1,2,7,8	4:30
15	@Mountain Home	3,4	6
18	Prairie Grove	1,2	4:30
18	@Prairie Grove	3,4	6
JANUARY			
5	@Gentry	3,4	6
7	Bentonville	1,2	5:30
8	Farmington	3,4	6
11	@Pea Ridge	1,2,5,6,7,8	4
14	Huntsville	1,2,5,7,8	4
15	Berryville	3,4	6
19	@Shiloh Christian	3,4	6
21	@Berryville	1,2,5,6	4:30
22	@Gravette	3,4	6
25	Gravette	1,2,7,8	4:30
26	Huntsville	3,4	6
27	@Shiloh Christian	1,2,7,8	4:30
29	Pea Ridge	3,4	6
FEBRUARY			
1	Gentry	1,2,7,8	4:30
5	@Berryville	3,4	6
8-12	District Tournament	1,2	TBA
9	Shiloh Christian	3,4	6
12	@Huntsville	3,4	6
15-20	District Tournament	3,4	TBA
24-27	Regional Tournament	3,4	TBA
MARCH			
2-6	State Tournament	3,4	TBA
11-13	Finals	3,4	TBA

1-Jr. Girls; 2-Jr. Boys; 3-Sr. Girls; 4-Sr. Boys;
5-Seventh-Grade Girls; 6-Seventh-Grade Boys;
7-Eighth-Grade Girls; 8-Eighth-Grade Boys



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Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
NOVEMBER			
30	@Kingston	2,3,4	5:30
DECEMBER			
1	Bigelow	2,3,4	5
3	Green Forest	1,2,5,6	5
4	Timbo	1,2,3,4	4
7	@Clinton	1,2,3,4	5
8	@Quitman	2,3,4	5
10	Mountain View	1,2,5,6	5
11	@Conway Christian	1,3,4	5
14	@Greenbrier	1,1B,2,2B	5
15	Lisa Academy	2,3,4	5
17	Cotter	1,2,5,6	5
18	@Conway St. Joseph	1,3,4	5
JANUARY			
4	Huntsville	1,2,5,6	5
5	@Southside Bee Branch	2,3,4	5
7	@Mountain View	1,2,5,6	5
8	Hector	1,3,4	5
11	@Maumelle Charter	1,2,3,4	5
12	@Bigelow	1,3,4	5
14	Clinton	1,2,5,6	5
15	Omaha	2,3,4	5
19	Quitman	1,3,4	5
21	Conway Christian	2,3,4	5
25	Jasper	1,2,5,6	5
26	@Lisa Academy	1,3,4	5
28	@Flippin	1,2,5,6	5
29	Conway St. Joseph	2,3,4	5
FEBRUARY			
1	@Jasper	1,2,5,6	5
2	Southside Bee Branch	1,3,4	5
4	Maumelle Charter	1,2,5,6	5
5	Hector	2,3,4	5
8-12	District Tournament	1,2	TBA
9	Maumelle Charter	3,4	5
12	@Timbo	3,4	6
15-20	District Tournament	3,4	TBA
24-27	Regional Tournament	3,4	TBA
MARCH			
2-6	State Tournament	3,4	TBA
11-13	Finals	3,4	TBA

1-Jr. Girls; 2-Jr. Boys; 3-Sr. Girls; 4-Sr. Boys;
5-Seventh-Grade Girls; 6-Seventh-Grade Boys

YELLVILLE-SUMMIT SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Teams	Time
NOVEMBER			
30	Ozark Mountain	1,2,5,6	5
DECEMBER			
1	Cotter	3,4,4B	5
3	@Salem	1,2,5,6	5
4	@Decatur	1,3,4	5
5	Ozark Mountain	2B,4B	12
7	@Omaha	1,2,5,6	5
8	@Alpena	1,3,4	5
10	@Viola	1,2,5,6	5
11	Haas Hall	4,4B	5
14	@Flippin	1,2,5,6	5
15	Flippin	3,4,4B	5
28	@Guy-Perkins	3,4	5
29	Bakersfield, Mo.	3,4,4B	1
31	@Lead Hill	2,3,4	4
JANUARY			
4	Omaha	1,2,5,6	4:30
5	@Ark. Arts	1,2,3,4	4
7	@Green Forest	1,2,5,6	4:30
8	Life Way Christian	1B,3,4	5
12	Eureka Springs	1,2,3,4	4
14	Mountain Home	2B,6	5
15	Decatur	2,3,4	5
19	@Cotter	3,4,4B	5
21	Cotter	1,2,5,6	5
22	@Haas Hall	2,4	5
25	@Kingston	1,2,5,6	5
26	Alpena	2,3,4	5
28	Kingston	3,4,4B	5
FEBRUARY			
2	@Flippin	3,4,4B	5
4	@Norfolk	1,2,5,6	5
5	@Life Way Christian	2,3,4	5
8-12	District Tournament	1,2	TBA
9	Ark. Arts	3,4	5
12	@Eureka Springs	3,4	5
15-20	District Tournament	3,4	TBA
24-27	Regional Tournament	3,4	TBA
MARCH			
2-6	State Tournament	3,4	TBA
11-13	Finals	3,4	TBA

1-Jr. Girls; 2-Jr. Boys; 3-Sr. Girls; 4-Sr. Boys;
5-Seventh-Grade Girls; 6-Seventh-Grade Boys

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"We didn't have a summer," said Compton. "We start the season with five ninth-graders that won the district tournament, but they haven't got to gain senior high experience. We started the season without seeing them play another team."

The virus has put more work into the coaching profession.

"We have had to social distance in practice," said the coach. "We have to make a strategy to keep people healthy and away from everyone. We are trying to keep kids as healthy as possible."

Berryville schools have had a rough time with COVID-19.

"We have had issues," he said. "We have had kids in and out. We have had low numbers at practice. We have had only a handful of 5-on-5 practices this entire year so far."

ARKANSAS SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
NOVEMBER	
28	North Texas
DECEMBER	
2	UT Arlington
5	Lipscomb
8	@Tulsa
12	Central Arkansas
20	Oral Roberts
22	Abilene Christian
30	@Auburn
JANUARY	
2	Missouri
6	@Tennessee
9	Georgia
13	@LSU
16	@Alabama
20	Auburn
23	@Vanderbilt
27	Ole Miss
30	@Oklahoma State
FEBRUARY	
2	Mississippi State
6	Texas A&M
9	@Kentucky
13	@Missouri
16	Florida
20	@Texas A&M
24	Alabama
27	LSU
MARCH	
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GOBLIN ROSTER

No.	Athlete	Class	No.	Athlete	Class
0	Braden Tabor	11	21	Kason Rogers	10
2	Kason Hilligoss	10	22	Blaise Bonds	10
3	Blake Shrum	10	23	Kade Bilbee	10
4	Julius Scott	12	24	Timber Crenwelge	11
5	Gatlin James	11	25	Maverick Wynn	11
10	Logan Plumlee	11	30	Bryce Bonds	12
11	Hayden Inman	10	32	Owen Styles	10
12	Kaden Quant	11	33	Tyler Fields	11
13	Ethan Edwards	12	42	Kamran Bell	10
14	Abe Glidewell	11			
15	Treyvan Sullivan	10			
20	Hudson Lewis	10			



Harrison moves from “too young” to “young”

By **JEFF BRASEL**

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The exciting thing about looking at Harrison's scorebook this season will be seeing many familiar names from last season.

One thing about his year's group of players is that they have aged a season. The Goblin basketball team pushed the youth movement last season and are still not an old team despite being a veteran team.

“We were too young last season,” stated Harrison coach David Stahler about his team. “This year we are young, but we have a lot of experience returning.”

Harrison has only three seniors on the squad this year.

Even with the crowded roster, the Gobblins are still having trouble getting everyone on the floor.

“I really felt like we handled the COVID well,” said Stahler. “We had an excellent fall, but once the season got here two weeks ago, COVID reared its head. We have had people out every week since the season started. We haven't played a game with everyone here not even without football. We get into the season and we still haven't had everyone.”

Stahler and the coaching staff have had their time away from the squad.

“We are starting practice over,” said Stahler. “We are calling it our restart. We are going to push the restart button after Thanksgiving. We will have three practices before we play a game. We will make due with what we have.”

COVID has also done other damage to the Goblin season.

“It has cost us games and we definitely need games,” said the coach. “We need experience together. The games that we have are very good teams. We have Fayetteville and Pottsville coming up. We are playing up so that is going to help us in the long run. As far as number games, it affects us, but quality of games it won't hurt us.”

While the team is rebooting, there is an attribute that Stahler likes about the squad.

“I really like their chemistry,” he said. “I like their developed work ethic. It is different with a young team. We have always had a basketball culture, but these guys have learned together what it takes. They are going through the process or learning how to win. That has been new for me and they have enjoyed it.”

“They have a great attitude,” continued the veteran coach. “They have fun. They are working to get better and they are still having fun.”

When it comes to being on the court, the Gobblins have one thing that will help the squad.

“Shooting,” said the coach. “We can shoot it very well. At least, we say that we can. We haven't had them all together, so I don't know for sure. But, I feel like we can score the ball.”

One area that the team is lacking is in the rebounding department.

“We are not very tall,” started Stahler. “We play bigger than we are. We are long, which will help us some.”

The length may work to the advantage of Harrison on the defensive end.

“We are a man-to-man team with a little gap man,” stated the coach. “We may mix it up some. We may give people a different look against our length.”

Harrison will use a motion offense with some sets.

The Gobblins had an early exit from the district tournament last season, but the coach feels that the team should be in the mix.

“We have about 40 points a game coming back, but so does Berryville and so does Huntsville,” said the coach. “Shiloh (Christian) won our side last year.”

“We have a lot to prove,” continued the coach. “It is a challenging schedule, but we are motivated. All four games with Berryville and Huntsville, we led in the fourth period. We ended losing all four of those. We have to figure out how to win those.”

The coach looked at the other side of the conference.

“Pea Ridge won the district last year, but they were hit hard by graduation,” started the coach. “Gravette has one of the best players in the league. I think it is real even on the west side of the conference.”

“Farmington has a good class of juniors,” continued Stahler. “They added a freshman that is a real good player. Farmington may be the team to beat, but I wouldn't count out Pea Ridge or Gravette.”

To make a trip to the state tournament, teams have to travel through a regional tournament that features the 4A-4.

“Morrliton is unbelievable,” said the coach. “They picked up a pair of transfers. Ozark won the region and they are as good as they have been in

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LADY GOBLIN ROSTER

No.	Athlete	Class
3	Alex Hill	12
4	Clare Barger	10
5	Claire Cecil	10
10	Sydney Shrum	12
11	Brynn Oleson	12
20	Tenelle Tate	12
21	Madison Bell	11
22	Mariah Hudson	12
23	Marianne King	10
24	Trevera Whitehorse	10
30	Maggie Salmon	12
34	Shaylee Ward	10
40	Jenna Mae Jones	10



Williams taking over storied Lady Goblin program

By **JEFF BRASEL**
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Kristian Williams is the new Harrison Lady Goblin basketball coach.

Williams comes to a program that has been reestablished and is ready to continue the success. Harrison has been to the state basketball tournament for the last nine seasons.

The new coach comes to Harrison after a three-year stint as head coach at Marshall High School. She likes the chance to coach the Lady Gobblins and she loves the situation.

"This team is from a culture that is use to winning and competing on a high level year in and year out," she said. "I liked walking into that. I don't have to rebuild it. They are excited to be there and they have great attitudes."

The new coach has had new ways that have helped the team during this time of COVID-19. Williams used technology after the quarantine to help her team.

"We met with Zoom and went over things," she said. "I sent them workouts that they had to do three or four times a week. They had to turn things into us and we would help them work on things. When we were able to get together in July, we were in pretty good shape. We have been pretty lucky."

The cancelation of tournaments and classics had Harrison looking to increase games.

"We have a pretty tough schedule," said Williams after games were added to help fill the calendar. "We are playing a bunch of teams from high classifications. We are playing a bunch of Class 5A and 6A schools. We have a tough non-conference teams."

The Lady Gobblins have a strength that the new coach hasn't seen yet.

"Once we get everyone healthy, we have a great amount of experience coming back," said Williams. "Injuries have been our weakness to start the year."

"We are not going to be healthy late in the season," continued Williams. "Then when we get everyone back we will have to match everyone together. Right now we are having to play some sophomores in positions that sophomores should not have to be playing. They have done well so far."

The Lady Gobblins will be pulling into the season with a defensive approach.

"We will be playing man-to-man in some form," stated the coach. "We are limited right now, so it is hard to go full court. We will extend the pressure

once we have more bodies to do that with."

When it comes to offense, Williams is not a basketball czar.

"We like to let them play the game of basketball," she said. "I don't like to dictate what they do. We want them to spread, dribble and drive. We like to attack the rim. We have a lot of shooters and we have some kids that get to the basket."

When getting ready for the 4A-1 schedule, the Lady Gobblins have a big rival standing in the way.

"We have to play Mountain Home before we start the conference season," said Williams. "They are pretty good this year. This is a big game for us."

When looking at the conference race, Williams sees some good teams in the league.

"Farmington has several starters back from a state title team," she started. "Pea Ridge has all five starters back and Shiloh Christian has some kids that are back from injuries. They should be pretty good."

Looking at the regional tournament, Williams feels that the 4A-4, which is the opponent for the 4A-1, will be good.

"They have a bunch of teams that are well coached," she said. "Pottsville and Clarksville should be good this year. They are very competitive with the ones that we are competing against now."

The Lady Gobblins have three returning starters this season, but two of those decided to make an entrance later in the season.

Sydney Shrum and Brynn Oleson both suffered injuries over the summer and will join the team late in the fall.

Shrum and Oleson are both very strong guards that have garnered honors. Both are seniors that can take over contests when they are on the court.

With the pair out, Mariah Hudson is the only starter that Harrison has back.

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a while. Subiaco (Academy) is going to be a good team. Pottsville is always good and Dardanelle is always there. It will be very difficult. It will be a fun regional to watch."

Harrison has four returning starters back once the football season is over. Stahler pointed to the fact that one of seven players may start each night. The virus may change things around as well.

Four players that started last season include seniors Ethan Edwards and Bryce Bonds and junior Gatlin James and Logan Plumlee.

"Ethan (Edwards) averaged 16 points a game for us last year," started the coach of his honored player. "He is just getting back from a broken hand. He has had three practices then he is out.

"He is a good defender," continued Stahler. "He is a great on ball defender. He is also instant offense. He can shoot the 3 and go to the rim. He is our floor general. He is a point guard with a scorer's mentality. Every one knows about him. He will be the focus of a lot of teams."

The other returning senior starter is a steady player in Bonds.

"He averaged six points a game last year," stated the coach. "He is a heady player. He is a really smart player that sees the floor well. He knows our system and he runs the game plan. He is our glue guy. He always makes good decision. He is a cranial player."

The pair of juniors averaged six points a contest last season for the Goblins.

"Gatlin has really improved over last year," said his coach. "Last year he was a 3-point threat. Now, he can go to the basket. He can shoot over people. He is getting to the rim and finishing. His midrange game is much better.

"He was hitting his shots at the end of the summer before he started football," said Stahler. "He was really coming into his own. He was one of our most improved players. He is a knock down 3-point shooter."

A couple of players started some last season. Timber Crenwelge and Abe Glidewell will be looking for playing time.

"Timber is a 2 guard that has been playing point," said Stahler. "He is extremely fast. He will be playing both guard spots some.

"Glidewell can get to the rim on anyone," continued the coach. "He is very strong and he can guard a lot of the better players from the other teams. He is a good rebounder and can play bigger than he is. He has greatly improved."

Another player getting into the mix is junior Maverick Wynn.

"He is our most improved player this year," said Stahler of his post player. "He gives us a presence in the lane that we didn't have last year. He is a willing screener. He is a very intelligent player. He is strong and can seal his man real well."

There are some other players that Stahler expects to contribute. Senior Julius Scott is still in football, but the guard adds quickness to the Harrison lineup.

There are a pair of sophomores that will be helping the team. Kason Hilligoss and Owen Styles. Both have proven that they can help the team. Styles was pressed into duty earlier this season and responded with a nine point and 15 rebound game.

The future for the Harrison basketball program looks bright. There are several other players that the coach expects to help the program through out the season. Braden Tabor, Blake Shrum, Hayden Inman, Kaden Quant, Treyvan Sullivan, Hudson Lewis, Kason Rogers, Blaise Bonds, Kade Bilbee, Tyler Fields and Kamran Bell will help Harrison continue to develop its basketball culture.

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a leader. She is shooting the ball a lot better and she has a willingness to shoot the basketball.”

There are three new players in the lineup this year. Hannah Youngblood, Ella McMellon and Faith Kelley will be in the lineup.

“Hannah Youngblood is a very skill player,” said the coach. “She can shoot the basketball. She can break opponents down and she can get to the rim.”

McMellon will be the Lady Bobcat in the middle.

“She is 6-foot-1,” stated Cornelison. “She has great size and we are going to rely on her around the rim.”

The last starter will be junior Kelley.

“She is long and athletic,” said the coach. “She can shoot the ball. She can do multiple things. We need her to be big this season.”

The coach pointed to some players that will be utilized to help the team.

Sarah Prunte is back in uniform this year for the Lady Bobcats.

“She didn’t play last year,” said the coach. “She has a high basketball IQ.”

“Madison Beck is a post player,” continued Cornelison. “She is physical and strong. She is a good defender. We need her to put the ball in the basket.”

Anniston Armer will help the Lady Bobcats.

“She is a good shooter and a smart player,” stated the coach.

There are other players that will be pushing to get on the court for Berryville.

Emma Hall, Avery Bell, Kayley McCarty, Shaelys Rameriz and Emma Samac will all be pushing for time for the Lady Bobcats.

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year,” the coach concluded. “I’m very excited to see how we come together.”

JUNIOR GIRL

The Junior Lady Tigers will be on the list of teams to look out for according to the confident coach.

“Our junior high team has a real shot at being a very good team this year and into the future,” Farrar exclaimed of his upcoming group of girls. “They are very athletic, very competitive and have a lot of skill for their age. We are very excited about seeing how these girls develop over the next few years.”

Team members of the Junior Lady Tigers include: Virginia Gonzalez; Alexis Padilla; Presley Gordon; Tamika Ramirez; Rachel Roberts; Kayla Lozano; McKensy Randolph; Alivia Norris; Lydia Russell; Alyvia Newboles; Johnese Smalley; Hannah Day; Eileen Romero; Thanya Rabanales; Ingrid Lopez; Mahalie Alvarado; and Andrea Lopez.

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BOBCAT ROSTER

No.	Athlete	Class
3	Tanner Chase	10
5	Max Beavers	11
10	Gabin Amichaud	11
11	Hunter House	11
12	Bela Gellert	11
14	A.J. Mason	11
15	Tanner Massey	10
22	Dagen England	10
24	Tyler Ross	10
30	Colton Switzer	12
35	Will Martin	11



Marshall is moving into new classification

By **JEFF BRASEL**
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MARSHALL — As the new season begins, the Marshall Bobcats will be looking to make some waves in a new league.

This season Marshall is a member of the 2A-5 and it will be a learning experience for the school. The league takes Marshall down Highway 65 to most of its opponents. Most of the league members are in central Arkansas.

As the team takes the court, there will be some strong teams to watch for in the league.

"There are four, maybe five teams that will be in the top of the league," said Donnie Smith who is Marshall's head coach. "Bigelow, Southside Bee Branch, Lisa Academy and Maumelle Charter will be some of the top teams. Conway St. Joseph will be in the mix to go along with the other four."

Smith also pointed to Conway Christian, Hector and Quitman along with his Bobcats as team competitive squads.

The coach likes aspects of the new conference.

"I like it because it is an easy drive," said the coach of the conference. "It is an easy drive to most of our games. There are four-lanes most of the way with no curves.

"But the drives are 1.6 hours away or two hours away," continued the coach. "We have a lot of private and charter schools in our conference. We will see how that goes."

This conference will be placed against teams from the northeast part of the state.

"It is a pretty good conference," said Smith of the regional opponents. "Melbourne is one of the better teams from there."

COVID-19 has been a thorn in Marshall's heal this year.

"We didn't work out during the summer," said Smith. "We limited players for practice when school started. It has affected us all preseason long. We have not had all of our players in the gym at the same time."

The virus has make some changes in the Bobcat schedule.

"We have added some extra games since we are not getting to play in tournaments this season," said Smith. "It filled our week quickly. Instead of three games a week, we have four game nights a week. I think we will be lucky to get every game in."

Heading into the season, Smith has a team that he likes.

"I like our team personally," he said. "They are good kids that work hard and have great attitudes. They understand this is a trying year for us. We

are rebuilding. We need to get guys some game experiences for the team." When looking at the team Smith feels that the team's strength is the guard.

"We don't have any experience," said Smith. "We are very inexperienced. We have no returning starters. No one played very much."

Smith pointed to a player that will be the leader of the team this season. "Max Beaver is our leader," stated Smith. "He is very young, but he plays with tenacity and grit. He can score and handle the ball. He will challenge anyone."

A senior will handle the play in the paint for Marshall. "Colton Switzer is the tallest player on our team," said Smith. "He is our big guy that will be the post player. He is a good rebounder and he will get some shots up. He will be our rebounder."

There are a couple of players that will help the Bobcats this season. "Tanner Massey is just out of football," said the coach. "He plays hard. He doesn't stop and never gives up. He plays to the end. He has a lot of grit. He is very coachable and he executes what I ask him to do."

Another Tanner will be in the lineup. "Tanner Chase is a sophomore," continued the coach. "He plays hard and hustles on defense."

There is still another position that may change between two different players.

"Dagen England and Tyler Ross will compete for the last spot," started the coach. "They both bring hustle and both have some skills. One is more athletic and one is more skilled. They will take turns in that spot."

Hunter House and A.J. Mason will also see time on the hardwoods. "Both of these guys will bring hustle and effort on defense," stated Smith. "This is their first year to play. They work hard and are very coachable. They work hard at executing what they are suppose to do."

Another player that Smith pointed to as helping the team will be Will Martin.

"Will will knock down some 3-pointers for the Bobcats," Smith said. There are two other players that will be gaining experience. The Bobcats have two foreign exchange students.

Gabin Amichaud and Bela Gellert will be playing for the Bobcats this season.

JUNIOR HIGH

Marshall's junior high team will have a successful team this season.

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LADY BOBCAT

ROSTER

No.	Athlete	Class
1	Jaylin Pruitt	11
5	Hayla Hensley	11
10	Abby Horton	11
11	Sarah Evans	11
20	Rylee Kelley	11
23	Sarah Baysinger	10
30	Anna Spurlock	10
41	Lexi Ragland	11
42	Megan Roberts	10

Young Lady Bobcats ready to play, learn



Staff Report

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MARSHALL— This season, Marshall's Lady Bobcat basketball team will be under the leadership of Jordan Poole.

He takes over a team that is full of underclassmen.

Poole will also be leading Marshall into a new conference this season. The Lady Bobcats have fallen to Class 2A and are now members of the 2A-5.

Marshall will join Bigelow; Conway Christian; Hector; Lisa Academy — NLR; Maumelle Charter; Quitman; Southside Bee Branch; and Conway St. Joesph in the conference.

The new conference offers some stiff competition for the Lady Bobcats and some long road trips.

"Our conference is pretty tough," said Poole about the move. "Quitman is always one of the best teams in the state. Bigelow is suppose to be really good and Conway Christian has some young talent. The conference is a good league."

The new conference offers something for Poole to enjoy.

"I like going up against the competition," he said.

There are problems with the league as well.

"I dislike the fact that there is a lot of travel," he said. "Most of the games are around Little Rock or Conway."

Poole was hired about the time of the release of athletes to train.

"We were limited on what we could do," he said. "We did a lot of shooting drills. We worked on our ball handling and we were in the weight room a lot. We did a lot of fundamental work."

Without getting to play in tournaments or classics, Marshall had to revise the schedule a little. The team is playing several schools from different parts of the state.

Poole comes to Marshall after spending a year at Bruno-Pyatt. He has been an assistant coach at North Arkansas College, Cabot and Mena. He was the head coach at Bruno-Pyatt. He has coached for seven seasons.

Getting this group of Marshall girls has been exciting for Poole. He has found the girls to be full of respect.

"They are wonderful kids and they work hard," he said. "They listen and are very respectful."

Marshall's defense will be using multiple approaches to the contest.

"We will use whatever we need to win a ball game," he said. "We will end up playing a zone most of the time and occasionally a man."

Offensively, the team will be working a new system.

"We will be using a motion offense," said the coach. "It is a pass and cut system."

Marshall will have an entire new lineup this season. There are no returning starters and there are no seniors on the squad.

The Lady Bobcats will be starting with a full house. The team has three juniors and two sophomores in the lineup. Jaylin Pruitt, Abby Horton and Rylee Kelley are the juniors and Anna Spurlock and Sarah Baysinger.

"Jaylin Pruitt can do a little bit of everything," said Poole. "She can play inside and outside. She can bring the ball up the floor and handle the pressure."

"Abby (Horton) is a good shooter," continued the coach. "She is a smart player and plays hard."

Kelley is a forward for the Lady Bobcats.

"She is a good rebounder," said the coach. "She hustles and plays hard. She is a good defender and she is a capable scorer."

The sophomores are in their first year of senior high basketball.

"Anna (Spurlock) is a long athletic kid," said Poole. "She has a high motor that plays hard. She is a good defender and has a decent shot."

"Baysinger is a hard worker," stated the coach. "She hustles and is a good shooter. She is a decent ball handler."

There are four players that will add valuable minutes to the Marshall hardwoods.

"Hayla Hensley is an aggressive defender and she is quick," started Poole. "Megan Roberts is another hard worker. She is a good rebounder and is an aggressive player."

"Sarah Evans is a hard worker and good defender," continued the coach about his reserves. "She does a good job putting pressure on the ball. Lexi Ragland is another hard worker that is a good rebounders. She is very good at setting screens."

The youth has been an interesting situation for the Lady Bobcats.

"It has been a problem at times," he said. "The first couple games we didn't have handle the ball well and failed against the pressure. We have to have someone step up and be a leader."

With a young team, there is room for growth.

"Our confidence has improved," stated Poole. "Our defense has improved since the season started. We are doing a good job at rebounding."

As the Lady Bobcats mature, the group of underclassmen may be ready to conquer the conference.



PANTHERS ROSTER

No.	Athlete	Class
1	Mason Spence	11
2	Jordan Majesty	10
3	David Derosier	10
4	Kamden Norberg	10
5	Briten Roberts	12
10	Holiday Derosier	12
11	Robert Howell	10
13	Dawson Dillard	10
15	Wyatt Wallace	12
23	Ben Cantrall	12
24	Cody Sutterfield	12
25	Corey Fitzgerald	12
34	Jacob Smith	11



Height skipped past Panthers this season

By **JEFF BRASEL**

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YELLVILLE — When the Yellville-Summit Panthers take the floor in most senior high basketball games this season, the team will be the shortest on the floor.

However, the Panthers are still expecting a very successful season this year. "Our starting post player is 5-foot-10," stated Hunter Sims, the Yellville-Summit head coach. "We have a 6-1 guy, but he plays outside."

While some see the height situation as a problem, Sims doesn't.

"We have to out work people," he said. "We are in a learning process. We just have to box out and beat people to the basketball."

With a vertically challenged team, the Panthers have strong attributes that can take the height equation out of the discussion.

"We have speed," he said. "We will get up and get after people. We are going to play a 94-foot game."

There are other things about the Panthers that the coach likes.

"They play hard," Sims said. "We are little, but we are really fast. They can guard anyone out there. They are gritty."

Sims will be putting the Panthers in a man defense for most of the game.

"We will play some matchup," he said. "We play so hard, we can figure out how to guard almost everyone."

On the offensive end, the Panthers will have to do some things to help the team.

"We have to shoot it well," he said. "We have more shooters that we have had before. We have some coming out of football. They have struggled a little, but we can down some shots outside. We will also push the ball in transition."

Looking around the conference, the Panthers have their eyes on their next door neighbor — Flippin.

"Flippin is at the top," said the coach. "They went undefeated last year and they have a lot back. It is a toss up after that. Alpena can't be counted out. Eureka Springs and Cotter have improved."

When looking on the regional level, Sims points to Lavaca and Magazine as two of the favorites from the other conference.

"Lavaca is one of the favorites in state," he said.

There have been changes to the Panther practices this season. Those changes help the school follow all of the guidelines that have been set to help combat the COVID-19 virus.

"We are spacing out our shooting drills more," said Sims when he was asked

about changes. "We are not bringing in our younger kids to do anything with the senior high group. We are keeping our teams spilt up more. We are using all of our goals to help space out the players. We are using water bottles instead of the fountains."

Off the court, the discontinuance of tournaments and classics made changes in the schedule for the Panthers.

"We had to fill up eight or 10 games," started the coach. "We have some weeks that we have three games."

"We also added some tougher games," continued the coach. "We play Green Forest and Berryville. We go to Guy-Perkins. We have some teams that we haven't played in a while back on the schedule."

Sims has been at Yellville-Summit for three seasons. Each of those seasons, the team has won 19 games. He hopes that his squad will help them reach the goal that is set each season.

"We always set a goal of winning 20 games," he said. "We get so close each year."

There is plenty of experience for the team to draw from this year as they attempt to record 20 wins. Yellville-Summit has three full-time and one part-time starter back.

Back to lead the team is Holiday Derosier.

"Holiday is probably our leader," said Sims. "He gets stuff done the right way. He holds everyone accountable. He plays the big brother role for his own brother as well as the rest of the team. He is our post player."

That brother that he holds accountable is David Derosier.

"He is a do it all guy for us," said Sims of the sophomore. "He was All-State as a freshman. He can guard the opponent's best player and he can score 30 on any given night. He is one of our best players."

Ben Cantrall is back in the lineup for the Panthers.

"He is a better ball handler and shooter this year," said the coach. "He is a really strong player that can guard a 6-4 kid if needed. He knows how to get things done the right way."

The part-time starter last season was Cody Sutterfield.

"He has grown some since last year," started Sims. "He is 6-1 now. He has a high basketball IQ. He makes the right play and can make things happen."

Rounding out the lineup will be Briten Roberts.

"He will be our fifth starter," said Sims of Roberts. "He may be our most athletic player. He rebounds well and he uses his athletic ability to get a lot of

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LADY PANTHERS

ROSTER

No.	Athlete	Class
2	Kambree Gibson	10
4	Jacey Davenport	11
10	Kaylee Martin	11
12	Kiara Doshier	12
14	Jacy Riddle	12
23	Mattie Weaver	12
43	Aime'e Walker-Dooley	12
52	Avery Dearmore	12



Yellville-Summit girls are ready to make noise

By **JEFF BRASEL**
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YELLVILLE — What has only eight players and is full of questions? If you are Yellville-Summit Lady Panther coach Hunter Sims, you know it is the Lady Panthers.

The squad comes into the season with only eight players, however, it is a team with some experience.

Last season the Lady Panthers finished with an 11-16 record and a berth in the first round of the regional playoffs.

This team will do what it takes to develop. That is one of the things that Sims likes about his team.

"They are willing to learn," he said. "They want to keep learning. They stop and ask questions. They want to know why we do things a certain way. We can be running drills and have to stop to answer questions. They really want to learn the game."

Another thing that Sims likes from his team is "they like each other and they have a lot of fun together."

When searching for the strength of the team, Sims found the response that all coaches would like to give.

"They do what they are asked to do," he said. "They execute the game plan. They know what is expected of them and they do what they are to do." It was easy to point to the future weakness of the team.

"Depth," was stated. "We only have eight players."

Part of the future success of the Lady Panthers will depend on some transition and getting up and down the court some.

"We can't sit back in a half court defense and expect to win," Sims continued. "We have to condition well. We have to have some transition in order to be successful."

Don't be surprised to see the Lady Panthers implementing a full court press.

"We are going to press some," started the coach about his defenses. "We will use a halfcourt man-to-man. We have players that like to know things and they understand our defense and what we expect out of it."

Yellville-Summit will play a Four- and Five-out offense this season. The team will not be camping in the lane. The squad will be looking to set up outside of the arc.

COVID-19 is the buzz word this season for every team. The Lady Panthers are no exception. The squad has lost some valuable experience because of the virus.

"We got to practice some, but we didn't have any games this summer at all," said the coach. "We have had only one player that has been quarantined so far, but it is early."

With the loss of tournaments and classics, the Lady Panthers have had to find ways to fill dates for games.

"We have scheduled some teams that we can compete with," said the coach. "We have some very tough games as well. We can compete most nights that we take the floor."

There are a few changes to the 2A-1 this season. But, the same two teams will be probably be at the top of the conference when the season is over.

"Flippin and Cotter will be the top two teams in the conference," said Sims. "Alpena may be in the mix. We will be in there as well."

The conference will face up against the River Valley mix of Class 2A teams in regionals. Sims pointed to Magazine, Lavaca and Mountainburg as some teams to watch, but the coach stated that there are more good teams in the conference.

Yellville-Summit has two or three returning starters from last season. Jacey Davenport started at the begin of her sophomore season, but four games into the season tore her ACL. Jacy Riddle and Avery Dearmore are the only two starters back that had their name called all season.

"Riddle is our point guard," started the coach about the senior. "She has a high basketball IQ. She has improved a lot. Her ball handling has improved and she has been one of our better shooters."

Dearmore roams in the paint.

"She is our post player," stated the coach. "She has improved her shot and has developed into a very good passer."

Davenport will be back for her junior season.

"She is a good athlete and knows how to score," stated Sims. "She guards the other team's best player. We are looking for her to return to her scoring mode. She had 29 points last season in a game before she blew her knee."

A senior and a sophomore will be stepping into the starting roles this year. Senior Kiara Doshier is the senior.

"She got some time last year," started the coach. "She has been a good defensive player for us. She has been in the right spot a lot. She is a hard worker."

Kambree Gibson is the sophomore.

"She will be the most athletic player on the floor every night," stated Sims. "She has the ability to score. She can run in transition."

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"She has logged some very tough varsity minutes," said Williams. "She is one of our better shooters and she can knock it down from outside. She can handle the point guard position as well."

Two other seniors are in the line up for the Lady Goblins.

"Maggie Salmon brings good senior leadership," said Williams. "She is our general on defense. She is always yelling on defense and is always moving people to the right spots. She has had to step up on offense and she can do that as well."

Alpena transfer Alex Hill is fitting into the Harrison mix.

"People don't know how to guard Alex," said the coach. "She can drive and shoot. She is a great passer. She is a great athlete and she excels in track. She has been a leader for us when we were conditioning."

Junior Madison Bell has to hold down things in the middle.

"She is always an undersized post player," said the coach. "You would never know that she is undersized. She gets inside and bangs with the bigs."

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"This is a good group of kids and they are fun to coach," said Smith. "All five of them hustle and dive for loose balls. We have other guys that do the same thing. They are trying to get more playing time."

The Junior Bobcats have a lot of experience heading into the season.

"They all pretty much started last year as eighth-graders," said the coach. "We have some good eighth-graders this year, but it will be hard to play over the ninth-graders."

Smith feels that the team should be a part of the upper tier of the

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blocks, tips and steals."

Sims pointed to some players that will contribute every game to the Panthers' success.

"Corey Fitzgerald is a thick body that can shoot the 3," he said. "Wyatt Wallace is our only true post player. He is not very tall, but he is really strong and can guard. He keep things simple and does what he is told."

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With only eight players, all of the players are important to the squad.

Mattie Weaver is a senior that is one of the tallest girls on the squad. She is also one of the best 3-pointer shooters on the team.

Kaylee Martin is a junior that has been a surprise to the coach. "She got hurt last year," said Sims. "She led us in scoring in the first game. She also rebounds well."

Senior Aime'e Walker-Dooley is another addition to the paint. She is a post player that is strong and can rebound.

Yellville-Summit is ready to take the floor this season and add to the accolades that the team has already garnered. Last season's squad was the first team in 10 seasons to go to the regional tournament.

This year's group hopes to ask enough questions to make it to the state tournament this season.

She works hard and is very physical."

The last starter is sophomore Clare Barger.

"She gets it done on the defensive end and is scoring well," stated Williams. "She scores a lot in transition and scores at the rim. The weight room has helped her tremendously in the preseason."

Currently, the Lady Goblins are getting some minutes out of sophomores Claire Cecil and Shaylee Ward.

"Cecil can shoot it," started the coach. "She is a really smart player."

"Ward has improved as much as anyone on any team that I have been around," continued the coach. "She is undersized, but she gets in there and fights."

Harrison has a lot of players that could see valuable minutes this year. Tenelle Tate, Marianne King, Trevera Whitehorse and Jenna Mae Jones will push for hardwood time.

conference.

"I am hoping that we should finish in the top part of the conference," stated Smith. "There are a couple of tough teams that are suppose to be good, but we don't really know yet."

Team members include: Payton DePriest; Bryce Griffin; Jesse Ragland; Paul Hacker; Andy Granado; Christian Burks; Landon Wilson; Tate Kelley; Matthew Horton; Dylan Tyler; Adam Brown; Adam Harris; Dakota Collins; Cash Cox; Toby Campbell; and Canaan Horton.

"Robert Howell is a tenth grader that is a really good player that can shoot the 3," continued the coach. "He can put it on the floor and out run you in transition. He has a knack of scoring."

The Panther bench is full and Sims thinks that the can get a lot of help from Mason Spence; Jordan Majesty; Dawson Dillard; Kamden Norbert; and Jacob Smith.

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