



**HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS** - The Humboldt High School Cheerleaders are (row 1, from left) Adrianna Wallick, Amari McKinnie, Carlasia Porter and Taniya Clark; (row 2) La'coria Vinson, Shakya Clark, Shana Vinson and Hannah Pankey; (row 3) Adrianna Smith, Chelsea Wallick, Jayanna Askew, Ky'Juan Williams, Masheka Clark and Mendy Jean Pettigrew; (row 4) Ke'mariah Bryson, Jalisa Tate, Faith Cox and Ma'Kaya'Thomas; (row 5) Janiyah Collins and Samirah Hall.

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due to Sacred Heart not having a girls' program and with the desire of getting the season started took the option of traveling to Martin.

The district looks pretty much the same. Middleton lost a good player, JCM lost a couple, but Peabody (district champions), Halls and Lake County did not lose anyone. It's going to be fun to watch the growth from each team and how competitive the games become down the stretch.

"To keep being competitive, it forces us to step up and play better because we know these other teams are going to do the same," Coach Reid said. "The quality of games in our district look to be very good this season,"

Coach Reid acknowledged the biggest challenge in coaching is keeping the girls in the gym, "If a boy sees a ball rolling across the gym floor they run out and start shooting it. That's not the natural response for some girls. So we have to instill a love for the game in that they want to spend time in the gym even when it's not the official practice time. And we are seeing a turn in this area."

The schedule closes with five of the eight final games being at home. All of the games are district games. The importance of a strong home crowd cannot be emphasized enough. The early start time means sacrificing to get to the gym but it will be worth the effort to see these ladies battling it out.

"The enthusiasm of the fans affects what happens on the court. Once these girls get going, the fans will experience some good basketball," Coach Reid said.

**Go Vikings!**

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