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## CLINCH COUNTY

1	Traviian Miller	G	10
2	Kamarion Johnson	G	11
3	Alvin Barr	F	10
4	Kareem Reeves	G	9
5	Kyiii Mingo	F	11
10	Demarco Simon	G	10
11	Jakyri Posely	F	11
12	Fred Causey	F	12
14	Jeremiah White	G	10
15	Shane Burns	F	11
20	Tykeem Carter	F	9
21	Jarvis Henderson	G	10
23	Jernon Gaines	F	9

**COACH**  
Terrence George

## PORTAL

2	Zeke Percell	PG/SG	10
3	David Thomas	SG/PG	11
4	Kobe Burroughs	G/F	12
5	Kayden Busby	SG/PG	9
10	Brian McQueen	SG/PG	12
11	CJ Harden	PG/G	10
12	O' Mod Thomas	PG/G	9
14	Ben Sobaje	SG/G	10
15	Joshua Coleman	PF	11
20	Jamele Williams	SG	11
21	KJ Hunter	PF/F	11
22	Rasheen Jackson	G/SF	11
25	Blake Shipmon	F/PF	11
30	Trayvon Hatcher	C	10

**COACH**  
Jeff Brannen

## State Championship Preview: Portal, Clinch Panthers have a lot in common

By Len Robbins  
Publisher

The Portal and Clinch County basketball teams have more in common than just their mascots.

Neither school has been in the state finals in quite some time. Clinch County last played in a state title hoops game in 1989, 37 years ago. Portal's absence from the finals goes back even further - to 1957, 69 years ago. Despite being a basketball power for the last decade, Portal has never won a state title in boys basketball. The Panthers won state titles in 1987 and 1989.

Both Panthers were region champs this season, with Portal winning Region 3, and the Clinch boys capturing the Region 2 crown. Portal is 26-5 this season, with the losses coming to Screven County, Savannah, Bryan County, Swainsboro and McIntosh County Academy. Clinch (28-3) has losses this season to Coffee, and twice to Turner County, who they beat in the region title game.

Clinch's tallest starter (Traviian Miller) is 6-2, and Portal also isn't particular big along the frontcourt. Their leading scorer is 6-3 junior David Thomas. Other starters include 6-1 junior forward K.J. Hunter, 5-8 sophomore guard Zeke Percell, 6-2 junior forward Joshua Coleman, and 5-11 senior guard Brian McQueen. Clinch counters with

## Class A, Division II State Championship

### Portal (26-5) vs. Clinch County (28-3)

**When: Thursday, March 12, 3 p.m.**

**Where: Macon Centreplex - 200 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Ga. 31217**

**What: No re-entry policy; clear bag requirements; no posters or signs allowed; Tickets only available from Gofan website or app**

**What else: There will be four games at the coliseum Thursday:**

- 1 p.m. - Class A, DII girls championship**
- 3 p.m. - Class A, DII boys championship**
- 4:45 p.m. - Girls' Three-point contest**
- 5:30 p.m. - Class AAAA girls championship**
- 7:30 p.m. - Class AAAA boys championship**

a similar-sized lineup of 6-2 sophomore guard Miller, 6-0 junior guard-forward Kamarion Johnson, 6-1 junior guard-forward Jakyri Posley, 6-1 forward Shane Burns, and 5-11 forward Kyiii Mingo.

"They have one player, #3 (Thomas), who's going to be challenge," said CCHS head basketball coach Terrence George of scouting Portal. "We'll see if we can challenge him. They have two big guys down low that aren't that tall, but big. Number 15 (Coleman) is a good post player. They're

going to be a tough opponent."

Both teams are led by successful veterans. Portal coach Jeff Brennan has led his Panthers for 34 years. This is his first appearance in the finals, as it is for George. George is in his 11th season leading the Panthers, helping Clinch to the semifinals in 2017. Prior to that, he coached the CCHS girls. George's coaching staff includes David Carroll and James Edwards.

"We're really looking forward to it," George said

of playing in the state championship Thursday. "We've had a lot of support and congratulations on getting this far, but we're not done yet. We have one more step, and we're going to have to play our best and stay focused to get it done."

Tipoff is set for 3 p.m. Thursday at the Macon Coliseum. Tickets are available only on the GoFAN website or app. The game will be broadcast live on Georgia Public Broadcasting as well as streamed at GPB.org/sports and the NFHS Network.

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Kamarion Johnson



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In the first three rounds, the higher seeded team will host. In the Quarterfinals, if both teams are the same seed, a "universal" GHSA coin flip will determine the host school. In the Semifinal and Final rounds, when playing at a neutral site, the team on the TOP of the bracket will be designated as the home team and will wear white jerseys.

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