

Reid looking to build on last season success

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The Lady Vikings look to build off last year, returning most of the lineup and adding a few new additions. With district foes Middleton, Lake County, Halls, Peabody and JCM waiting in the wings, Humboldt looks to take the next step and continue to be a contender in the district and advance to the state tournament.

“We are still looking to improve,” Coach Dorrington “Junior” Reid stated. “I’m curious to see how the juniors and sophomores respond because of receiving a lot of playing time last year. I’m hoping we will take a step forward with that group.”

Last season, the ladies were learning Coach Reid’s system. This year, it is year two of this coaching staff for the Lady Vikings and assistant coach Stephanie Williams returns to provide the stability needed for a quicker start in the win/loss column.

Coach Reid remarked, “The familiarity with the system, with us not changing a whole lot, reminding them of things

we’ve already been doing should set us up for making strides. But everyone needs to remember that our whole district was young.”

This was evident last year when the district tournament ended and the academic awards were handed out. This award can only be given to seniors and many teams did not have seniors to receive the award. So Humboldt will be playing pretty much the same teams but the Lady Vikings have to make strides no matter what the other teams do.

Humboldt has high hopes that the young ladies have retained their confidence. Fans could see in the end of the season more high scoring games with the Lady Vikings competing to win where early in the season, low scoring games were more favorable to the Vikings. Last year’s sophomores got a lot of playing time and will be leaned on for leadership this year as juniors.

The Lady Viking roster only touts one senior, Kendya Linsey. But like the high school boys team, there is a strong sophomore and junior class to lead this

young team.

Tamyra Patterson, Alecia Sangster, Kirsten Shepherd and Janiyah Collins look to step up as juniors for the Lady Vikings. Sophomore Kaniyah Davis was a top player last year as a freshman. Other sophomores are Faith Cox, Kayla Martinez and Kemariah Bryson and will contribute this season. Two freshmen making the varsity team are Cylinthia Wedley and Ke’Lijah Brown.

“I think this year you will see a combination of both types of games. This year, we are working on shooting the three-point shot quite a bit more.

Last year, we didn’t take enough three-point shots. The next thing we are working on as hard as we can are free throws. Those two things can move you up in the standings fast,” Coach Reid stated. “I’ve never been the kind of coach that will punish an athlete for taking the shot. That’s the only way we can score.”

The Humboldt Lady Vikings start their season November 25 in Martin, playing a talented Westview program. Coach Reid explained the later start is

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Lady Viking head coach Dorrington “Junior” Reid and assistant coach Stephanie Williams

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Lady Viking Roster

| No. | Name | Class | Position |
|-----|------------------|-----------|----------|
| 00 | Cylinthia Wedley | Freshman | F |
| 1 | Tymyra Patterson | Junior | G |
| 3 | Alecia Sangster | Junior | G |
| 5 | Janiyah Collins | Junior | G |
| 10 | Faith Cox | Sophomore | F |
| 11 | Kirsten Shepherd | Junior | G |
| 12 | Kaniyah Davis | Sophomore | C/F |
| 15 | Ke'Lijah Brown | Freshman | F |
| 30 | Kayla Martinez | Sophomore | G |
| 35 | Kendya Linsey | Senior | F |
| 45 | Kemariah Bryson | Sophomore | C/F |