

# High expectations for veteran Vikings team

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After an impressive season last year the Humboldt Vikings are looking forward to this season and hopefully a trip to the state tournament for a fourth gold ball. The Vikings are no strangers to Murfreesboro as they have made it to state more than once in recent years.

This year is no different. Coach Ron Abernathy is confident in his team's

skills and potential.

Humboldt graduated a lot of talent, but they have a very seasoned team with players that started the past couple of years or got valuable playing time coming off the bench. For the Vikes, it's not rebuild it's reload.

Viking Seniors this year are Montrez Ward, Anthony Jones, R.J. Abernathy, Trent Green, Demaris "DC" Coleman and Reginald Manley.

"I am really excited for all of our games this season" said Coach Abernathy. "Four of our five starters have been playing since ninth grade and R.J. Abernathy and Anthony Jones have been on varsity since ninth grade."

The Vikings will have a tough non-conference schedule as well as tough holiday tournaments.

Humboldt will open their season November 13 against Liberty. They have a stacked schedule playing Sacred Heart, Obion County Central, South Gibson, Madison, Haywood, Peabody, Fulton County, Gibson County, Middleton, Halls and TCA. The boys will also get some tournament action participating in the Martin Westview Thanksgiving Classic.

They will travel to Missouri as well to participate in the highly anticipated Poplar Bluff Shoot Out.

Coach Abernathy will play a mix of juniors and seniors this year and have a strong bench like years past. The Vikings vying for time on the court will be juniors, Malik Cox, Kelcey Collins, Bobby Johnson, Adrian Turner and Michael Brown. The Vikings have two sophomores this year, Quandarius Campbell and Malik Armstrong.

It will be an exciting season for the Vikings. The coaching staff has high expectations from this team and believes they have the potential to go all the way.

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## 2018-19 Vikings Roster

| NO. | NAME                | POS | HT    | WT  | CL |
|-----|---------------------|-----|-------|-----|----|
| 2   | R.J. Abernathy      | G   | 6'1"  | 165 | SR |
| 3   | Trent Green         | G   | 6'0"  | 145 | SR |
| 4   | Quandarius Campbell | G   | 5'7"  | 140 | SO |
| 5   | Montrez Ward        | G   | 5'7"  | 155 | SR |
| 15  | Malik Cox           | G   | 5'9"  | 150 | JR |
| 22  | Kelcey Collins      | F   | 6'0"  | 180 | JR |
| 24  | Demaris Coleman     | G   | 6'0"  | 145 | SR |
| 25  | Bobby Johnson Jr.   | G   | 5'7"  | 150 | JR |
| 31  | Adrian Turner       | G   | 5'11" | 160 | JR |
| 35  | Malik Armstrong     | F-C | 6'3"  | 195 | SO |
| 45  | Anthony Jones       | F-C | 6'5"  | 190 | SR |
| 50  | Michael Brown       | F-C | 6'0"  | 180 | JR |
| 52  | Reginald Manley     | F-C | 6'2"  | 190 | SR |