

# Greenville Starters Still Up for Grabs

Greenville basketball players are working hard and competing for a starting position on the team. The starters have not been determined yet.

The Bears will be coached by Nathan Walk. Scottie Blackburn will be the team's assistant coach. Walk is in his third year at Greenville and his 11th year of coaching.

The Bears lost one player from the team that won the consolation finals of the Valle Catholic Winter Warrior Classic.

"This team is very senior heavy with 10. Seven of which played for us last year," Walk said. "They got a lot of experience last year and I hope this season they will build on it. We have several guys on this year's team that have the potential to step up and play a big role for our team this year. It's up to them to 'Grab the bull by the horns' and run with this opportunity."

Tye Huff is a 4-year varsity player who brings a lot of things to the table, according to Walk. He can score from all 3 levels and is a good defender and rebounder.

Jack Becker has the ability to shoot the ball extremely well from deep when he gets in rhythm, Walk said. "He knocked down 5 against Twin Rivers last year in our game with them at their place," Walk explained. "Jack's rebounding also makes him a very good rebounder."

Damion Burkett is very athletic player who can get to the rim whenever he sets his mind to it, according to Walk. "He was a little hesitant at times during the season last year, but I think with a season under his belt he will be ready to take his game to the next level," Walk said.

Chance Rogers is a wing player that can put it on the floor and get to the basket or knock it down from 3," Walk said. "He had a very good summer and had several good games last year as a junior. Chance has the potential to really help us this coming season."

Nick Shaffer has put in a ton of work during the off-season. "Nick is a facilitator and a good 3-point shooter," Walk said. "We used him as our backup point guard last season, but I see him having a much larger role this year. Nick is a great teammate and a 'glue' guy that every team needs."

Dalton Wood had a good off-season and really contributed well during our summer off season games," Walk continued. "He has a nose for the ball and



**MEMBERS OF THE GREENVILLE VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM** are: above, from left, Dylan Turner, Nick Shaffer, Bryce Estes, Dylan Barks, Gunner Meloy, Clay Burchard, Damion Burkett; back, Dalton Wood, Jagger Robinson, Tye Huff, Hayden McDaniel, Landon Smith, Jack Becker, Chance Rogers, and Cody Crutchfield.

rebounds well for his size."

Clay Burchard is super athletic and plays with a lot of energy on the defensive end. "He has the ability to get to rim most of the time," Walk said. "Clay plays with a lot of fire and in turn gets the rest of the guys going on the defensive end."

Greenville's strength will be the team's speed. "We have several guys that can get up and down the floor," Walk said.

Greenville plays in the tough Ozark Foothills Conference. "The OFC is always tough, and this year will be no different," Walk said. "Neelyville is going too hard to handle. Their length and athleticism put them ahead of the class in opinion."

Greenville's team philosophy is to try and put pressure on their opponents and to play as hard as they can. "Our goals for this season are to compete and grow as basketball players," Walk said.

The system Greenville runs is going to require everyone on the floor to fill many roles.

Greenville's J.V. is going to go out and compete every night. "We have some new guys that are going to get a lot of experience at that level," Walk said.



**MEMBERS OF THE GREENVILLE JV BASKETBALL TEAM** are: from left, Zach Garrett, Gary Schrum, Parker Iriens; back, Toby Eudaley, Jagger Robinson, Patrick Liddell. Not pictured are Rylee Joy and Jarell Liddell.

# Lady Bears Return Four Starters

The Greenville Lady Bears should be a force to be reckoned with this season. They will be led by three talented seniors.

Greenville will be coached by Todd Porter. Joining him on the bench are Tom Porter.

The senior starters will be Beth Bangert, Tristin Porter, McKenzie Miller. Porter was an all-conference player last season. Miller was an all-district player. Bangert is a four-year starter.

Porter said his team's strength is experience. They lost just one player from last year's team.

The Lady Bears work hard on and off the court. They team is a close-knit group and it will show when they are on the court.

Greenville plays in the tough Ozark Foothills Conference. Last year, the Lady Bears took third in the OFC Tourney. Coach Porter said that the conference will be just as tough as last season.

The Lady Bears will play the same type of ball it has for several years. Their team philosophy is, "Play Hard."

Coach Porter likes to keep information about his team close to his chest. He did say that he has several players capable of filling many roles. Five players have varsity experience. Kate Bangert could have a breakout season, and that he foresees several freshmen stepping into a larger role on the team."



**MEMBERS OF THE GREENVILLE VARSITY LADY BEARS BASKETBALL TEAM** are: from left, Tristin Porter, Kate Bangert, McKenzie Miller, Cynthia Porter; back, Abby Hillis, Jayden West, Carli Marler, Brooklyn Casinger, Trinity McDaniel, Mattie Allen, Bryna Payne, Jane E Lane, and McKenzie Wood.

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