

NEBRASKA GIRLS' BASKETBALL CAPSULES

Allen

COACH: Zach Wemhoff
ASSISTANT: Jason Olesen
VITALS: Class D1, Lewis & Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Eagles finished with a 12-12 record.

RETURNING PLAYERS: Gabby Sullivan (Sr., 5-10, F, 13.5 ppg, 7 rpg, All-Conference), Lexi Oswald (Sr., 5-5, G, 6.2 ppg), Kaylen Smith (Sr., 5-10, F, 2.7 ppg), Bri Hingst (So., 5-6, G, 4.9 ppg), Brooke Kneifl (Sr., 5-7, F), Mariah Keiser (Sr., 5-6, G)

NEWCOMERS: Madisen Schneiders (Fr., 5-10, F), Haley Stapleton (Fr., 5-6, G)

Bloomfield

COACH: Terri Mlady
ASSISTANT: Vicky Jensen
VITALS: Class D2, Lewis & Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Queen Bees posted an 8-15 record.

RETURNING PLAYERS: Brittany Kerbel (Sr., 5-5, PG, 5.8 ppg), Karly Jensen (Sr., 5-9, 4.2 ppg, 5.5 rpg), Amber Bruegman (Jr., 5-4, G, 3.4 ppg, 2.1 rpg), Leah Poppe (Jr., 5-7, G, 3.5 ppg, 3.1 rpg), Sarah Castaneda (Jr., 5-10, F, 15.4 ppg, 8.2 rpg), Renae Kauth (Jr., 5-3, F), Laura Nagengast (Sr., 5-8, G), Michelle Wachter (So., 5-3, G), Emma Fielder (So., 5-8, C), Brandi Guenther (So., 5-9, F), Addison Barger (So., 5-2, G)

NEWCOMERS: Michaela Johnson (Fr., 5-5, F), Carolyn Nagengast (Fr., 5-9, C)

Creighton

COACH: Kyle Kibbie
VITALS: Class C2, Lewis & Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Bulldogs went 21-5, advancing to the district final before falling to Emerson-Hubbard. Nine seniors graduated from that squad.

ROSTER: Alexa Henery (Jr., 5-9, C); Chelsea Boelter (Jr., 5-6, G/F); Makayla Brockhaus (Jr., G, 5-3); Kasey Kuhl (So., F, 5-7); Cassidy Moeller (So., C, 5-7); Sydney Walton (So., G, 5-5); Jordyn Kuhl (So., G, 5-5); Ashtyn Fritz (Fr., G, 5-5); Kimberly Hines (Fr., C, 5-6); Brienne Fanta (Fr., G, 5-5); Stephanie Stevens (Fr., F, 5-6); Jenna Dredge (Fr., F, 5-7); Clarrisa Becker (Fr., C, 5-7); Alaina Farnik (Fr., G, 5-3)



Hartington-Newcastle's Camie Stratman (24)

Crofton

COACH: Aaron Losing
ASSISTANTS: Tiffany Panning, Taylor Schumacker
VITALS: Class C2, Mid-State Conference

LAST YEAR: The Warriors (29-0) won their fourth consecutive state championship and enter the season on a 53-game winning streak.

RETURNING PLAYERS:

Monica Arens (Jr., 5-10, F/C, 13.3 ppg, second team All-State), Kelsey Sanger (Jr., 5-7, PG, 8.3 ppg, 3.9 apg, 3.2 spg), Breanna Allen (Sr., 5-5, G/F, 5.3 ppg), Katie Petersen (Sr., 5-10, F/C, 3.1 ppg), Allison Tramp (Sr., 5-5, G, 5.1 ppg), Lauren Steffen (Jr., 5-6, F, 3.7 ppg), Brittany Guenther (Sr., 5-1, G), Kaitlynn Vornhagen (Sr., 5-7, F/C), Kyla Dendinger (Sr., 5-4, G/F), Sam Altwine (Jr., 5-2, G/F), Haley Arens (So., 5-6, G/F), Madisen Kube (So., 5-6, F), Hannah Steffen (So., 5-6, G/F), Lauren Arens (So., 5-6, F/C), Kara Eskins (So., 5-5, G/F)

NEWCOMERS: Josie Sanger (Fr., 5-6, G/F), Hannah Van Heek (Fr., 5-5, F), Aubree Potts (Fr., 5-6, F/C), Danielle Steffen (Fr., 5-3, G), Katie Steffen (Fr., 5-8, F/C), Sydney Tramp (Fr., 5-5, F), Mikenna Stevens (Fr., 5-4, G/F)

Hartington Cedar

Catholic

COACH: Robb Koerting
ASSISTANTS: Tate Cunningham, Craig Wortmann
VITALS: Class C2, Mid-State Conference

LAST YEAR: The Trojans finished with a 9-13 record.

RETURNING PLAYERS: Emily Fielmeier (Sr., 5-7, PG), Brianna Lammers (Sr., 5-7, SG), Megan Leise (Sr., 5-7, SG), Taylor Lammers (Sr., 6-0, C), Mallorie Steffen (So., 5-10, SG), Anna Reifenrath (So., 5-10, SG)

NEWCOMERS: Maddie Wieseler (Fr., 5-10, SG), Jada Cattau (Fr., 5-10, SG), Ashley Hamilton (So., 5-7, PG)

Hartington-Newcastle

COACH: Jason Folkers
VITALS: Class C2, Lewis & Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: Hartington-Newcastle finished with a 9-13 record.

RETURNING PLAYERS: Camie Stratman (Sr., 5-10, G/F, 10 ppg, 5 rpg), Morgan Sudbeck (Sr., 5-9, F/C, 4 ppg), Abby Lammers (Sr., 5-5, G, 8 ppg, 2 rpg), Sophie Noecker (Jr., 5-9, G/F, 12 ppg, 6 rpg), Ryley Eickhoff (Jr., 5-8, G/F, 7 ppg, 4 rpg), Lauren Hahne (Jr., 5-8, F/C), Michaela Derickson (Jr., 5-8, G/F, 4 ppg), Allie Rosener (So., 5-5, G, 4 ppg)

NEWCOMERS: Karli McCain (So., 5-7, G), Tielor Kneifl (So., 5-7, G), Kennedy Benson (So., 5-5, G), Salor Hadon (Jr., 5-9, F/C), Belle Harms (Fr., 6-0, F/C), Hailey Gottsche (Fr., 5-5, G), Gina Jueden (Fr., 5-8, G/F), Evvie Krie (Fr., 5-7, G/F), Liby Lange (Fr., 5-4, G/F), Willa Scovile (Fr., 5-6, G)

Laurel-Concord-

Coleridge

COACH: Nate Sims
VITALS: Class C2
LAST YEAR: The Bears finished with a 9-14 record.

RETURNING PLAYERS: Bryn Schutte (So., 5-10, G, 4.5 ppg, 3.7 rpg), Katie Leapley (Jr., 6-2, C, 4.3 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 2.9 bpg), Bayley Holloway (Sr., 5-7, F), Ashley Woligram (So., 5-8, C), Emily Klooz (Sr., 5-7, C)

Niobrara-Verdigre

CO-COACHES: Emily Janak, Chelsea Wagner
ASSISTANT: Kim Miller
VITALS: Class C2, Niobrara Valley Conference

LAST SEASON: The Cougars are coming off an 8-15 season and lost two starters from last year's team.

RETURNING PLAYERS: Emily Knust (So., 6-0, F/C, 10 ppg, 9 rpg, NVC Honorable Mention), Brittany Eisen-

is something that builds character and strength."

And those are two traits Crofton doesn't have to worry about building, according to players.

"We've got some returning players and they all know their roles," Allen said. "If they can fulfill those, we can do good things."

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Cedar Catholic's Taylor Lammers

hauer (Sr., 5-5, G, 8 ppg, 5 rpg, NVC Honorable Mention), Ashley Guenther (Jr., 5-11, F/C, 5 ppg, 2 rpg), Jace Forker (Jr., 6-0, C), Alisa Hrbek (Sr., 5-6, G), Madisen Randa (Jr., 5-5, G), Stephenie Ives (Jr., 5-5, G)

NEWCOMERS: Shania Red Owl (Jr., 5-7, G), Jaylene Greeby (Sr., 5-4, G)

Boyle (Sr., 5-6); Kelsea Fethkenher (Sr., 5-9); Elizabeth Watchorn (Jr., 5-8); Cassandra Stowe (Jr., 5-4); Rachel Kneifl (Jr., 5-7); Rachel Bentz (Jr., 5-7); Shelby Rickett (Jr., 5-5); Sadie Finnegan (Jr., 5-7); Abigail Van Dyke (Jr., 5-9); Emily Salmen (Jr., 5-8); Emma Kneifl (So., 5-5); Grace Salmen (Fr., 5-7)

NEWCOMERS: Shania Red Owl (Jr., 5-7, G), Jaylene Greeby (Sr., 5-4, G)

Ponca

COACH: Brady Stark-weather
VITALS: Class C2, Lewis & Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Indians lost to eventual champion Crofton in the first round of the state tournament.

ROSTER: MacKenzie

Randolph

COACH: Brooke Anderson
ASSISTANT: Colin Schurman

VITALS: Class D1, Lewis & Clark Conference

LAST SEASON: The Cardinals lost two starters from

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Wynot's Carissa Kuchta

Crofton

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help to replace the production Crofton lost from last season.

"With the losses we had, everybody is stepping up to

do what they need to do to fill those roles," Arens said. "I think we've been doing a really good job of that so far."

The Warriors will again face a challenging, out-of-state schedule this season. Crofton will play in the Sanford Pentagon Classic in Sioux Falls (Dec. 19), the

CNOS Foundation Classic in Sioux City, Iowa (Jan. 9), will host West Central (Jan. 14) and will play in the Hanson Classic in Mitchell (Jan. 16).

It's all designed for reason, Losing said: To challenge the girls.

"I don't think you get where you want to get to by playing weak teams," he said. "You don't get there by taking the easy road."

"Taking the difficult path

IRENE-WAKONDA	
Boys' Basketball	Girls' Basketball
12/12.....vs. Ponca (I)	12/12.....vs. Ponca (I)
12/14.....at Canistota	12/18.....at Viborg-Hurley (V)
12/18.....at Viborg-Hurley (V)	12/21.....at Bon Homme
12/29.....Parkston Classic	12/28.....Parkston Classic
1/2.....at Beresford	1/2.....at Beresford
1/8.....vs. Merno (I)	1/4.....vs. Freeman (I)
1/8.....vs. Gayville-Volin (V)	1/5.....vs. Merno (I)
1/12.....vs. Alcester-Hudson (I)	1/8.....vs. Gayville-Volin (V)
1/16.....vs. Platte-Geddes (TVC Classic)	1/11.....vs. Parker (I)
1/19.....at Scotland	1/16.....Pentagon Classic
1/21.....at Parker	1/19.....at Scotland
1/26.....vs. Centerville (W)	1/26.....vs. Centerville (W)
1/28.....vs. Freeman Academy (W)	1/28.....vs. Freeman Academy (W)
2/5.....at Baltic	1/30.....vs. Wagner (TVC Classic)
2/6.....vs. Red Cloud (Sioux Falls)	2/1.....at Marion
2/9.....at Wynot	2/5.....at Baltic
2/12.....vs. Canton (I)	2/8.....vs. Alcester-Hudson (W)
2/13.....DWU Classic	2/9.....at Wynot
2/15.....vs. Freeman (I)	2/12.....vs. Canton (I)
2/22.....at Bon Homme	

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