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My coworkers in The Goshen News office can attest. I've been waiting for this time of the year to feel like it's supposed to be.

For a guy like me that runs a little warm, I look forward to the brisk fall breeze that prepares you for the cold winter ahead. While many pray for the warmth to stick around, I'm spending October folding my hands and asking for some relief from whatever heat is still lingering. Some would say our prayers are canceling each other out. I would say you're only delaying the inevitable.

It's cold again, welcome to my arena. Welcome to the high school basketball season.

Thank you for picking up a copy of our second edition of In the Paint. This is now the fifth sports preview magazine that we've put together and hopefully it stays on par with the success of the four sports magazines to come before it. It's amazing how many people have enjoyed this new product and continue to give us feedback on it.

The fall sports season largely gave us a mixed bag of postseason glory. Westview senior Noah Bontrager finished second in the state at the boys cross country meet in Terre Haute while that same success didn't necessary strike our area soccer teams, who were upset throughout the state tournament. None of our six ranked teams made it past the regional semifinal and only two won a sectional title. An off year was bound to happen at some point.

NorthWood volleyball bust out a special, memorable, and largely unexpected semistate run. Credit is certainly due to head coach Hilary Laidig there. Tennis saw multiple teams win sectional championships and Westview doubles partners Kaden Grau and Luke Stults lasted long in the individual state tournament. As a star returner for the Warrior basketball team, you'll be seeing Grau's name again in this magazine.

Northridge girls golf had another season finish at state and Concord football set the standard for success on the gridiron.

That leads us to winter, where swimming, wrestling and basketball reign supreme.

In terms of the hardwood, just one sectional champion returns to the area. That would be the

Westview boys basketball team, which won its third-consecutive sectional title, but failed to come back all the way in a regional loss to Jimtown.

Expect the Warriors to be competitive again with the strong core of Grau, Austin Schlabach and Daniel Yoder all returning. Just a few minutes away, Northridge had a historic season on the boys side as well, but lost in the most heartbreaking of defeats I've even seen. I can still hear the cheers after the Raiders took a three-point lead with seconds left before allowing the equalizer and eventually losing in overtime to Warsaw in the sectional championship.

Switching to the girls, the adjustment to sectional groupings had a damaging effect to our three Class 3A teams. Fairfield, NorthWood and Wawasee all had enough talent on paper to compete for a sectional title. Then came the sectional addition of Columbia City and Eagles' star Addison Baxter. The current Butler freshman helped the Eagles defeat the Panthers, Warriors and Falcons in order to win the sectional title.

With state titles won by the area in 2023 by Fairfield (girls) and NorthWood (boys), and multiple semistate runs in 2024, the calmer 2025 postseason was abnormal. The question is whether or not that carries over into this season.

Inside this year's edition, you can find team previews for both the boys and girls side. Even though the girls are already a few weeks into the season, the majority of their season is still ahead.

Before the previews are four feature stories that touch base with two new head coaches, two brothers now back to playing together in college and more. There are also last season's award winners towards the back and a surprise for some of the area's seniors in the middle.

Thanks again to all our advertisers for joining along with our mission of making coverage of high school athletics in the area even better. We appreciate your support!

And to all the correspondents that added to this edition, my thanks go out to you as well. This magazine isn't what it is without someone to shoulder some of the workload for me.

I hope you enjoy our second edition of *In the Paint!* Good luck to all of our area athletes, coaches and officials this winter season!

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# BENCH BOSSSES

## New arrivals Leighton and Luce take charge at Concord, Wawasee

STORY BY STEVE KRAH

**T**wo head boys basketball coaches have new jobs at high schools in The Goshen News coverage area for the 2025-26 season.

Tyler Leighton is guiding the Minutemen at IHSAA Class 4A Concord and Joe Luce is leading the Warriors at 3A Wawasee.

It's the second head coaching stop for Leighton, 39, and seventh for Luce, 55.

Leighton, a physical education and credit recovery teacher at Concord, was the head boys basketball coach at Jimtown the past two seasons and led the Jimmies to marks of 13-11 and 16-11. The 2024-25 team won the Jimtown

Sectional and Triton Regional in 2A.

A 2005 Jimtown graduate, where he helped win a 2A state title in 2004, Leighton got his first taste of coaching as a varsity player working in head coach Randy DeShone's March Madness feeder program.

Leighton played at Indiana University South Bend, where he scored 1,186 points for Titans head coach Denny Parks and started Tyler's Homework Basketball and gave individual lessons to area kids.

"That's when it first got planted in my mind by some other (college) coaches and administrators that maybe I should be a coach and you should probably get a masters degree in education or sports administration," says Leighton, who got his undergraduate at IUSB in 2010.

From there, Leighton coached AAU basketball for mentor and trainer Ray Perkins then played in Barbados, China and Spain. Leighton was an assistant to Peregrines head coach Chris Schantz at Purdue University North Central (now part of the Purdue Northwest) while taking sports administration classes at Valparaiso University. He later became a graduate assistant to Valparaiso's then-head coach Bryce Drew and earned a masters in 2012.

Leighton taught and coached in Chicago and had two children (daughter Jordyn and son Titan).

Indiana Basketball Hall of Famer Al Rhodes asked him to become an assistant at Penn High School and Leighton moved back to the area and coached with the Kingsmen until Rhodes' retirement then got the job at Jimtown.

"You've got to care about the kids," Leighton said. "You want to develop them and not only make them good players and have a good team, you want to help them be good young people."

"I tell our guys if they want people to come and support you in the stands, you need to be a good person in the halls, in school, in class and best respectful. That translates to all areas of your life. The more you give, the more you get."

Luce, an Edmentum/credit recovery teacher at Wawasee, is heading into his 25th season as a head boys basketball coach. His career record is 392-166 with stops at Fountain Central 1999-2000 to 2001-02, Benton Central 2002-03 to 2003-04, Marion 2004-05 to 2008-09, Richmond 2009-10 to 2014-15, Jeffersonville 2015-16 to 2018-19 and Tippecanoe Valley 2022-23 to 2024-25.

At Fountain Central, Luce earned 29 wins in three seasons. The Mustangs won 18 in the four seasons prior to his arrival. Marion won 11 times in the two campaigns before Luce was hired and he took the Giants to 92 triumphs in five seasons.

After winning 19 in the previous two seasons, Luce led Richmond to win totals of 14, 19, 21, 15, 22 and 26 for a six-year total of 117. Jeffersonville won 20 in the two seasons prior to Luce taking over and then earned 15, 14, 20 and 19 wins for a four-year total of 68.

After 30 wins at Tippecanoe Valley in three seasons before Luce came in, the Vikings won 18, 16 and 20. Valley went 20-6 a year ago. Building a solid resume of turning programs into winners, Luce-led squads have won 15 or more games

16 times.

Three sectional titles were earned at Marion (2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09) with two at Richmond (2013-14 and 2014-15) and one at Jeffersonville (2018-19). There was one regional crown each with Marion (2006-07) and Richmond (2014-15). A semistate title came at Marion in 2007-08.

Luce is a 1989 graduate of Wapahani High School in Selma, Ind., where he played for Paul Keller, and is a 1993 graduate of Valparaiso University.

He was an assistant to Chris Benedict at Wapahani then Greg Habegger at Hamilton Southeastern in Fishers, Ind., before getting his first head coaching job at Fountain Central in Veedersburg, Ind.

Relationships are important to Luce. A mural on his office wall has the words family and photos of the many players and coaches he has come to know as a coach. He expects to see some of them at Wawasee games this winter.

"This is very important to me," Luce said. "It's about the relationships that last a lifetime — not just during their high school days."

Luce has a reputation for being brought in to bring teams back from low-ebb status. Now at Wawasee, Luce's reputation matches well with a Warriors program that is searching for its first winning season since 2019-20 and first postseason title since 2009-10.

"I've been a program builder and guy that's had success putting things back together," Luce said.

Luce is a father. There's Tommy, Kelsey, Kiley, Alyvia plus adopted son Stephen Akase, a senior basketball player at Wawasee this season.

Tommy played basketball at Purdue University and is now on head coach Rob Senderoff's staff at Kent State University. Kelsey is a Membership Services Manager for the Indianapolis Colts. Kylie is a recreational therapist in Indianapolis and Alyvia is a student and volleyball player at Indiana University Columbus.



JOE LUCE

Wawasee



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IAN RAASCH

# RAASCH REUNITED

Brothers Ian and Tyler are teammates once again, rejoined at Grace College

STORY BY KEITH KNEPP

Three basketball seasons ago, the Raasch brothers were stars together at NorthWood. Ian was one of the team’s two biggest senior stars while Tyler was in his sophomore year, although he already was the tallest guy on

the very talented Panther squad. By the end of that 2022-23 campaign, NorthWood had run the gauntlet of the talented 3A IHSAA bracket to finish 28-2 and hoist the school’s first-ever state championship in boys’ basketball.

Following that season, Ian made his way 30 minutes southeast of

his hometown, accepting an offer to play basketball for Scott Moore and the Grace College Lancers, one of the top teams in the uber-talented Crossroads League. While the next two seasons didn’t end in trophies and rings at NorthWood, Tyler fought on for the Panthers, helping to collect 35 more wins for coach Aaron Wolfe.

This year, the Raasch’s have been reunited in Winona Lake, having traded their red and black Panther jerseys for identically colored Lancer gear. So far, so good, as the saying goes, as Ian and Tyler have resumed their brotherhood as teammates while continuing to strengthen their familial bond.

Now in his third year as a Lancer, his second as a starter, Ian has established himself as one of Grace’s brightest stars. As a freshman, he played in all 35 games, averaging just under 10 minutes per contest, contributing 4.7 points and two rebounds. Last year he started in all 35 games, logging 29.9 minutes while averaging 16.6 points and 5.6 rebounds per game. In this first five regular season games of this season, Ian has put in an average of 15.4 points and 4.8 boards.

As a true freshman, Tyler has stepped into an immediate starting role alongside his big, although shorter, brother, contributing nine points and 4.2 rebounds per contest. The brothers helped Grace to a 5-0 start to the season with the always-tough conference schedule ready to begin.

"I'm loving it so far," Tyler said of his first few months at Grace. "I'm really enjoying the classes, the guys on the team and the coaches, a lot. They're a fun group of guys to be around."

The basketball, he confirmed is definitely a lot different than what he experienced in high school.

"It's a lot faster and more physical," he said. It took a little bit to get adjusted to, but I'm really loving it so far."

For his part, Ian is thrilled to have his younger brother in the same locker room again.

"It's been two years since we were playing together back in high

school, but it's been enjoyable pretty cohesive and have good chemistry, so it's been fun from a basketball standpoint to get to play together at a higher level," he said.

This season, Grace had the opportunity to play an exhibition game at the University of Colorado, a Division I program from the Big 12 conference. Two years ago, the Lancers opened their season in West Lafayette against the Purdue Boilermakers, a team that would go on to play in the national championship game. The star of that team was the legendary Zach Edey, a 7-foot-3 giant who would go on to be named the Naismith College Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. During that exhibition game, a photo was snapped of Ian standing at the free throw lane next to Edey, which made the 6-foot-6 Lancer look like a comparatively short man.

"Having those opportunities is really neat and a special experience that I know a lot of NAIA schools don't have," Ian said. "Just going

and playing teams of that caliber is enjoyable. We get to see just where we are compared to great teams. I've always walked away and think 'yeah, we'll be good this year.' It's just an enjoyable experience.

"Obviously, the Crossroads League is a very respected conference, recognized throughout the country. The last two years, we've had guys transfer to Division I programs, and there are a whole bunch more throughout the conference. Just knowing that the pool of talent here is high is neat. I'm sure there will be many more here at Grace and from the conference who will make the jump."

In the official Grace bio for Tyler, he noted that he and Ian have 12 siblings, a fact that wasn't true when the two played together at NorthWood. The boys' mother, Pauline, died of breast cancer in 2021, leaving behind her husband, Mike, and four children. During the spring of Ian's freshman year at Grace, Mike, the lead pastor at Living Gospel Church in Nappanee, remarried, uniting with a woman from Texas who had lost her husband to pancreatic cancer and is the mother of 10 of her own children. The couple now resides in Nappanee with most of those children living under their roof.

"So, they're all at the house and I know them all," Tyler said. "And yeah, we all get along for the most part."

Now three years removed from reaching the pinnacle that every Indiana high school basketball player dreams about from the first time they put on their high tops, the Raasch brothers have had time to reflect upon the significance of being a state champion.

"That year was awesome," Tyler said. "Looking back on it makes you realize how good of a team we





just the players who we had on the team. Here at Grace, we also have three other state champions, so it's just awesome to see how those guys impacted their high school teams, as well."

"It's hard in the moment to understand what was going on, especially as kids," Ian added. "My mindset was 'yeah, we're going to go to state.' That was my expectation. We were blessed to actually achieve that. Being three years removed now and having time to reflect on that, it just gets cooler and cooler. That was a really neat experience that I was blessed to be able to share with my teammates and coaches, as well as the community."

One of those NorthWood teammates was Ian's classmate, Cade Brenner, who now plays at Crossroads Conference rival Huntington College. Each year, the Lancers and the Foresters are guaranteed at least one game against each other, with a rematch possible during the conference tournament at the end of the season.

"I always look forward to that one," Ian said. "With the two of us being close friends, just being able to see him and compete against him is awesome. We spent countless hours playing with each other in practices or just going to the gym on our own. We know each other's games pretty well and we like to jeer each other during the game. We talk a little bit after the game, catch up with each other and his parents. It's just a good opportunity to see him."

When it comes to adjusting to the advanced pace of the college game, Ian is now well accustomed. Tyler, however, is still in his first few months of learning the lesson.

"When we're scouting teams, our coach always says, 'those guys are good. They get scholarship money

too.' Everyone here was a stud on their high school team and can obviously play ball at a pretty good level. Having five guys defending you that are all good, compared to maybe two on a high school team, is definitely different."

Both Raasch's also commented on playing against teams that feature players who are just as tall, if not taller, than they are – something that was seldom the case during their time at NorthWood. They also said the weight training and conditioning programs in college definitely make players stronger and faster, which adds to the complexity of the game at the next level.

"Our coach and our strength coach gave me a workout program to do last summer," Tyler said. "It was really helpful, and to be able to get in the weight room helps, even now that we're in season."

"I love college life," Ian said. "I would not want to go back to the high school schedule. I've got a lot of friends here and it's really fun having more time on my hands just to hang out with them and just do what college kids do."

His freshman brother agreed that his new lifestyle is to his liking.

"The high school schedule is definitely a lot different," Tyler said. "Looking back at it, I don't know how I did that for four years straight, every day. I've been loving college, academics-wise. You just gotta make sure you manage your time well and get your homework done. If you do that, you can hang out with your friends and just enjoy it."

"Being a college athlete takes a lot of work, and you've got to really enjoy it," Ian concluded. "It takes a lot of commitment, but if you enjoy it, it's 100% worth it. The hard work will pay off."



were and how enjoyable that season was. It definitely brings back a lot of good memories, the team meals, the games and the practices, and



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# GUESS WHO?

Fairfield girls program in year two of making community connection

STORY BY MATT LUCAS

**A**Fairfield girls basketball home game isn't much different on the surface than other neighboring schools.

Fans line up at the ticket table, navigate to the stands and watch the Falcons warm up, head to the locker room, and come out for tipoff. Once the ball is lofted at center court, the action is underway.

But behind the scenes, there's a game within the game. While players and coaches are strategizing during halftime, managers are playing their part in making a connection with the community work seamlessly.

"If [gifts] are not delivered here to the front office, we have a drop zone with our ticket takers during games," assistant coach and head of Fairfield's Adopt-A-Player program, Jessica Dunlap, said about how the gifting process works during the season. "Our managers go and pick those up at halftime when the ticket booth closes and it gets taken to our locker room and it gets sorted out so that way the girls know where their stuff is."



Fairfield girls basketball has begun year three under head coach Kyle Hartman, but it's the second year of a program that was so popular during its inaugural season that people had to actually be turned away from participating.

Dunlap said, and Hartman agreed, that the idea for the Adopt-A-Player program comes from Huntington University's women's basketball program. Hartman, once a men's basketball player at Huntington, has a good working relationship with fourth-year Foresters' head coach Darby Maggard. Maggard has a similar community program, and so once the bug was put in Hartman's ear, he had to try it on for size.

"So, my dad was just out looking at different things and stuff and he saw that and said 'You know, you guys have a great community, you should look into this too,'" Hartman said.

"Last year was our first year doing it and loved it, the kids loved it [too]," he continued. "It was just nice to have

somebody that cared about you. It's not your parent that you're going home to, it's somebody else in the community that is invested in you, invested in this program."

What it is and how it works is simple.

Before the season, Dunlap and staff members put the word out that they're seeking people around the Fairfield community to support a player or coach on the girls basketball varsity and junior varsity teams. Their support can be styled in a variety of ways. Anything from a candy bar to a hand-written letter can be submitted to the corresponding person at each Falcon home game. Once Dunlap is in possession of the gift, the items are sorted out at each player's locker for them to receive after the game.

While Dunlap says that generally "anyone and everyone" can participate, she tries to make sure parents are not the ones giving gifts to their child.

"I usually take care of getting the community member and

matching them," she says. "We try to match them with who they request, but it's not always possible. [If that's the case] I'll run it past them first."

She vets each community member looking to join the action. Social media is often a tool used to do that, but she'll ask questions to make sure that person is interested and in it for the right reasons.

"Usually nothing goes through to the girls without me trying to be that in-between ... I try to be the go-between as much as possible," she said.

It's not just the star players that receive requests. Open-ended requests are very common as well. Sometimes, it's the person on the preverbal bottom of the pyramid that is the one sought out.

"I have one family that has sponsored somebody or adopted somebody for the last two years and every time she just puts in there 'Give me someone that you know that would benefit what I would have to offer,'" Dunlap said. "I know this person very well and she's just a very encouraging person."

To make it even more of a mystery, Dunlap is the only one that gets to see the whole picture.

"Kyle actually was chosen this year as well, so he's been left completely in the dark and unaware of who's doing what," she said.

"Our assistant athletic director [Tim] Fritz had me last year," Hartman said. "I had an idea who had me halfway through when I was realizing the notes and stuff. It was great though. It's just something that on home gamedays, whether you win or lose, you're going back into the locker room and seeing some type of encouragement to pick you up whether it's basketball or non-basketball related, it's just a really cool experience."

Because Dunlap knows the full story, the guessing game in the locker room about who has who is often an enjoyable experience and one that Dunlap said the girls were an estimated 50/50 on last season.

"I had one that said 'Oh, I think it's this person because it smells like them,'" Dunlap said.

I was like 'What? The gift bag smells like them?' ... They'll compare notes too, like do we have the same person?"

According to the players, she does a good job keeping the secret until the end.

"The person who had me was Jessica's sister, so I was like why did you not tell me?" senior Macy Worthman said. "She's good at hiding it. They're very good at making a secret out of it."



Worthman suffered from a difficult season as a junior with a nagging injury that eventually became too much to handle and forced her to sit the remainder of the year. The notes she received during that time turned out to be a perfect pick-me-up.

"I think it added on to having something to look forward to," she said. "To have the people just care about us. They would leave me notes specifically to my injury, like, 'We miss seeing you play.' That meant a lot to me. It would remind myself that this is why I'm still here and even though I'm not playing, I'm still here."

To tie a bow on top, the program finished its first year with a big reveal after the final home game of the regular season. Matches were called out on the court as the curtain was pulled back.

"They called our name and who had us," Fairfield senior Eva Herbert said. "I was jumping up and down. I figured out who had me and it was my friend so I was like 'I knew it! I knew it!'"

Worthman said the ceremony was filled with correct guesses, new connections made and big hugs being exchanged. Hartman explained that this year, he wants to add a dinner to the reveal night as well.

"That's the other thing too, it's not the size of the gift, it's just knowing somebody is out there caring about you," Hartman said. "I think that goes a long way with the girls."

From basketball shoes and a Caitlin Clark jersey to a box of Rice Krispies and a personalized letter, Fairfield's using its community to lift up one of its teams.

"These girls work extremely hard and a lot of things go unnoticed with the hours they're putting in and the physical toll and mental toll that goes into it," he said. "Just knowing somebody's there and got your back is awesome."



# IRRATIONAL BELIEF

Goshen's senior class accepts challenge of attacking county's longest sectional title drought

STORY BY MATT LUCAS

**G**oshen boys basketball head coach Michael Wohlford sits in a cramped corner of his office. His walls and floors haven't heard the term "spring cleaning" for some time. He acknowledges the mess of miscellaneous basketball items and flips over his practice plan to read from the back.

"Confidence is what happens when you've done the hard work that entitles you to succeed," Wohlford reads before looking up from the folded sheet. "It doesn't guarantee that you succeed, it gives you entitlement and the opportunity to succeed."

This season, Wohlford's 10th as a head coach, is the big one. Players joke as they leave the gymnasium following an afternoon Wednesday practice. There are smiles up and down the varsity and junior varsity rosters. The freshmen bustle in the hallway as they await an open gym to start their allotted practice time.

Senior forward Karter Marcum says the practices contain a bit more energy compared to past seasons, but the top tier of senior returners act cool, calm and collected, perhaps masking the anxiousness of a season that they've been awaiting since third graders.

"People underestimate Goshen all the time, and I



# IT GIVES US FUEL TO THE FIRE.”

SENIOR LEVI  
SAWATZKY

guess there's reason for it, but this year I think people will realize how good we are,” senior guard Levi Sawatzky said. “[Outsider's perceptions of Goshen], we're going to change that.”

Sawatzky admits he likes it when someone pours fuel on his internal fire. That's not a rare characteristic among athletes, or people in general, in the slightest. Any underestimation allows for the opportunity to prove the estimator wrong.

That's why when Sawatzky saw a post about preseason Indiana high school basketball rankings, he sent it to his teammates

pointing out the absence of the RedHawks.

“We see it, we like it,” he adds as teammates Braxton Cline and Karter Marcum nod in agreement. “It gives us fuel to the fire.”

There's a valid reason why skepticism follows a talented group of returners inside the halls of Goshen. Look inside the school. It's been a long time since Goshen last had a boys basketball sectional championship team. Even longer has it been since Goshen has reigned in the postseason at North Side Gym.

“The last Elkhart Sectional we won was 1969,” Wohlford said. “That is a long time, but I don't view it as rough. I view it as we have had a lot of people that have worked hard for a very long time that, for a myriad of reasons, just haven't been able to get over the hump.”

Goshen's last sectional title came in 1992. The team finished 21-4 that season and it was the fourth instance in which Goshen earned 20 or more wins in a season. They knocked off Bethany Christian, NorthWood and Northridge to win the Goshen Sectional, then beat Penn to win the first regional game. South Bend St. Joseph would end their postseason journey with a 56-47 victory.

For fans of the true spirit of one-class Hoosier Hysteria, Goshen hasn't won since the state switched to the multi-class format. In fact, they're the only program in Elkhart County to have not won a postseason title since the change.

Wohlford, who knows Indiana high school basketball history better than most, provides reasons as to why.

“2019 against Plymouth we led in the fourth [quarter] and gave it away,” he begins. “2020 we lost in overtime to Warsaw in a painful one-point loss — missed four free throws and two layups in one possession in overtime and lost. 2021 we got Markus Burton'd. You just keep going through and it's hard.”

Is it painful?

“Oh yeah,” Wohlford said.

But as painful as the past can be, Wohlford,

who also points out that Goshen hasn't won a sectional game since 2018, believes in his group. Not like he hasn't before. He clarifies that in 2014 and 2015, he also thought Goshen had a strong team with a strong opportunity.

But he mentions that with this season "we have good of an opportunity as we've had."

The streak can be broken, and if so, it'll be by a group that's played together, grown together, and stayed together for this exact moment as seniors.

"We've been playing with each other since third grade," Cline said. "I feel like our chemistry is there and now that we're seniors, we're bigger, stronger and this could be our year."



Cline is one of seven seniors that enter this season with wide eyes. The point guard joined Sawatzky at the varsity level as a sophomore. Then came Marcum, an avid rebounder that says now he "just sees the ball and tries to get the ball."

Filling out a fully returning starting five is Cline's cousin Ryen Diaz as well as post player Evan Timmons. All five played middle school ball together and were coached by Cline's dad, Mike. Bryson Wilson, who returns after focusing on baseball as a junior, was also in their middle school crew.

"I think a lot of [our improvement] comes with experience," Sawatzky said. "People don't understand the adjustment from middle school to high school. Me and Braxton kind of got thrown into the fire our sophomore year and

having that experience has allowed us to be more confident with the ball and make better decisions. Game kind of slows down as you get older."

And with the game slowed down, maybe the RedHawks can see a title appear in the distance. Just once has the Northern Lakes Conference title found a home in the halls of Goshen. That was 22 years ago.

Maybe a sectional title will as well. For those to happen, they'll need more than just luck from the state's ping pong balls.

"To beat those teams, you almost have to have irrational confidence [in yourself]," Wohlford said of the roadmap to advancing in the postseason. "It's not irrational, because they are good, but you have to have total belief in yourself. I don't want to take any of that belief out of them and I don't want to look back in five years and say what could have been. I want to go out with everything we have, see what we can do."

Goshen's players have accepted the past and the lack of postseason titles that come with it. Sawatzky says now is as good a time as ever to change that. They'll get one shot at doing so.

"They know how much I care for them and how much I believe in them," Wohlford said. "I think when you have that in a program, you have a chance."

"I want more than anything for Goshen High School to feel a sectional basketball championship," he adds. "That's what I want."





# BETHANY CHRISTIAN BRUINS

**Mascot/Nickname:** Bruins

**Location:** Goshen, Ind.

**Class:** 1A

**Sectional grouping:** Bethany Christian, FW Blackhawk Christian, FW Canterbury, Fremont, Hamilton, Lakewood Christian, Lakewood Park Christian

**Athletic director:** Gary Chupp

**BOYS**



# Athleticism, experience stand out on senior-strong Bruins

STORY BY MATT LUCAS

**T**he Bethany Christian boys basketball team has recorded five-straight double-digit win seasons and has won at least a share of the Hoosier Plains Conference for the last three seasons.

But despite having success at the small school level, seventh-year head coach Daniel Mast thinks about how last year's two-point overtime sectional loss to Lakewood Park Christian spoiled a season he believed his Bruins could do more with.

"I mainly think of what could have been," Mast said in



review of the 2024-25 season where Bethany Christian finished 11-14 and 4-1 in the HPC. "We dealt with some injuries at the end of last year which kind of hampered with how you think about the postseason with both Ayden [Falcon] and Jacoby [Reinhardt] getting hurt. For the most part, we went in with the goal of winning conference and winning sectional and we competed for both."

The page has been turned in Goshen nonetheless and there's no reason why the Bruins and their seven-senior roster can't compete, and keep the title streak going. Mast likes what he has to work with heading into the 2025-26 season.

"I'm excited," he said. "This group of seniors has had a lot of success. They compete hard every day and every drill which makes it fun to coach and it makes it so that you always have a chance."

While Reinhardt (14.3 points and 7.5 rebounds a game) departs alongside fellow big man Falcon (9.2 points and 5.9 rebounds), the rest of last year's roster remains. That includes senior sharpshooter Trey Caffee, a Bluffton University (Division III) commit who averaged 13.3 points and 3.2 rebounds a season ago and was named to The Goshen News Honorable Mention team.

"He spends a lot of time in the gym," Mast said of his returning captain. "He's one of the guys in AAU teams. He puts a ton of time in the gym and added more to his game just on his own. He's a kid that loves a challenge, so if I can put forth a challenge and say, 'This is what is going to take you to the next level or the next step as a player,' he attacks that as a challenge, which is a really good sign in a high school player."



## 2025-26 SCHEDULE

Nov. 25: vs. Westview (7:30 PM)  
Nov. 29: vs. West Noble (6:30 PM)  
Dec. 5: vs. Mishawaka (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 13: at Lakeland (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 16: at Triton (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 20: vs. Lakeland Christian (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 22-23: Lakeland Christian Tournament  
Jan. 6: at Elkhart Christian (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 9: vs. Argos (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 15: at SB Career (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 17: at Bremen (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 20: at Prairie Heights (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 24: vs. Hamilton (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 27: at Wawasee (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 31: vs. FW Canterbury (7:30 PM)  
Feb. 2: vs. Central Noble (7:30 PM)  
Feb. 10: at Fairfield (7:30 PM)  
Feb. 13: vs. Lakewood Park (7:30 PM)  
Feb. 17: at Jimtown (7:30 PM)  
Feb. 20: vs. Trinity Greenlawn (7:30 PM)  
Feb. 27: at Fremont (7:30 PM)

## PAST 10 SEASONS

2024-25: 11-14	2019-20: 6-17
2023-24: 12-12	2018-19: 3-20
2022-23: 16-11	2017-18: 3-20
2021-22: 11-13	2016-17: 4-17
2020-21: 10-14	2015-16: 4-20

## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 5 (last: 2022-23)  
Regional titles: 2 (last: 2001-02)  
Semistate titles: N/A  
State titles: N/A

## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

4	Zane Parson	Senior
10	Sawyer Beachy	Senior
11	Jude Miller	Senior
12	Gideon Miller	Senior
14	Josh Rossi	Senior
20	Toby Mast	Senior
30	Trey Caffee	Senior
32	Jacob Bontrager	Junior
42	Owen Stuckey	Junior



**HEAD COACH:** Daniel Mast (7th year, 66-81 overall)

**Assistant coaches:** Lucas Keyes, Bruce Schlabach, Derrick Ramer

The challenge that Mast has given to Caffee is to become a verbal leader. Saying that skill and basketball IQ is what Caffee has led others with in the past, Mast's assignment is to speak up on the court and make those around him better.

"His basketball IQ is high and he has the opportunity to help guys be in position to be successful and in turn, it'll open opportunities for himself," Bethany's

head coach said. "It'll lead to team success, which, I think is the next step for him as a player. He's improved as an individual, but how do you transform being an individual into being a leader of a team?"

Outside Caffee are seniors Zane Parson (9.6 points, 2.1 steals) and Sawyer Beachy (2.7 points, 2.8 rebounds) alongside Jude Miller, Gideon Miller, Toby Mast and Josh Rassi. Juniors are Jacob Bontrager and Owen Stuckey.

The loss of last year's starting frontcourt is the largest gap to fill from last year's lineup. Mast said Toby Mast is his tallest player, but Bontrager or Gideon Miller could fill that spot.

Caffee, who stands above 6-foot, could also be an option on the blocks, though Mast hopes he can use his top 3-point shooter in a more fitting role.

"We're looking for [height and rebounding]," Mast said. "I think we'll have to change some of the style and how we play. It's rebounding and rim protection were the big ones. Having height near the rim allowed us to be a little more aggressive around the perimeter knowing we had shot blockers behind us. It'll change things up a bit this year without [Falcon and Reinhardt] behind us."

On the emotional and mental health of his squad, Mast noted the off the court strength that he returns, saying that his group "fits into really good spaces off the floor."

"Zane Parson's emotions transfer to everyone and he has the ability to take over a space emotionally," Mast said. "We have Sawyer and Jacob who are the more steady, rock-solid. They're going to do the right thing and hold everybody else accountable all the time."

Bethany Christian will aim for the HPC title again but will face a new challenger. Fort Wayne Canterbury has joined the league. After winning state in 2023-24, the Cavaliers sunk to a 9-15 finish last season, losing in the sectional championship to Lakewood Park by one point.

Having last played the Cavs in 2015, it means that Bethany will be seeing another one of its sectional foes during the regular season. The Bruins share a postseason field with Canterbury, Fremont, Hamilton, Lakeland Christian, Lakewood Park and Smith Academy (located in Fort Wayne).

"I'm excited about the athleticism and all the seniors and the leadership and hard work that we'll bring," Mast said.

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**GIRLS**

# Parson, Bethany Christian girls aspire for “Strength in the Stillness”

STORY BY STEVE KRAH

**B**ethany Christian head coach Krysten Parson has chosen a motto to represent her 2025-26 Bruins.

“Strength in the Stillness.”

As Parson reads passages from the book “Don’t Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table” by Louie Giglio, she explains to her team about the benefit of being calm.

“It’s based on Psalm 23,” Parson said. “I asked them, ‘What part of the storm is the quietest?’ They said, ‘the eye of the storm.’ When chaos hits, we want to find that sweet spot and be in the eye of the storm.

## 2025-26 SCHEDULE

Nov. 6: at West Noble (L 39-26)  
Nov. 11: at Jimtown (L 33-30)  
Nov. 14: vs. Elkhart Christian (L 60-7)  
Nov. 18: vs. Central Noble (7:30 PM)  
Nov. 25: vs. Westview (7:30 PM)  
Nov. 29: at Argos (3:30 PM)  
Dec. 4: vs. Prairie Heights (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 6: at La Lumiere (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 13: at Lakeland (6:00 PM)  
Dec. 16: vs. Wawasee (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 20: vs. Lakeland Christian (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 22-23: neutral Lakeland Christian Tournament  
Jan. 8: at Lakewood Park (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 13: vs. SB Career (6:00 PM)  
Jan. 16: vs. Caston (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 17: at Bremen (6:00 PM)  
Jan. 20: vs. Concord (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 23: at Trinity Greenlawn (6:00 PM)  
Jan. 24: vs. Hamilton (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 26: at Fairfield (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 27: vs. FW Canterbury (6:00 PM)

## PAST 10 SEASONS

2024-25: 4-18	2019-20: 5-17
2023-24: 18-7	2018-19: 14-10
2022-23: 24-4	2017-18: 12-11
2021-22: 11-12	2016-17: 12-10
2020-21: 17-7	2015-16: 14-11

## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 4 (last: 2023-24)  
Regional titles: 1 (last: 2022-23)  
Semistate titles: 1 (last: 2022-23)  
State titles: N/A

## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

4	Savannah Beer	Freshman
10	Jenny Rios	Senior
12	Shayla Steele	Freshman
14	Kendra Kern	Senior
20	Cori Chupp	Senior
22	Hannah Claassen	Freshman
24	Ellie Morris	Senior
30	Kayli Rassi	Sophomore
34	Zoe Nisley	Freshman
42	Olivia Mast	Junior



"We don't want to get so high or so low that we just lose control of ourselves. Strength is drawn from these moments and we want to take a step back and calm ourselves down. God's not leading you into rapids."

The Bruins hope the lesson pays off after they went 4-18 overall and 3-2 in the Hoosier Plains Conference in 2024-25. Leading scorer and rebounder Karlee Crume (10.4 points per game and 6.6 rebounds per game) graduated.

Parson went into her 20th season at Bethany at 212-224. Bethany has 13-of-22 regular-season games scheduled before Jan. 1. At season's end, the Bruins are in an IHSAA Class 1A sectional grouping with Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian, Fort Wayne Canterbury, Fremont, Hamilton, Lakeland Christian Academy and Lakewood Park Christian.

Bethany's roster features seniors Cori Chupp, Kendra Kern, Ellie Morris and Jenny Rios, junior Olivia Mast, sophomore Kayli Rassi and freshmen Savannah Beer, Hannah Claasen, Zoe Nisley and Shayla Steele. Tri-captains Chupp, Kern and Morris plus Mast and Rossi are returning letterwinners.

Morris averaged 5.5 points, 2.0 rebounds and 3.6 assists last season. She made 23 3-pointers. Kern carried norms of 4.7 points and 3.6 rebounds and Chupp 1.2 and 4.2. Amari Lind (4.2 and 5.8) played as a freshman but transferred to Goshen in the offseason.

"That group that's returning, they've been battle-tested," Parson said. "These seniors were freshmen during our state tournament run (in 2022-23). They've seen the highs and lows of the program."

How will the Bruins operate on the court?

"I've always been primarily a man defense person," Parson said. "It hasn't changed in the 20 years I've been coaching.

"I don't feel you can play great zone without playing good man concepts. I can teach kids how to play defense. You can't always teach kids to be scorers. But I can figure that out."

Parson knows there are some coaches who won't let a player shoot unless they can make 40 percent of those shots.

"I don't have the luxury," Parson said. "If you're not shooting, you're on the bench. If you're open and you don't shoot, you're coming to sit down."

"I just need kids shooting."

While it's inevitable there will be times Bethany will lose possession, not all turnovers are the same.

**HEAD COACH:** Krysten Parson (20th season, 212-224 at Bethany Christian)

**Assistant coaches:** Brent Reinhardt, Jon Wingard, Mia Reinhardt

"I can handle dead ball turnovers way better than live ball turnovers," Parson said. "If you're getting trapped, take the five-second count and don't just chuck the ball."

With Parson-coached teams, there's always a reason and being multifaceted is very helpful.

"I tell the kids you're not just a pawn out there for me," Parson said. "There's a purpose for why you're out there. You might be a great defender. You're going to score two points a game for us, but you're going to always be guarding the other team's best player. You still have a purpose on the defensive side and the offensive side."

"I just tell the kids to be more well-rounded."

At Bethany, the multi-sport athlete is prevalent. Girls play soccer or volleyball in the fall or travel softball in the spring and summer. When possible, players come to open gyms or go to a shootout or team camp.

"Summer is always difficult and getting kids together (for basketball workouts)," Parson said. "They've got so many things going on."

Plus, Bethany observes the IHSAA moratorium plus one of its own. That means players have to do something year-round to develop.

"If you're only putting in time in-season for four months, there's only so much I can teach you. I don't have time to work on individual stuff in-season."

"Out-of-season, we want you to come in and work one-on-one with me. That's when we get better individually."

Parson's assistants are Brent Reinhardt, Jon Wingard and Mia Reinhardt. A scheduling conflict will keep longtime assistant Margene Zink away from coaching this winter.

"My coaching staff does a really good job of keeping me balanced. Brent's been with me for 20 years. We can finish each other's sentences. I really trust and value him."

"He's just a very level-headed coach."



# CONCORD MINUTEMEN

**Mascot/Nickname:** Minutemen

**Location:** Dunlap, Ind.

**Class:** 4A

**Sectional grouping:** Concord, Elkhart, Goshen, Northridge, Warsaw

**Athletic director:** Dave Preheim

**BOYS**



# Leighton emphasizes 'FAMILY' in first year guiding Minutemen

STORY BY STEVE KRAH

**F**irst-year Concord High School head boys basketball coach Tyler Leighton wants his team to be fiercely-competitive, relentless and function as a "FAMILY."

"We want to be the hardest-working team in the nation" is what Leighton tells his Minutemen. "Wear them out. We don't give anything ever."

With the deep run by the football team, Concord's roster is a work-in-progress heading into the season. Based



**HEAD COACH:** Tyler Leighton (1st season at Concord, 29-22 overall)

**Assistant coaches:**

Levon Parker, Ryan Miller, Kevin Kirkland



on the summer, Leighton said he anticipates the following players coming out: Seniors Reese Breveard, Bo Brunner, Ethan Hausbach, Micah McKain, Dominic Paino and Parker Schrock, juniors Dylan Miller, Zay Outlaw, Brennan Sheely, Nasir Spencer and Carson Weirich and sophomores DaVion Blakely, Brady Emerick and Michael Martinez.

Schrock came up with the “FAMILY” acronym which stands for Faith, Attitude, Mental Toughness, Integrity, Loyalty and Yearning.

“When we huddle up at the end we say, “Family,” Leighton said. “We want to yearn and crave and try to achieve something more and greater together.”

Leighton, who was at Jimtown the past two seasons and led the Jimmies to a regional title last season, is now leading the Kelly Green and White. The IHSAA allowed 16 fall workouts. Seeing those players and knowing who else he has coming based on film study and watching them in other sports gives the coach an idea of what to expect in 2025-26.

With former high school teammate Derrick DeShone as head coach, the Minutemen went 13-10 overall and 3-4 in the Northern Lakes Conference in 2024-25. The season ended with a loss to eventual sectional winner Warsaw.

Concord has won 13 sectional titles all-time — the last in 2014.

“Our two best returning players are also our best football players,” Leighton said of Breveard (an all-NLC performer as a junior) and Brunner, who both averaged around 10 points per game in 2024-25. “(Breveard, who is 5-foot-8) is very quick and athletic and a very smart



and cerebral basketball player. He's a very, very smooth shooter, too.

“(Brunner’s) is a good shooter, very athletic and a very good passer. Part of the challenge is getting him to be more aggressive and shoot more than he was at some of our summer stuff, because he’s so unselfish.”

With the tallest players being 6-foot-3 Brunner and Weirich, that will dictate how the Minutemen operate.

“We’re going to have to play more full-court,” Leighton said. “We have a lot of athletic depth and speed. “I have around 10 kids I think are

athletic enough to play varsity.

“We have to use that to our advantage and use the full length and width of the court.

“Bo Brunner and Parker Schrock are good outlet passers. They see the floor and they’re able to advance it up the court very well.”

Concord is scheduled to play its first game Nov. 25 at Elkhart Christian. The first contest at McCuen Gym is to be Dec. 2 against South Bend Saint Joseph, coached by Concord alum Eric Gaff. The Minutemen have six games on the slate in December,



nine in January and six in February. Concord is in an IHSAA Class 4A sectional grouping with host Elkhart plus Goshen, Northridge and Warsaw.

Leighton's assistants are Levon Parker, Ryan Miller and Kevin Kirkland with a few volunteers popping in and out.

Parker is a Concord alum whom Leighton played against when they were both in high school. He is helping connect the current team with Minutemen alumni. Miller moves up from head freshman coach and head junior varsity coach. Kirkland comes from South Bend Washington.

Leighton likes for his players to be involved with the Concord Basketball League, which features instruction and games for younger players on weekends.

"I really like to get our feeder program kids involved with the high school as much as possible," Leighton said. "We'll be inviting some of them to come into our locker room for the pregame talk and go out for the starting lineups and national anthem."

Leighton instituted a "10,000 Made Shots Club" to the whole district and already had 15 make the total and earn a T-shirt before the official start of high school practice.

"This is the Concord community's team," Leighton said. "This isn't my team, this is our team together. I want these young kids to grow up wanting to be those varsity kids and look to them as their heroes."



## 2025-26 SCHEDULE

Nov. 25: at Elkhart Christian (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 2: vs. SB St. Joseph (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 5: vs. Elkhart (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 6: at Angola (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 10: vs. West Noble (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 12: at Penn (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 19: at Mishawaka (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 3: at Fairfield (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 6: vs. Mishawaka Marian (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 9: vs. Goshen (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 10: vs. New Prairie (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 16: at Plymouth (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 20: vs. Jimtown (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 23: vs. Warsaw (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 30: at Wawasee (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 31: vs. LaPorte (7:45 PM)  
Feb. 5: vs. NorthWood (7:45 PM)  
Feb. 13: at Northridge (7:45 PM)  
Feb. 17: at Central Noble (7:30 PM)  
Feb. 20: vs. Bremen (7:45 PM)  
Feb. 24: at John Glenn (7:45 PM)  
Feb. 27: at Westview (7:30 PM)

## PAST 10 SEASONS

2024-25: 13-10	2019-20: 1-20
2023-24: 18-5	2018-19: 7-16
2022-23: 11-11	2017-18: 7-15
2021-22: 13-11	2016-17: 8-15
2020-21: 10-11	2015-16: 6-17

## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 13 (last: 2013-14)  
Regional titles: 4 (last: 1989-90)  
Semistate titles: 2 (last: 1989-90)  
State titles: N/A

## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

4	Zay Outlaw	Junior
10	Reese Breveard	Senior
12	Dominic Paino	Senior
14	Parker Schrock	Senior
20	Ethan Hausbach	Senior
22	Brady Emerick	Sophomore
24	Carson Weirich	Junior
30	Micah McKain	Senior
32	Bo Brunner	Senior
34	Brennan Sheely	Junior
	Dylan Miller	Junior
	Nasir Spencer	Junior
	Michael Martinez	Sophomore
	DaVion Blakely	Sophomore



GIRLS

# Minutemen aim to ride chemistry to continued improvement

STORY BY STEVE KRAH

**C**oncord head coach Brandon Abel has been stressing through his first two seasons that in order to be great, his team needs to 'be green.'

That doesn't change heading into Abel's third season.

"I really want our players to dive into what it means to be great,"

Abel said. "What makes the greatest athletes and the greatest teams great?"

During the summer, the Minutemen met in the Green Room at the end of McCuen Gym to have these types of conversations about team-building and being selfless.

"What does great team chemistry look like?" Abel said. "When they sub for each other, they are making a meaningful touch with each other. They're giving and getting confidence from (the other) person."

Abel said that every cycling team in the Tour de France has a domestique, a rider who works for the benefit of their team and leader rather than trying to win the race.

"Their job is to make the best rider win and they sacrifice everything to make that happen. The domestique is probably the greatest example of a great teammate."

After reading "The 7 Commits of a Great Team" by Jon Gordon, Abel has been sharing the wisdom.

"What does it mean to play Green?" Abel said. "It means play a little bit more free and a little less timid."

Concord went 9-13 overall and 2-5 in the Northern Lakes Conference in 2024-25. It's the second-consecutive nine-win season in Dunlap. Concord's last double-digit win season was in 2019-20 when the Minutemen were 15-8. Abel went into this season at Concord with a career record of 18-26.

Fifteen of 22 regular-season games in 2025-26 are scheduled before Jan. 1. At IHSAA sectional time, there is a Class 4A grouping with Elkhart, host Goshen, Northridge and Warsaw.

The Minutemen roster features seniors Shelby Emerick, Zaza Zilm and Fairfield transfer Gisel Lopez, juniors Kylee Anglemyer, Vivian Casey, Diana Contreras, Rylee Glover, Kailyn Gonzales, Hayden Minder and Shiloh Smith, sophomore Brooklyn Ganger and freshman Hailey Arroyo.



## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

3	Shiloh Smith	Junior
4	Shelby Emerick	Senior
5	Hayden Minder	Junior
10	Brooklyn Ganger	Sophomore
12	Rylee Glover	Junior
14	Hailey Arroyo	Freshman
20	Kylee Anglemeyer	Junior
22	Vivian Casey	Junior
24	Zaza Zilm	Senior
32	Gisel Lopez	Senior
34	Diana Contreras	Junior
44	Kailyn Gonzales	Junior

### HEAD COACH:

Brandon Abel (3rd season, 18-26 at Concord)

### Assistant coaches:

Amanda Van Hulle, D.J. Washington, Emma Thomas



## 2025-26 SCHEDULE

Nov. 4: at Angola (**L 54-47**)  
Nov. 8: vs. Elkhart Christian (**L 47-42**)  
Nov. 11: vs. Elkhart (**L 59-24**)  
Nov. 14: at SB St. Joseph (**L 71-43**)  
Nov. 18: vs. John Glenn (7:45 PM)  
Nov. 21: vs. Wawasee (7:30 PM)  
Nov. 22: vs. FW Blackhawk (2:30 PM)  
Nov. 26: at Tri-Township (7:00 PM)  
Nov. 29: at Fairfield (2:30 PM)  
Dec. 5: at NorthWood (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 6: vs. LaPorte (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 9: vs. Bremen (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 12: vs. Northridge (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 16: at Penn (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 20: vs. Mishawaka (2:30 PM)  
Jan. 6: at West Noble (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 10: at Goshen (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 13: vs. Jimtown (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 17: vs. Plymouth (1:30 PM)  
Jan. 20: at Bethany Christian (7:30 PM)  
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2016-17: 4-19  
2015-16: 5-18

## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 3 (last: 1991-92)  
Regional titles: N/A  
Semistate titles: N/A  
State titles: N/A

Lopez must sit out a brief transfer window but should be available come December.

Playing full-time a year ago in a six-player rotation were Emerick, Vivian Casey and Smith. Hayden Casey (6.4 points and 5.1 rebounds per game) Marieona Mason (6.3 points, 2.5 points and 23 3-pointers) and Halle Ganger (5.2 points, 4.0 rebounds and 21 3-pointers) graduated.

Emerick paced the 2024-25 team with 10.4 points per game to go with 2.3 rebounds per contest and 48 3's. Smith carried averages of 6.5 points and 3.4 rebounds. Casey had norms of 2.6 points and 2.2 rebounds and Anglemeyer 1.0 and 0.2.

Having experience and getting things done in the summer has really helped.

“Instead of teaching (during the preseason and season), it’s a lot of reviewing and we can go a little bit deeper than we have at this point in the season in previous

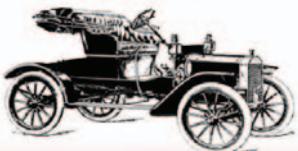


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years," Abel said.

Concord runs what Abel calls a conceptual offense and the idea is to hunt great shots.

"We give them some actions," Abel said. "If I do this then I should do this. We grade our shots. We say a 'nine' is any wide-open layup at the rim. You should be able to make it 90% of the time. We say a 'seven' is an open catch and a shot in-rhythm. We tell our players to make the read on the catch. If they have a 'seven', they should take it. If they don't, they should hunt for a 'nine.'

"It's very simple. Make the read and try not to overthink it. We really want them to be basketball players rather than memorizing movements like robots."

Abel said the tempo that the Minutemen play at will often be dictated by what the opponent is allowing.

"We do run transition offense that encourages you to score in the first 11 seconds of a possession, but if we can't find a great shot in that situation, I'd rather have us work for that great shot then play at a fast tempo," Abel said. "There are teams in the NLC we're not going to be able to run-and-gun against and there's teams we can put a little more pressure on a play a little bit faster."

"The offense we run allows us to speed up or slow down as needed."

The past two seasons, Concord played primarily zone defense and Abel does not see that changing in 2025-26.

"I think we're going to throw some different zone looks this year," Abel said. "We have some players that really help dictate things for us defensively. Shiloh Smith is just all over people. She's fast and athletic. It's impressive to see."

"She's a wolf. She's supposed to pick the ball and try to dictate pressure early. We try to apply as much pressure on the ball as we can. The zone helps us dictate who's guarding what areas of the floor and helps with protecting or erasing the rim."

Abel's assistants are Amanda Van Hulle, D.J. Washington and Emma Thomas.



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# FAIRFIELD FALCONS

**Mascot/Nickname:** Falcons

**Location:** Benton, Ind.

**Class:** 3A

**Sectional grouping:** Columbia City, Fairfield, NorthWood, Tippecanoe Valley, Wawasee, West Noble

**Athletic director:** Chris Griffin

# Fairfield flexes height, gained experience entering Garber's second season

**BOYS**



STORY BY MATT LUCAS

**L**osing just one senior from a season ago, Fairfield finds themselves flipping from one of the least to most-experienced teams in the Northeast Corner Conference entering the 2025-26 season.

Another thing that the Falcons should be is tall. 10 players are above six foot. That includes seniors Brady Park (6-foot-6) and Ben Kio (6-foot-5).

"If there's going to be a whole bunch of teams taller than us, that kind of scares me, so I'm hoping we can have that [advantage]," Fairfield second-year head coach Brodie Garber said. "You can have all that height in the world but if you don't use it or take it to your advantage [it won't matter]. Guard play is kind of what gets it done in high school."

Fairfield enters the season with a strong core of returners. After enduring a season where varsity experience on the Falcons was slim, now Garber's group has plenty of it with only one player graduating last spring.

"The only guy we're missing is Eli



Miller who graduated and he was kind of our dirty work guy; rebounder, screener, tough-guy stuff,” Garber said.

Seniors on the roster include Brodie’s son, Brant, and nephew Grady Garber, Park, Kio, Cole Knight, Isaac Mast, Matthew Holsopple and Caleb Shearer. The rest of the roster includes juniors Drew Beachy and Zach Mehlberg and sophomores Parker Smith and Koltyn Frye.

Smith was a member on The Goshen News Honorable Mention team last season.

“He just played so hard; played very athletic,” Garber said. “Now, if we can just get him to intertwine some skill, just some basketball-savvy stuff, if he can put that all together then that’s going to go very, very well. I believe his shot has gotten better too.”

Frye is another player Garber saw gain experience as the season prolonged. Garber said his team could feature an eight- or nine-man

rotation if needed.

After guiding Fairfield’s girls basketball program to a state championship in the 2022-23 season, Garber begins his second year as head coach of the boys team. He took over for current Leo head coach Derek Hinen last fall.

Adjusting to the switch in teams wasn’t easy, but Garber’s wealth of experience helped it work smoothly. In his first season, the Falcons head coach implemented his own style while piggybacking off of Hinen’s groundwork.

“There’s a little bit of an adjustment period, not just on the coaching side but for the fellas on their side,” Garber said. “We did a lot of things similar to the year before with coach Hinen. Tweaked some things, added some things, but overall it was a pretty good experience.”

Much of Hinen’s group that made it to semistate had graduated entering last season, meaning little returned for the first year under Garber. At times, the effects of that

inexperience were noticeable.

“It definitely showed,” Garber said. “It really showed in crunch time, tight ball games versus some tougher teams where in the eight-man rotation, six guys had no varsity experience the year before. You kind of throw them into the brunt of our schedule and we’ve got several [Northern Lakes Conference] schools and the top end of the [Northeast Corner Conference] is pretty good as well. They just weren’t quite ready for that and so we’re hoping that the gauntlet of the schedule last year will have benefitted us.”

Garber identifies that scoring more “easy” points will be the key in improving from last year’s 13-10 mark.

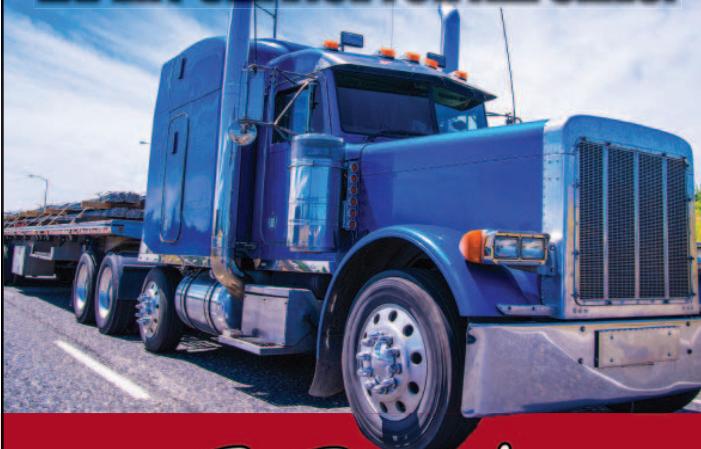
“You go from year to year and you kind of gotta stitch the group you have with what’s the best thing for the team that year,” he said. “I feel like from last year, one of things we gotta do is we’ve gotta put more points on the board and really, in



**HEAD COACH:** Brodie Garber (2nd season, 13-10 overall)

**Assistant coaches:** Troy Beachy, Michael Knepper, Steve Hall

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Dec. 5: at Prairie Heights (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 13: at NorthWood (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 20: vs Jimtown (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 3: vs Concord (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 9: vs Eastside (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 14-17: NECC Tournament  
Jan. 23: vs Westview (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 27: vs Mishawaka (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 30: at West Noble (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 31: vs Angola (7:30 PM)  
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## PAST 10 SEASONS

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## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 10 (last: 2023-24)  
Regional titles: 2 (last: 2023-24)  
Semistate titles: N/A  
State titles: N/A



today's game, if you can find a way to get some easy baskets, whether its offensive rebounding or steals for open-court layups, we gotta find ways to get some easier buckets throughout a game."

Fairfield's schedule is quite difficult. The Falcons begin the season with a much-improved Wawasee team and then travel across U.S. 33 to face Goshen. Sectional foe NorthWood also remains on the schedule.

In the NECC, reigning regular season and tournament champion Westview is the top dog. Angola and West Noble also bring back solid squads. Fairfield sees itself as a contender as well, not just in the NECC, but a sectional that includes Columbia City, NorthWood, Wawasee,

Tippecanoe Valley, West Noble and the Falcons.

"I think so," Garber said when asked if his team could win a conference or sectional trophy. "In saying so, the upper-half of our conference is really good with Westview, Angola is going to be very tough, West Noble is solid again. In our sectional, Columbia City jumps down from 4A and squeezes in there. They're going to be a tough out every single year on top of that."

"We're hoping that with our schedule, Goshen, Wawasee, NorthWood, Concord, we feel we have that strong out-of-conference schedule going for us. Hopefully that prepares us for when we get down to March, we'll be a little more prepared come tournament time."

## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

Grady Garber	Senior
Brant Garber	Senior
Cole Knight	Senior
Caleb Shearer	Senior
Brady Park	Senior
Ben Kio	Senior
Isaac Mast	Senior
Matthew Holsopple	Senior
Drew Beachy	Junior
Zach Mehlberg	Junior
Parker Smith	Sophomore
Koltny Frye	Sophomore



# Fairfield a 'work in progress' that hopes to be a sectional contender come February

STORY BY MATT LUCAS

It didn't take long for Fairfield girls basketball third-year head coach Kyle Hartman to nod in agreement.

Turnovers, or, shots on the rim, as he prefers, will decide whether Fairfield competes for a conference or sectional title this season.

"We've changed our wording on it," Hartman, who is 40-11 in his first two seasons leading the Falcons, said. "We need to get shots on the rim, which hopefully means we're not turning the ball over as much and we're getting shots. I clipped things out from the first quarter [of the season-opener



**HEAD COACH:**  
Kyle Hartman  
(3rd season, 40-11  
overall)

**Assistant coaches:**  
Troy Sands, Jessia  
Dunlap, Stacey  
Garrett



## GIRLS

versus Elkhart] and we turned the ball over six times. All six times we could have had a shot if we just made the right pass, saw the right person. That's six shots, say we make three and they're 2's, that's six points."

Fairfield, which opened the 2025-26 season against an aggressive defensive pressure team, turned the ball over 31 times in just a 10-point loss. The Falcons not only return senior Eva Herbert and junior Madison Jones, who were both TGN First Team recipients a season ago, but senior Macy Worthman returns from an injury and sophomore Paige Park is back from a strong rookie season.

They can beat teams as good as Elkhart and possibly teams at an even higher level, but what plagued the team last season was the same thing Hartman identifies as the one obstacle that could hold his team back again this season.

"Thinking too slow and also just getting rid of it too quick," Hartman said. "When they get it, they think it's like a grenade and they just need to throw the ball away."

Jones (15 points, five rebounds a game) and Hebert (12 points, four rebounds, four assists) lead the charge coming back to Benton this season. While Herbert and Worthman are both seniors, the unexpected and late exit of Mykayla Mast (10 points, four rebounds) means the Falcons lost some of the experience it was counting on heading into the year.

"It definitely changes things for us, but it's also a 'next man up' kind of mentality," Hartman said. "Roles expand a little bit more for other kids. It's disappointing, but it is what it is and you have to move on from it."

Jones, a talented softball player as well, took the offseason to get some AAU work in. It was her first time doing so, noted Hartman. The junior is already receiving basketball interest for after high school.

Herbert has been steady since her first season ended in a state title for the Falcons. Three years later, and it's time for one last go.

"Eva's been in the program for four years now, four-year varsity player," Hartman said. "Just has grown every year and this year I'm excited to see her leadership grow as a senior and then just be that dominant player on the court that she can be. Madison, the same way. She's just been getting better year after year."

Fairfield's coach notes that Herbert and Jones will have to shoulder much of the load this season, but he argues that them being more selfish is not the direction he's steering them in.

"They're going to need to score the basketball for us along with others, but what makes a great player is by making those around them better," Hartman said. "That's our goal all year is to just be unselfish. It doesn't matter who gets the credit. They're going to

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## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 6 (last: 2022-23)  
 Regional titles: 3 (last: 2022-23)  
 Semistate titles: 1 (last: 2022-23)  
 State titles: 1 (last: 2022-23)

## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

3	Eva Herbert	Senior
5	Delaney Garrett	Freshman
11	Maddie Treat	Junior
12	Tori Elliott	Freshman
13	Annabel Kuhns	Freshman
14	Madison Jones	Junior
15	Paige Park	Sophomore
21	Jenna Fought	Sophomore
24	Macy Worthman	Senior
40	Nevaeh Miller	Freshman



be double-teamed sometimes and they've got to find that open person and that person needs to score the basketball."

Worthman brings back a more physical presence underneath the basket. That should alleviate some of the pressure on the rest of group. Hartman though valued her time spent on the bench last year.

"She brings a lot, but leadership is probably the biggest thing though," he said. "She is the glue of our team and really holds us together, holds us accountable. She saw that and was able to learn from that sitting on the bench last year. She was right there with us coaches, hearing us talk throughout a game and she then saw what we were trying to teach on the court and now she can implement that into this season."

Fairfield views itself as a conference and sectional contender again. The Falcons face another strong Eastside team inside the Northeast Corner Conference and until Columbia City doesn't repeat, the sectional path runs through the Eagles.

"Now going into this year, it's a senior dominant team and an experienced team I'm thinking, 'Oh, it could be our year,'" Hartman said. "But that's a long ways away and we've got a lot of things to improve on before then. I think we should be able to compete and be a contender in our sectional."

One of the things his group hopes to do more of is play man defense. Primarily a group that stayed in zone last year, Hartman is hoping to transition over to man, hoping his group locks down the somewhat inconsistent effort on the defensive front.

As Fairfield navigates late exits and injury/health issues, Hartman said he might have to rely on zone more often than he'd like.

But once his team is fully healthy and into the meat of the season, he expects a different group to begin to show.

"I think so," Hartman said. "I think that would be a big headline of right now, we're a work in progress and hopefully by December, January we get things moving and grooving and look like a totally different team."

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# GOSHEN REDHAWKS

**Mascot/Nickname:** RedHawks

**Location:** Goshen, Ind.

**Class:** 4A

**Sectional grouping:** Concord, Elkhart, Goshen, Northridge, Warsaw

**Athletic director:** Jim Pickard



# Wohlford loosens the reigns on promising Goshen group

STORY BY MATT LUCAS

**G**oshen has watched teams around the area and inside the Northern Lakes Conference return the majority of their lineups and have success on the basketball court. With its starting five returning for their final year at the high school level, they want the same.

“I know how hard we’ve worked,” Goshen head coach Michael Wohlford said. “We have a senior class that has worked since third grade to get to this point. I’ve known those kids since third grade, and so we’re just going to enjoy every day and work as hard as we can to try and make some history.”

“Experience helps, belief helps and there is definite belief in our kids,” he adds. “We just have to go perform, because you don’t win on paper.”

The RedHawks return starting guards Levi Sawatzky, Braxton Cline, Ryen Diaz and forwards Karter Marcum and Evan Timmons this year.

Sawatzky (18.2 points, 3.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists) earned TGN First Team honors last year while Cline (9.3 points, 3.6 assists) and Marcum (9.2 points, 9.2 rebounds) were members of the All-Area Third Team. Diaz fills the role as a hard-nosed defender and corner shooter while Timmons brings height to the post.



Marcum, in particular, had the biggest junior-year jump.

“He’s always kind of been that kid,” Wohlford said. “He wasn’t the most skilled kid in third or fourth grade. He always was just like ‘I’m not afraid of anything.’ It’s his upbringing, he’s a pretty tough kid. He has always been treated as being tough and that’s how he plays.”

If Goshen is to bring Elkhart County’s longest sectional title drought, it would have to be this season.

“I’ve coached them pretty hard for a couple years to get ready for this year,” the head coach said. “We’re able to get through stuff way quicker and our principals are pretty much in place. They need to be reminded of the details, but those are pretty good habits now. When you have habits that are solid, you can just play basketball and a clear mind is usually a pretty productive athlete.”

So with habits in place and practices running smoother, Wohlford finds himself loosening his grip and letting his returners take charge.

“I don’t want to leave anything on the table, so I think we’ll probably try to, because I know how good our kids can be. I loosened the reigns last year; I’ll loosen them even more this year,” Wohlford said.

Goshen’s star talent isn’t being doubted, but depth concerns are largely unknown.

Wohlford said sectionals aren’t won by having depth, rather, it’s the top percent that bring home titles. When asked about his top percent, he ran down the roster.

“I think they’re good enough. I do,” he said. “I think they’re really good. We have an awesome rebounder, great point guard, we have an alpha, we have a wing shooter in Ryan Diaz, Evan Timmons has improved immensely, he was out all summer, but had a great fall.”

“Trenton Clark is our big guy that comes off the bench and we’ll be looking for size and strength from him. We’ll watch him as the year goes on. Bentley Medina handles the ball well and can get Sawatzky and Cline off the ball and Bryson Wilson thinks like a scorer and is gritty.”

Wilson is the newest addition. A former basketball player as a sophomore, Wilson took his junior year to focus on baseball, playing on the regional championship team that unexpectedly made the Final Four this past spring.

Wohlford said he was the basketball junior varsity co-MVP as a sophomore and that Wilson, alongside Marcum, Cline and Diaz’s shared baseball success can



hopefully translate to the hardwood.

“I think the kids winning in baseball gives them a little additional confidence,” Wohlford said. “We start three kids and bring one off the bench that started. One was the ace pitcher in the tournament, one was the best hitter, one was the center fielder and one is the first basemen. It’s not just that they were big parts, there were largely the reason why they won.”

Cline knows that when the regular season ended during the spring baseball season, Goshen had a losing record. They hadn’t played to their potential for much of the season.

The confidence they found in the tournament is the same type of resilience he wants the RedHawks to have this winter.

“Just staying together, keeping our heads up,” he said. “Even if we lose a couple games in a row, keep our heads up and push through and we’ll be there.”

Goshen heads into the season with seven seniors in Sawatzky, Cline, Marcum, Diaz, Timmons, Wilson and Nathan Corbin. Juniors are Bentley Medina, Trenton Clark and football quarterback Carter Diaz.

The RedHawks will host their own tournament this season on Dec. 27. Kankakee Valley and Hammond Morton will join the RedHawks for the one-day Saturday bracket. As of writing, Goshen is still looking for a fourth team to complete the bracket.



## 2025-26 SCHEDULE

Nov. 29: vs. Fairfield (7:30 PM)  
 Dec. 2: at Mishawaka Marian (7:30 PM)  
 Dec. 5: vs. SB Washington (7:30 PM)  
 Dec. 9: at Elkhart (7:30 PM)  
 Dec. 20: vs. Northridge (7:45 PM)  
 Dec. 23: at East Noble (7:30 PM)  
 Dec. 27: Goshen Tournament (TBA)  
 Jan. 9: at Concord (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 13: vs. Elkhart Christian (7:30 PM)  
 Jan. 16: at Warsaw (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 20: vs. Tippecanoe Valley (7:30 PM)  
 Jan. 23: vs. NorthWood (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 30: at Mishawaka (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 31: at Penn (7:30 PM)  
 Feb. 5: vs. Plymouth (7:30 PM)  
 Feb. 10: vs. Lakeland (7:30 PM)  
 Feb. 13: at Wawasee (7:45 PM)  
 Feb. 17: vs. SB St. Joseph (7:30 PM)  
 Feb. 20: vs. Westview (7:30 PM)  
 Feb. 24: at West Noble (7:30 PM)  
 Feb. 27: vs. John Glenn (7:30 PM)

## PAST 10 SEASONS

2024-25: 14-10	2019-20: 11-12
2023-24: 10-13	2018-19: 8-15
2022-23: 11-12	2017-18: 11-13
2021-22: 13-10	2016-17: 15-10
2020-21: 7-16	2015-16: 10-14

## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 9 (last: 1991-92)  
 Regional titles: 3 (last: 1968-69)  
 Semistate titles: N/A  
 State titles: N/A

## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

3	Bryson Wilson	Senior
4	Bentley Medina	Junior
10	Levi Sawatzky	Senior
11	Ryen Diaz	Senior
20	Nathan Corbin	Senior
21	Karter Marcum	Senior
22	Braxton Cline	Senior
23	Carter Diaz	Junior
32	Evan Timmons	Senior
40	Trenton Clark	Junior



**HEAD COACH:** Michael Wohlford (10th season, 100-111 overall)

**Assistant coaches:** Kris Davis, AJ Waldron, Isaac Sawatzky, Chris Arnold



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## GIRLS

# Goshen girls find new faces, roles in 2025-26

STORY BY STEVE KRAH

**W**hile many of the faces of the players are different, Goshen High School girls basketball continues to look to put its best “FACE” forward.

That acronym put forth by head coach Shaun Hill with its origins coming when he was a GHS boys basketball assistant to Brian Bechtel stands for Family, Attitude, Commitment and Excellence.

“I talk about my ‘why’ of coaching and have them say whatever their ‘why’ is and what brought them here,” Hill said. “Now that we’re here, we’ve got to have this common collective. Our FACE mantra just means we are who we say we are and that’s in the classroom, community and building. As a student-athlete, we’re going to represent our program the best we possibly can.

“There’s a lot of pieces to it, but it stems from me as a coach and my transformational statement. I coach to empower our young people to teach their full potential. I tell them that regardless of the wins and losses, hopefully they get something out of this that latest with them longer than basketball will.”

Those concepts are talked about during practice. About 15 minutes is devoted to team culture. Players are expected to be able to define the concepts to others in their own words.

“Our program operates as a family with the attitude and commitment to achieve excellence,” Hill said. “For the most part, our girls have done well with it.”

Hill went into his ninth season as head coach at Goshen with a 100-83 mark. He was 123-108 including his two seasons at Bremen.

About two-thirds of the RedHawks’ regular-season games are slated before Jan. 1 including the Dec. 30 South Bend Saint Joseph Tournament featuring Saint Joe, Lakeland and Portage.

“We’ve got to see the best competition we can (to prepare for the





**HEAD COACH:** Shaun Hill (9th season, 100-83 at Goshen; 123-108 overall)

**Assistant coaches:** Will Hunt, Lauren Weldy, Tahya Bruce, Kelly Shoup-Hill

postseason)," Hill said. "You can't run from these great teams if you want to make a run."

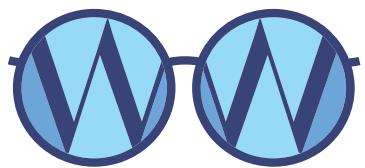
An IHSAA Class 4A sectional grouping hosted by the RedHawks finds Concord, Elkhart, Northridge and Warsaw awaiting at the end of the 2025-26 season. The Raiders and Tigers enter the season as the expected contenders.

In 2024-25, the RedHawks went 7-15 overall and 1-6 in the Northern Lakes Conference, but they've amassed their share of losses. Ava Yordy (8.1 points, 5.2 rebounds a game) wrapped up her prep career last year while sophomore Sueann Watt (4.8 points, 3.4 rebounds) transferred to Elkhart.

Shaun's daughter Taryn (6.9 points, 3.7 rebounds) is the lone senior on the team, but tore her ACL and is not expected to play, at least in the early part of the season. Not including Taryn, Goshen returns just eight of 600 points scored last season.

Goshen's roster features Taryn, juniors Layla Evans, Jaylie Hernandez and Teiya Ward, sophomores Janessa Brown, Azaret Cardenas, Bervalie Lehman, Amari Lind, Charlemagne Miller, Jennifer Shirk and Mia Winship and freshmen Khylena Luangasa and Lainey Trenshaw. Lind transferred in from Bethany Christian. Taryn, Brown and Winship were letterwinners last season.

"We've got a lot of new faces in our program that I hadn't seen before," Shaun Hill said. "They're figuring me out a little bit, too."



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"There's been a lot of learning and a lot of figuring each other out. This is a new and interesting Goshen team. It's definitely a different look than what we've had in the past."

Yordy led the RedHawks in scoring and rebounding in 2024-25 with averages of 8.1 points per game and 5.2 rebounds with 11 3-pointers. She graduated early and is now with the Grace College program.

What Goshen does this season will be a mix of fitting Hill's system and taking advantage of players' talents and adjusting to new responsibilities.

"Offensively, we're hoping to create a little more offense with our defense," Hill said. "I want us to be a little more aggressive defensively."

"I'm not necessarily looking for a full-court press, but we're going to do some kind of pressure and have a bunch of different (defensive) looks."

Speeding opponents up, creating chaos and getting them thinking might lead to some turnovers.

Hill looks to employ a mix of offensive schemes, too.

"We've got some kids trying to figure some things out that are not necessarily comfortable in that role of scoring," Hill said. "They've got to be more aggressive. They've got to look for their shot more."

"A couple of them are happy with a little green light. If we're going to play fast, I want you to take the best shot you can."

Unlike recent seasons, the RedHawks will not have much height in the post.

"It was always cool to have height like that. But if point guards can't get the ball to your size, it doesn't really matter."

"I always like to have a good point guard."

During the summer, Hill got a look at some of his players but not all were available. There were visits to shootouts at Indiana Wesleyan University and Central Noble High School.

Hill's assistant coaches include returnees Will Hunt and Lauren Weldy plus Tahya Bruce. Shaun's wife, Kelly Shoup-Hill, will be in a support role.



"Our program operates as a family with the attitude and commitment to achieve excellence."

**HEAD COACH SHAUN HILL**

## 2025-26 SCHEDULE

Nov. 6: vs SB Washington (**L 59-48**)  
Nov. 11: vs Lakeland (**L 50-30**)  
Nov. 13: at Mishawaka Marian (**L 51-16**)  
Nov. 15: vs Fairfield (**L 49-18**)  
Nov. 20: at Westview (7:30 PM)  
Nov. 25: vs Columbia City (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 2: vs Central Noble (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 6: at Plymouth (8:15 PM)  
Dec. 9: vs West Noble (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 12: vs Wawasee (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 16: vs Elkhart (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 19: at Northridge (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 20: at Penn (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 27: Goshen Tournament  
Dec. 30: at SB St. Joseph Tournament (12:00 PM)  
Jan. 10: vs Concord (7:45 PM)  
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Jan. 29: at Mishawaka (7:45 PM)

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2022-23: 12-11	2017-18: 12-11
2021-22: 8-15	2016-17: 8-15
2020-21: 18-4	2015-16: 18-5

## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 7 (last: 1995-96)  
Regional titles: 1 (last: 1981-82)  
Semistate titles: N/A  
State titles: N/A

## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

3	Jaylie Hernandez	Junior
5	Lainey Trenshaw	Freshman
10	Mia Winship	Sophomore
11	Janessa Brown	Sophomore
12	Amari Lind	Sophomore
14	Teiya Ward	Freshman
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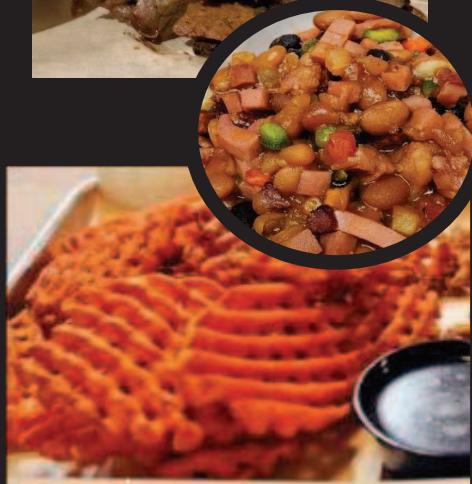
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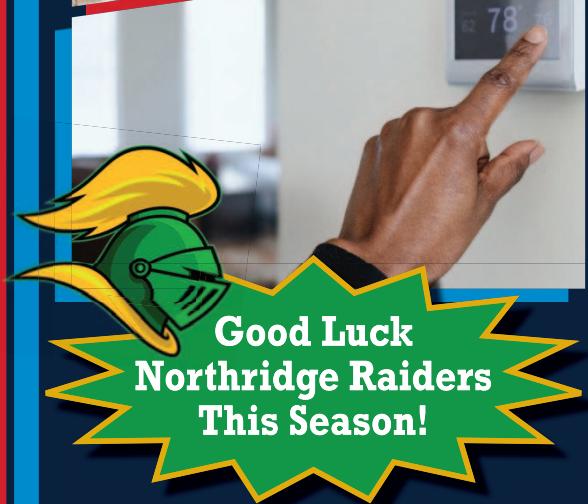


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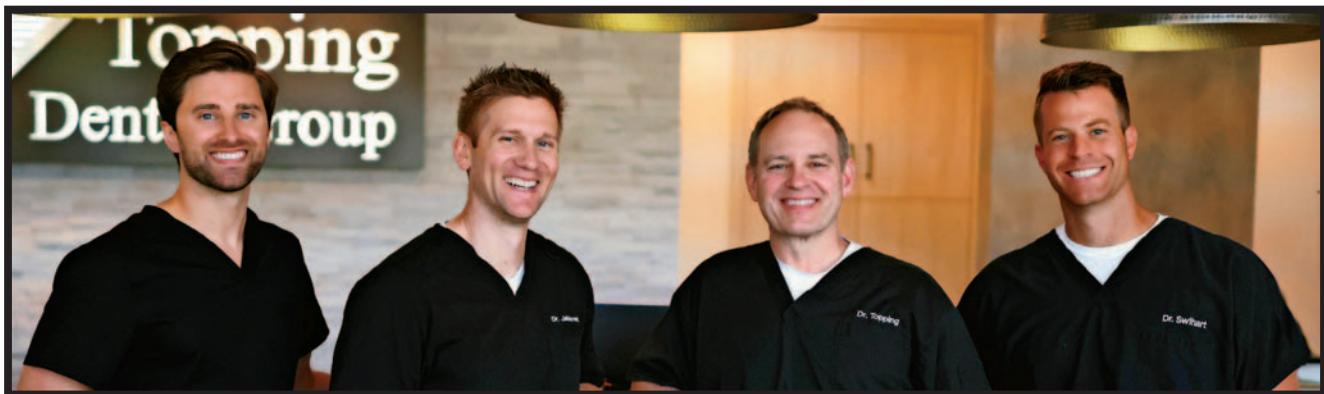
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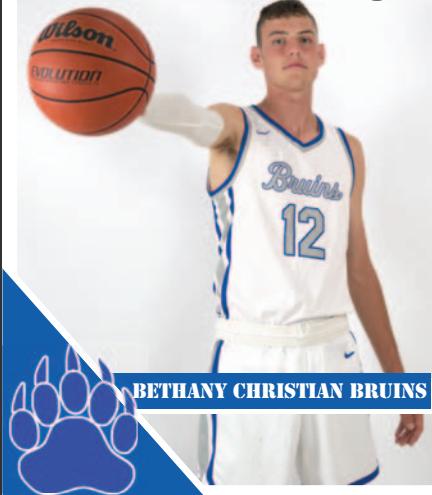
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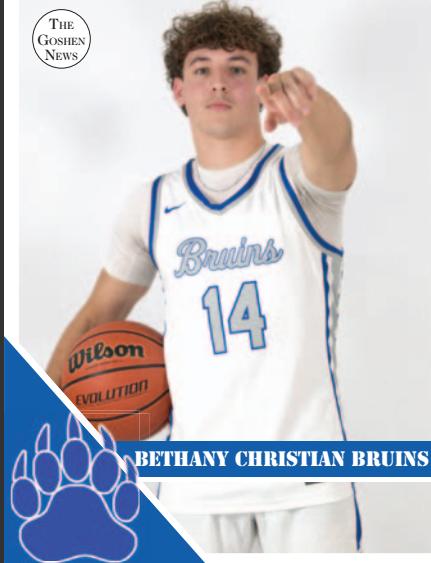
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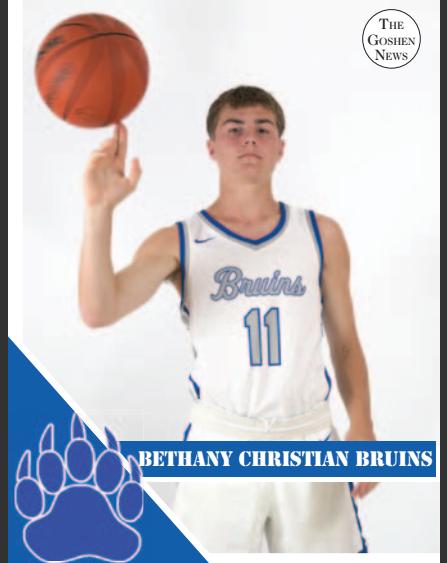
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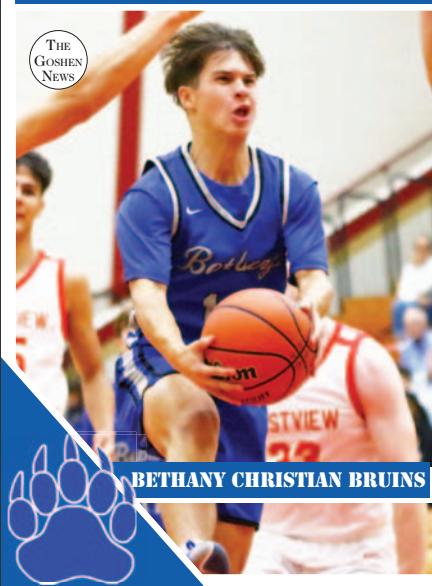
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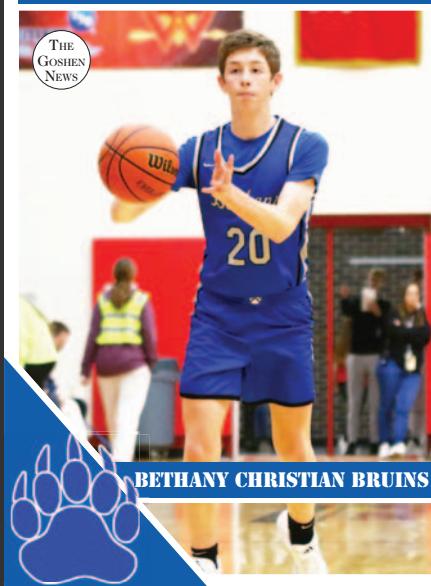
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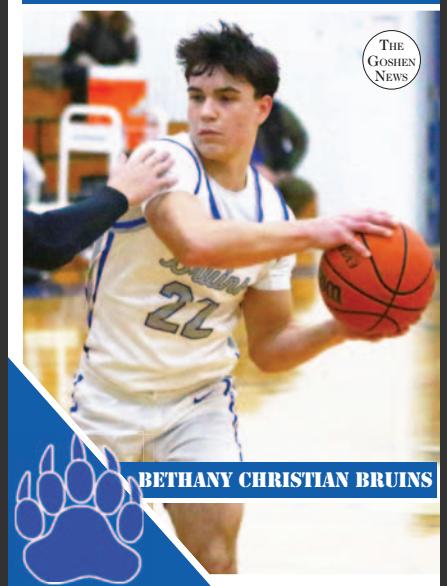
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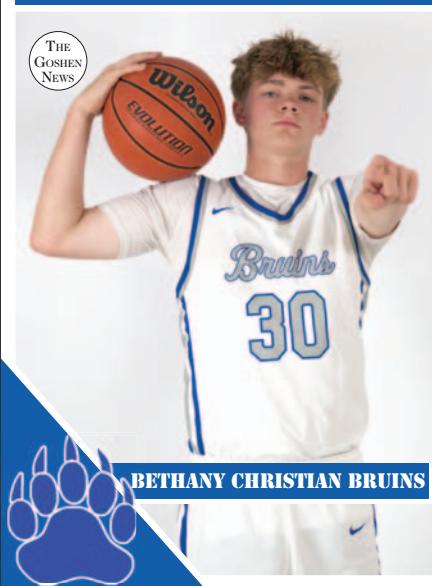
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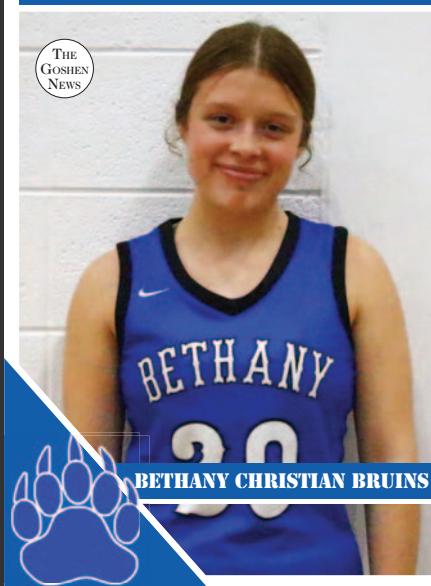
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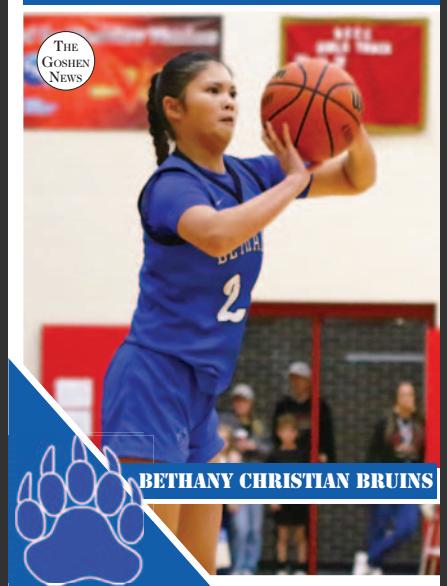
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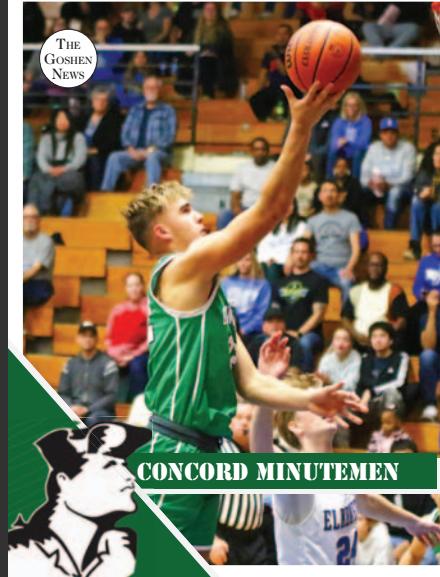
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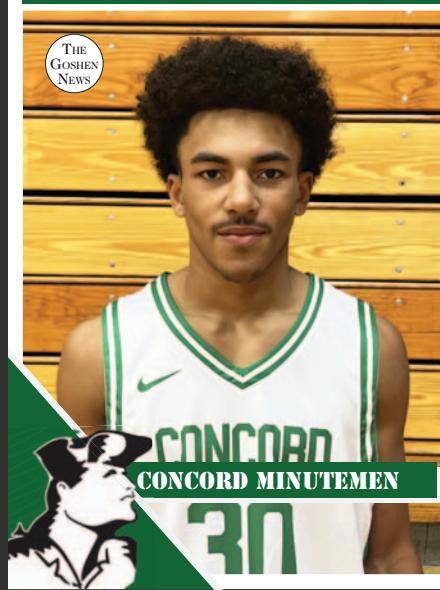
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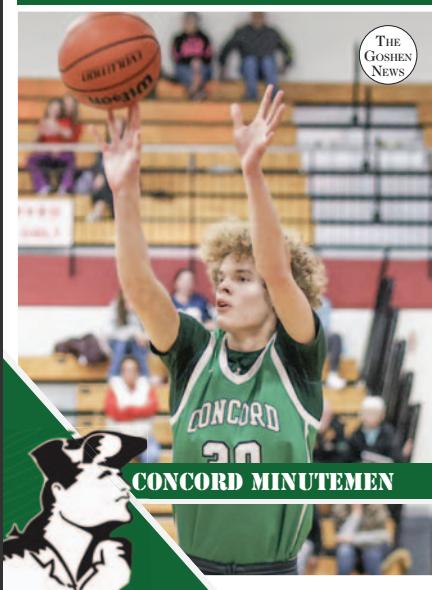
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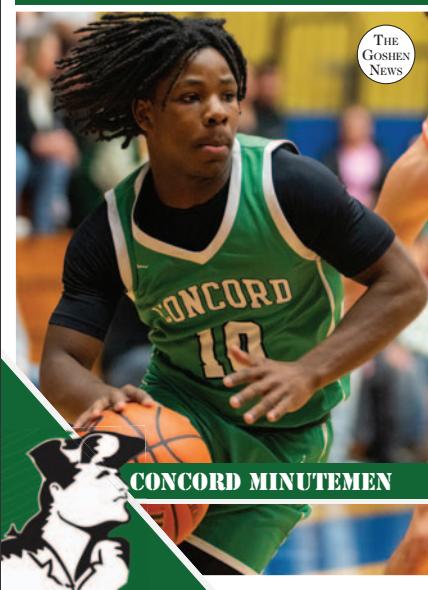
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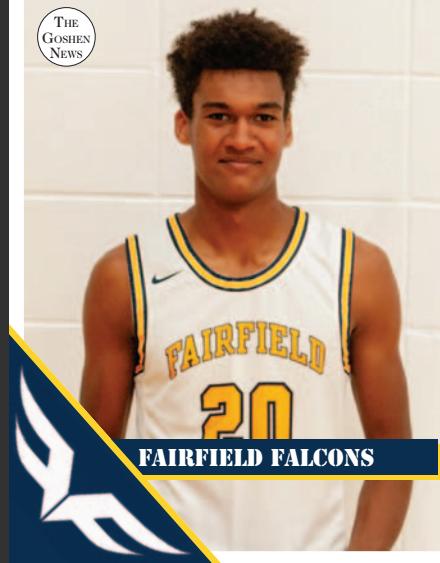
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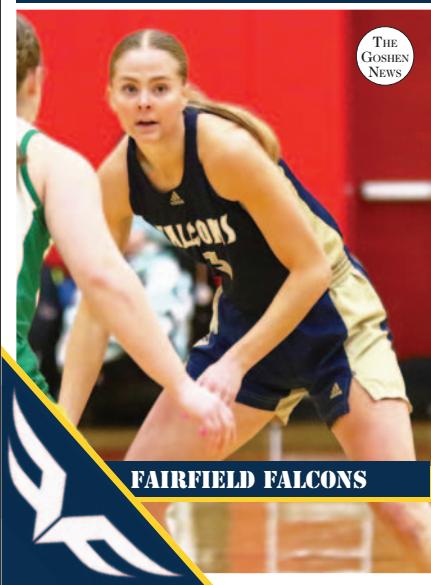


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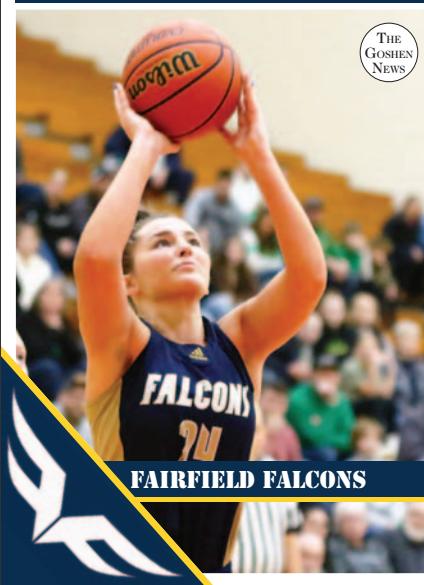
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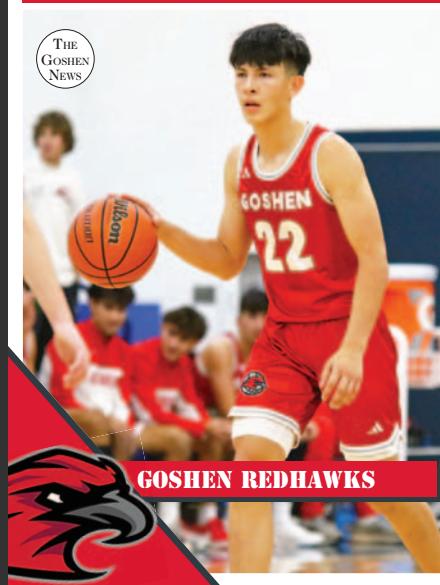
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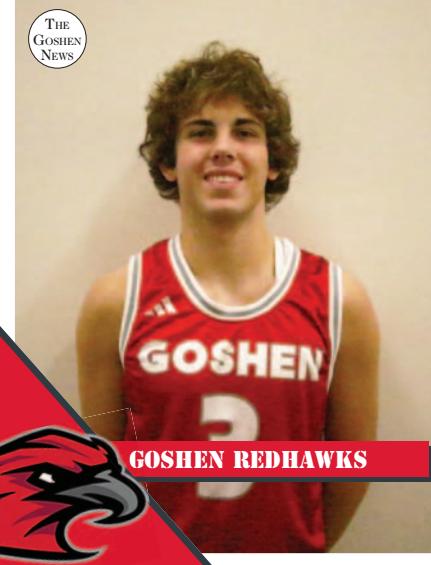
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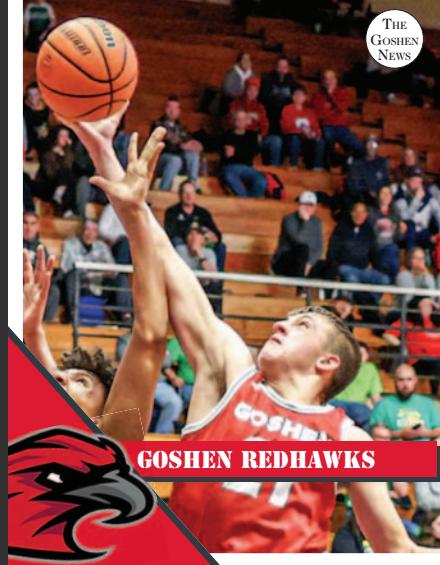
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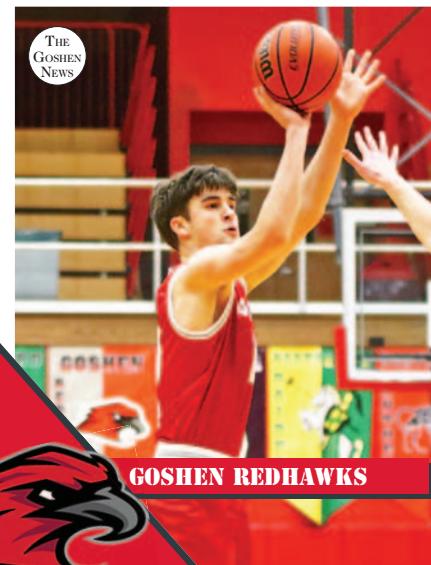
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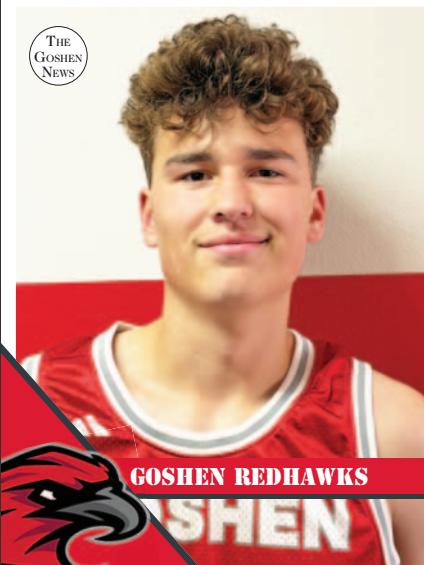
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NOV. 15	AT GOSHEN (7:30 PM)
NOV. 18	AT NORTHRIDGE (7:45 PM)
NOV. 20	VS. CHURUBUSCO (7:30 PM)
NOV. 22	AT JIMTOWN (7:30 PM)
NOV. 29	VS. CONCORD (2:30 PM)
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DEC. 6	VS. PRAIRIE HEIGHTS (7:30 PM)
DEC. 12	AT LAKELAND (7:30 PM)
DEC. 16	VS. FREMONT (7:30 PM)
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JAN. 6	AT GARRETT (7:30 PM)
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JAN. 14-17	NECC TOURNAMENT
JAN. 20	VS. CENTRAL NOBLE (7:30 PM)
JAN. 23	VS. WESTVIEW (6 PM)
JAN. 26	VS. BETHANY CHRISTIAN (7:30 PM)
JAN. 30	AT WEST NOBLE (6 PM)

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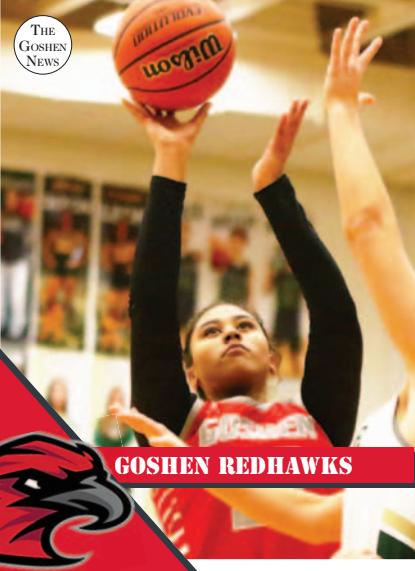
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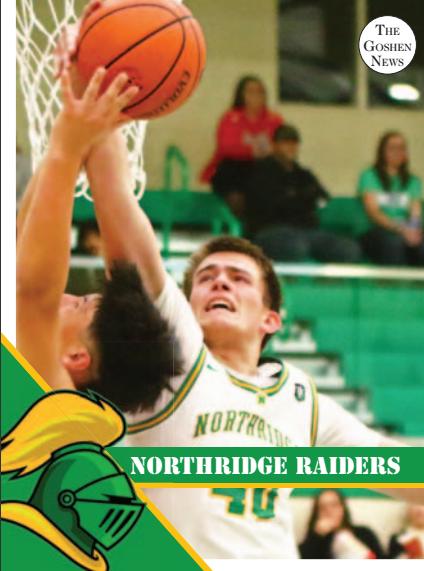
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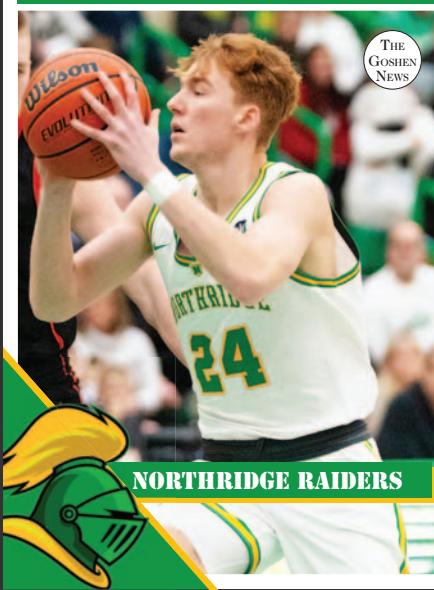
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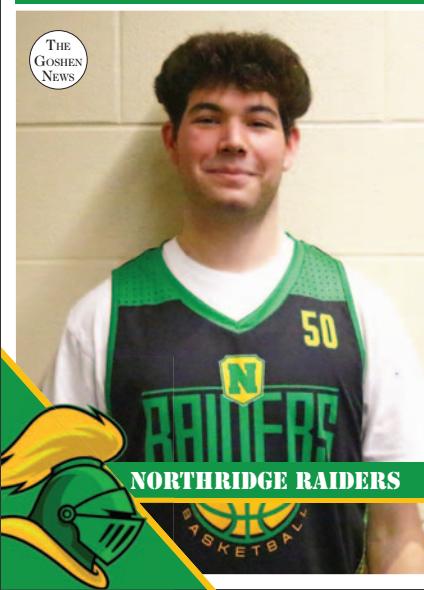
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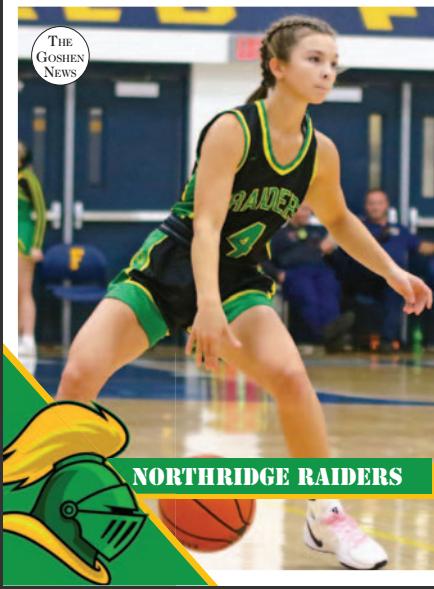
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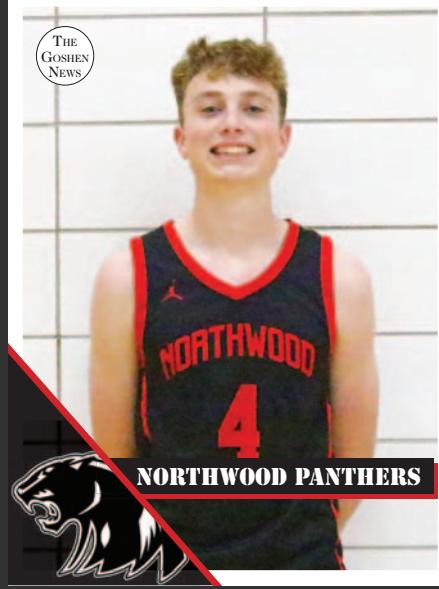
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NOV. 13	... AT MISHAWAKA MARIAN (7:30 PM)
NOV. 15	... VS FAIRFIELD (7:30 PM)
NOV. 20	... AT WESTVIEW (7:30 PM)
NOV. 25	... VS COLUMBIA CITY (7:30 PM)
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DEC. 6	... AT PLYMOUTH (8:15 PM)
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DEC. 20	... NEUTRAL SOUTH HAVEN (MI) (10 AM)
DEC. 29-30	... NEUTRAL RICHMOND TOURNAMENT
JAN. 6	... AT COLUMBIA CITY (7:30 PM)
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NOV. 15	... AT NORWELL (2:30 PM)
NOV. 18	... VS FAIRFIELD (7:45 PM)
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DEC. 29-30	... NORTHRIKE TOURNAMENT
JAN. 7	... VS SB ADAMS (7:45 PM)
JAN. 10	... AT WARSAW (7:45 PM)
JAN. 14	... AT PENN (7:30 PM)
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JAN. 23	... VS MISHAWAKA (6:15 PM)
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JAN. 29	... VS PLYMOUTH (7:45 PM)

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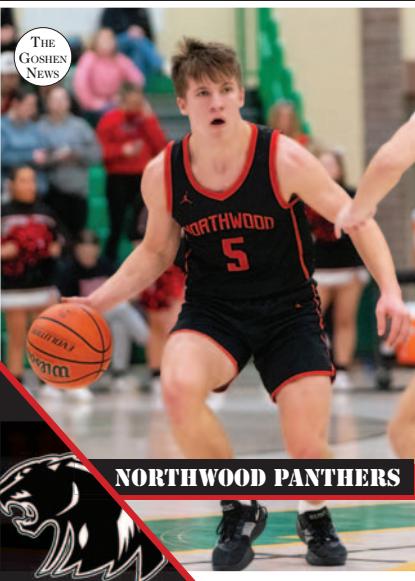
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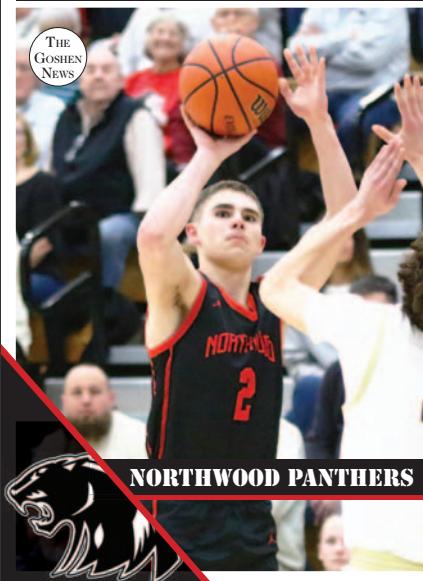
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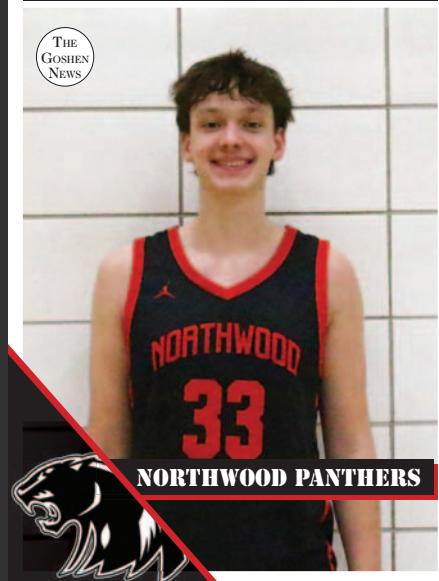
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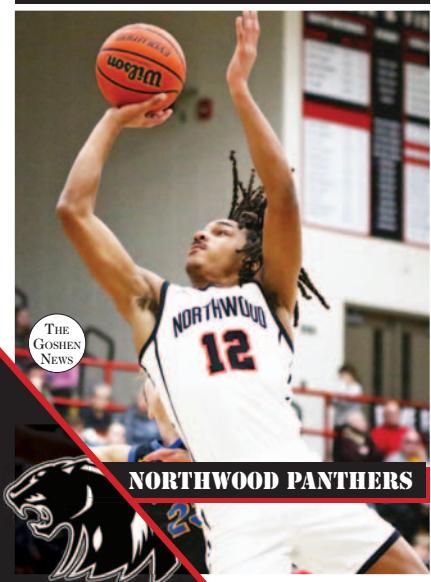
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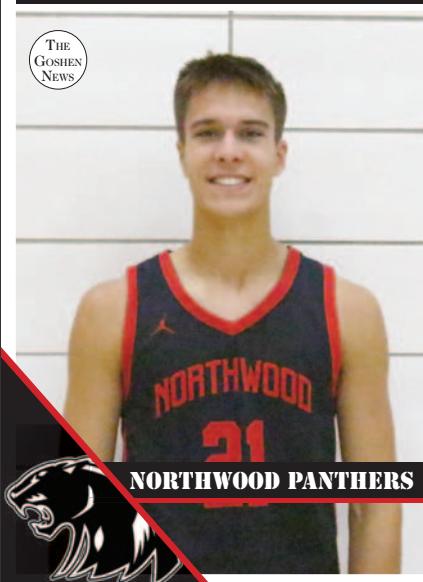
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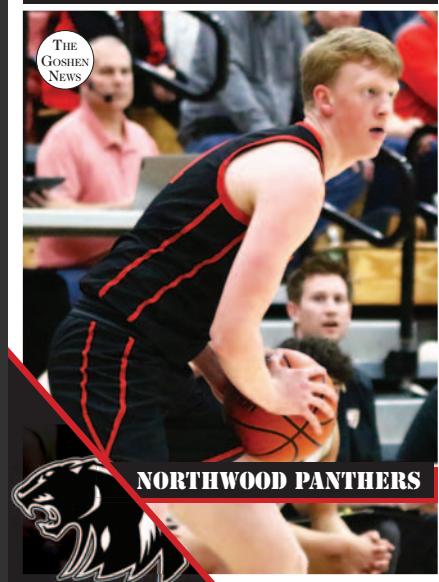
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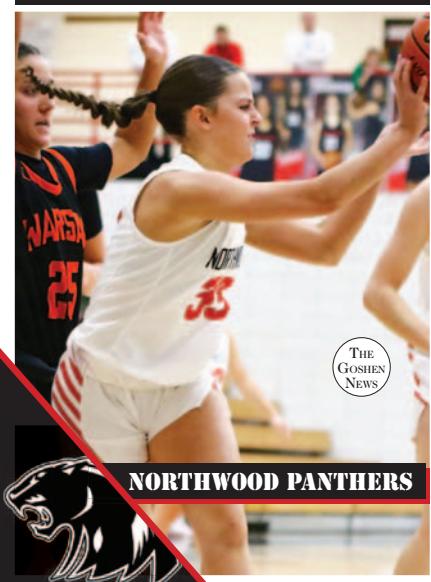
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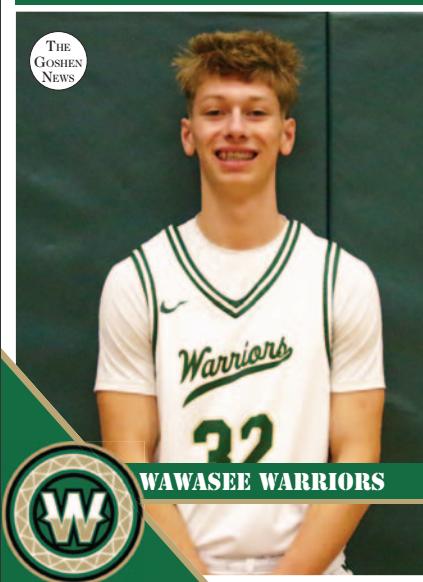
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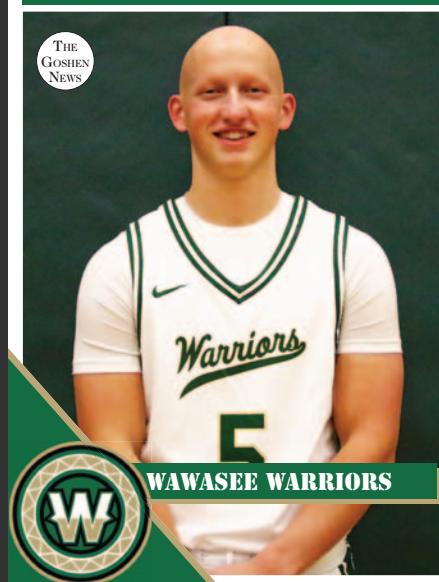
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NOV. 20	VS CULVER ACADEMIES (7:45 PM)
NOV. 22	AT CULVER ACADEMIES TOURNAMENT
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JAN. 3	VS TIPPECANOE VALLEY (7:45 PM)
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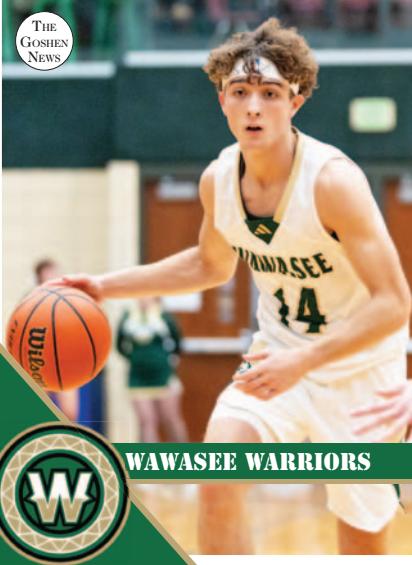


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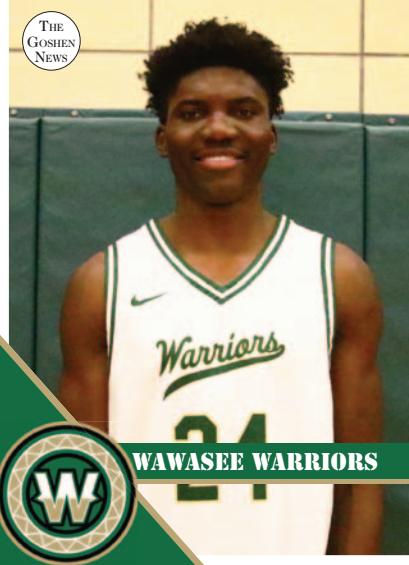


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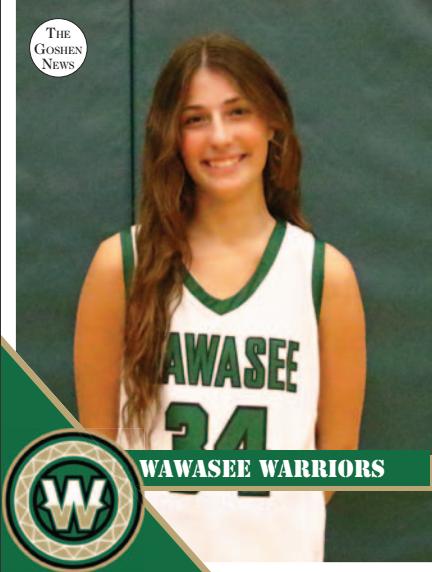


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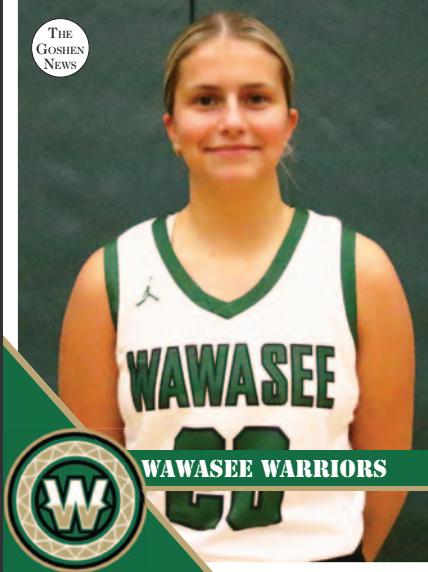


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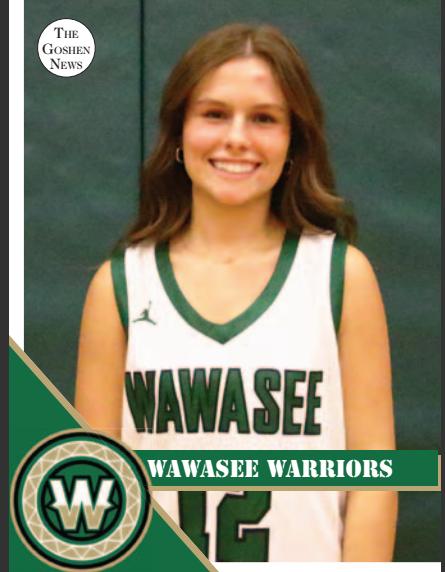


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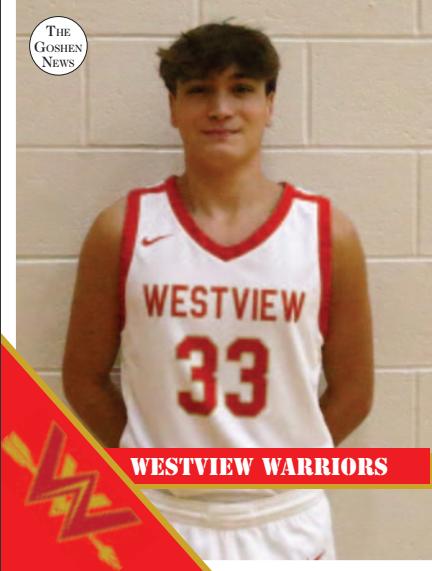


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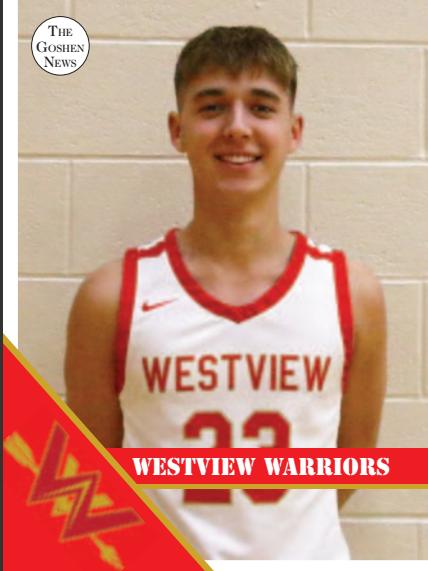


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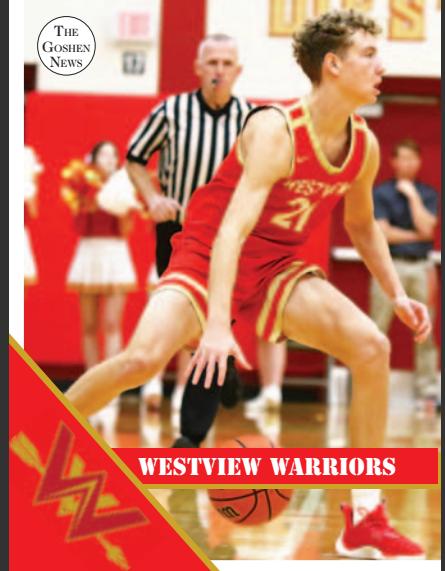


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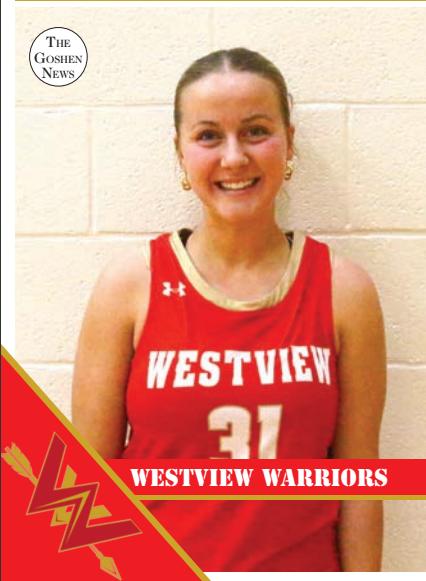
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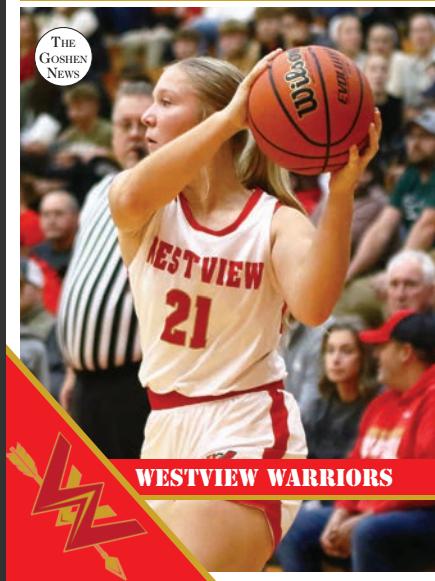
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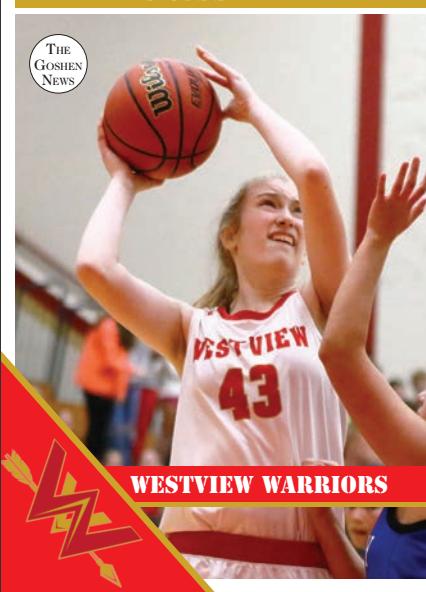
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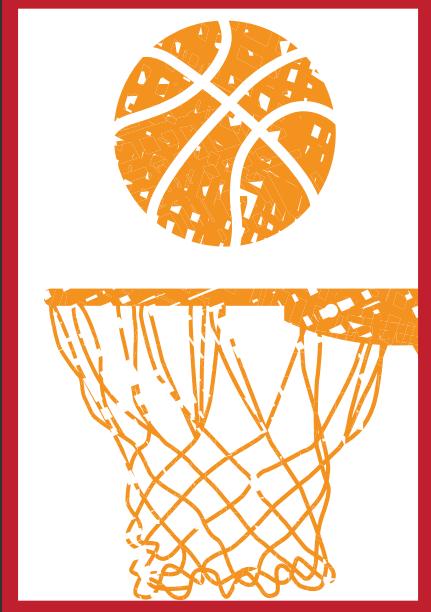
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# NORTHRIDGE RAIDERS

**Mascot/Nickname:** Raiders

**Location:** Middlebury, Ind.

**Class:** 4A

**Sectional grouping:** Concord, Elkhart, Goshen, Northridge, Warsaw

**Athletic director:** Ryan Bales



**BOYS**

STORY BY MATT LUCAS

There's likely not a soul that was at North Side Gym this past March for the Elkhart Sectional 4 championship who doesn't still have vivid memories of the epic showdown that transpired last season.

When Northridge 1,000-point scorer Mason Bales hit a pull-up go-ahead 3-pointer with seconds to play against Warsaw, it felt like the Raiders were due to finish off a hard-fought sectional title win.

A game-tying three from Warsaw appeared seconds later and after overtime, Northridge jerseys were soaked with sweat and tears as players crumbled to the hardwood after a brutal 78-74 overtime loss.

It was a vivid and painful loss for not only the six seniors that graduated months later, but for the three players who return this season — including the two that played in the game. It also sticks with those who were farther down the roster and who now don the Northridge varsity jersey in hopes of avenging their departed teammates.

"I think there's a bit of a revenge mentality," Northridge's eighth-year head coach Scott Radeker said. "I think the respect of all these kids coming back, the respect they had for that group of seniors, they saw and heard of all the time they put in. They knew how hard that group had worked. Plus, we have such a close-knit group year to year so I think part of it is going to be they're going to win it for them too."

Northridge's losses from a season ago are heavy. In addition to losing seniors Dylan Springer, Gideon Campbell, James Cranston and Bryson Mattix, the Raiders also said goodbye to Bales (13.6 points, 4.3

# Even with major losses, Radeker finds Raiders still in the mix



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 Dec. 13: vs TBD — at Grace College  
 Dec. 17: vs SB Washington (7:45 PM)  
 Dec. 20: at Goshen (7:45 PM)  
 Dec. 29-30: at Kokomo Tournament  
 Jan. 9: vs Warsaw (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 16: at NorthWood (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 20: vs Penn (7:30 PM)  
 Jan. 23: vs Mishawaka (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 30: at Plymouth (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 31: vs SB Riley (7:45 PM)  
 Feb. 5: vs Wawasee (7:45 PM)  
 Feb. 7: at Jimtown (12:45 PM)  
 Feb. 13: vs Concord (7:45 PM)  
 Feb. 17: vs Lakeland (7:45 PM)  
 Feb. 20: vs Columbia City (7:45 PM)  
 Feb. 24: vs Fairfield (7:45 PM)  
 Feb. 27: at DeKalb (7:30 PM)

## PAST 10 SEASONS

2024-25: 21-4	2019-20: 21-5
2023-24: 18-6	2018-19: 19-9
2022-23: 15-11	2017-18: 13-11
2021-22: 13-11	2016-17: 13-10
2020-21: 18-5	2015-16: 8-14

## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 10 (last: 2019-20)  
 Regional titles: N/A  
 Semistate titles: N/A  
 State titles: N/A

## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

10	Freeman Schlabach	Senior
11	Thad Campbell	Junior
12	Karsyn Rumfelt	Junior
21	Adam Ambers	Freshman
22	Hayden Gorball	Junior
23	Jake Scholl	Freshman
24	Hayden Johnson	Senior
30	Parker Janes	Senior
32	Preston Konecny	Freshman
40	Brady Scholl	Senior
50	Mikey Vinokur	Senior



**HEAD COACH:** Scott Radeker (8th year, 125-51 with Raiders; 342-219 overall)

**Assistant coaches:**  
 Austin Miller, Brent Hamood, Jon Sparks, Clay Stoltzfus, Sam Smith

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**SCOTT RADEKER**

rebounds, 3.2 assists) and Radeker’s son, Kam (12.2 points, 4.0 assists). Bales was a two-time TGN First Team recipient who is now at Bethel University, and Kam was a TGN Second Teamer in his senior season and is now playing for Spring Arbor University in Michigan.

The senior class was the fourth-winningest in program history, finishing 67-32 over their careers. With a sectional win against Elkhart, Northridge matched a program-record 21 wins. They were 21-4 overall last year.

Radeker loses two big-time shooters and well-rounded defending guards and some of his role players, but he also returns the best player in the Northern Lakes Conference: Indiana Wesleyan-commit Brady Scholl.

Scholl (16.3 points, 9.6 rebounds, 2.8 assists) and classmate Hayden Johnson (9.1 points, 3.2 rebounds) make up the returning core in Middlebury.

“Hayden and Brady should have a big year,” Radeker said. “They’re stepping into leadership roles for us and they’ve played with these kids for a long time. I think they’ll be great leaders in the locker room for us.”

Johnson, even inside a talented 2024-25 roster, figured out how to make a noticeable junior year jump.

“I thought he did a great job playing within himself and making teammates better,” Radeker said. “He was aggressive enough to take his game to another level even with the rest of the guys. He had some big-time games and got to the rim, was scoring and was one of our better defenders.”

Around Scholl and Johnson is a group largely unfamiliar with varsity experience, though that might change come March. The Raiders’ junior varsity squad was 21-1 a season ago, and Radeker raves of a freshmen class that is already competing for varsity minutes.

“I think offensively, obviously everything is going to go through Hayden and Brady,” Radeker said. “Defensively and rebounding-wise, I think we have a chance to be even



better. We've got a little more length with the JV guys and a little bit more overall athleticism. I don't think we'll lose much stride in our defense and on the boards.

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Seniors on the roster joining Scholl and Johnson are Freeman Schlabach, Parker Janes and Mikey Vinokur.

Schlabach figures to get some time coming off an injury last year. Other names to watch include Thaddeus Campbell, and freshman Adam Ambers. Radeker said that in the preseason, Ambers was fighting for varsity minutes but expects to be one of the junior varsity team's best guys at a minimum.

Scholl's brother, Jake, also could be a freshman who appears during the season. Jake was a quarterback on the Raiders' football team this past fall, primarily playing behind junior Karsyn Rumfelt, who is also looking to play more varsity basketball minutes this winter.

With all the new faces, Radeker says the ceiling for the group could be much higher. Early struggles could be wiped away with in-game experience. He said that even with the new look, Northridge will be right in the mix for conference and sectional races.

"It's a new challenge, but it's fun," he said.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how far we can go with this team as the season progresses week to week because I just think that they're going to get better and better with each week," Radeker said.

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 Nov. 22: neutral Merrillville (4 PM)  
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 Dec. 6: vs FW Carroll (2:30 PM)  
 Dec. 9: at Wawasee (7:45 PM)  
 Dec. 12: at Concord (7:45 PM)  
 Dec. 13: neutral Portage Central (MI) (8 PM)  
 Dec. 19: vs Goshen (7:45 PM)  
 Dec. 29-30: Northridge Tournament  
 Jan. 7: vs SB Adams (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 10: at Warsaw (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 14: at Penn (7:30 PM)  
 Jan. 17: vs NorthWood (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 23: vs Mishawaka (6:15 PM)  
 Jan. 24: at FW Snider (7 PM)  
 Jan. 29: vs Plymouth (7:45 PM)

### PAST 10 SEASONS

2024-25: 21-5	2019-20: 10-15
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2020-21: 16-8	2015-16: 21-5

### POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 4 (last: 2023-24)  
 Regional titles: 1 (last: 2016-17)  
 Semistate titles: N/A  
 State titles: N/A

# Northridge's added 'chip' hopes to make a difference hunting down Warsaw

STORY BY MATT LUCAS

From the sound of it, Warsaw's top conference and sectional rival is tired of hearing about the Class 4A state runner-up Tigers.

"For our kids, all we hear is 'Warsaw, Warsaw, Warsaw,'" Northridge head coach Doug Springer said. "There are some other schools around here that that's all we hear about because of some of the things they did last year. Our kids have a little bit of a chip that we are still Northridge. We feel like we are one of the best programs in northern Indiana. There's a chip, there's no doubt about it."

Springer, who enters his 19th season as head coach of the Raiders girls basketball team and 22nd year coaching overall, understands why the talk of the town is his Northern Lakes Conference foe.

### 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

0	Bri Harris	Junior
4	Macey Riegsecker	Senior
10	Addi Miller	Junior
20	Morgan Gorball	Sophomore
22	Alli Ambers	Junior
24	Jada Walker	Sophomore
30	Zoe Yeater	Junior
32	Cam Conley	Senior
42	Lily Scholl	Junior
44	Jheneya Lee	Junior

The Tigers return senior Butler-commit Joslyn Bricker as well as senior Miami-Ohio commit Brooke Zartman. Alexis Neely, another senior, can fill several roles as well. Then there is Northridge-transfer Reagan Huss.

Springer credits the talent returning to Warsaw as well as head coach Lenny Krebs and his staff but don't let it get in the way of what he believes is a group returning to Middlebury that potentially matches up better this season.

"Not having [Ball State commit Brooke] Winchester there, and for us, we now have a five that can guard," Springer said. "Zoe Yeater can guard. Zoe Yeater is a tremendous defender and she gives us the ability to match up better. Zoe's kind of that x-factor and Lily [Scholl] can now guard her more traditional spot and hopefully that keeps her out of foul trouble."

Scholl and Yeater figure to play a large role in the 2025-26 Northridge team. The two juniors join the senior duo in sharpshooter Cam Conley and always-consistent Macey Riegsecker.

Scholl averaged 15.8 points, 6.2 rebounds, 3.1 steals and 2.2 assists as a sophomore last season. She was named The Goshen News Player of the Year following a sectional loss to Warsaw that ended the season at 21-5 — the third consecutive 20-win season for Springer.

"Lily is stronger, Lily is more powerful this year than she was last year," he said. "The added dimension of Lily is her ability to shoot the basketball. That was one thing that we talked to her about was she is a great downhill player, but at the next level, for her game to transfer, she needs to be able to shoot the basketball so she focused on that in the offseason."

They also focused on her playing a smarter game.

"Her problem last year was that she was in foul trouble a lot," Springer said. "That was just her youth and she also plays at one speed, one level and that is fast and hard all the time. Whether she had one foul or four fouls, it never changed the way she played. That was one conversation we had. ... "That's what we as a coaching staff are interested to see is how much of her in-game IQ develops this year."

Conley (9.7 points, 2.9 rebounds, 3.1 assist) is back and fills the leader role occupied by departed standouts Rielyn Goodwin and Ella Mohamed.

With her dad helping coordinate the youth program,



Conley has been around long enough to know the difference between good leadership and bad.

"We talk all the time about how do you want to be remembered?" Springer said. "Are you one that the legacy you leave is, 'We miss you, we can't believe your gone, we're going to talk about you and use you as an example,' or there's always the kids that, 'Alright, these are the things we need to change and can't do.'"

Unsatisfactory player roles and subpar practice effort caused last year's team to stagnate. Springer admits it limited his team's ability to reach its full-potential. There's hope that will be just a one-time thing.

"Cam has seen all aspects of leadership in our program," Springer said. "Some of the kids in the offseason looked themselves in the mirror in the offseason and realized that they could have gotten better last year, could have made others better last year. For whatever reason, didn't. That's been a big focus of Cam and Macey and our staff."

Outside Conley, Riegsecker and Scholl, the depth expands out from there. Yeater expects to play a role at the five position. Springer says the junior is one of the most improved players from last season to now.

Alli Ambers, a junior, is also set to take a boosted role after coming off the bench a season ago. After tearing her ACL her freshman season, Springer says Ambers is fully ready to take on a starting role.

"She's now lived in the weight room and when you see

her, you're going to notice the extra strength in her frame," he said. "She was a difference-maker for us this summer."

Also on the roster is Jada Walker, sophomore sister of Northridge and Division II Davenport (Mich.) grad Jaci Walker.

"Now Jada is getting her opportunity to shine and she'll replace Rielyn," Springer said. "She is a compliment to what Rielyn did for us. We're excited to watch Jada's continued growth this year. She'll be a pseudo-starter for us and give us added depth."

Jheneya Lee, a junior, was expected to also play a role for the Raiders off the bench and add relief in the frontcourt. Unfortunately, an ACL

tear this November means Springer's group will be without what he also counted as an x-factor for this year's team. Springer says 6-foot sophomore Morgan Gorball may play a larger role.

Northridge will continue its difficult regular season schedule, now marked by an even more impressive Interra Classic field. The holiday tournament consists of teams that were a combined 157-55 last year. Included are 3A runner-up Greensburg, preseason No. 1-ranked Homestead, and Franklin Central. Also in the field is 1A state-contender Marquette Catholic as well as Penn, Westfield, Rushville and the Raiders. The tournament is set to begin Dec. 29. Northridge shares a grouping with Marquette Catholic, Greensburg and Westfield.



**HEAD COACH:** Doug Springer  
(19th season at Northridge,  
321-122; 373-140 overall)

**Assistant coaches:** Dennis Bontrager, Daniel Huizenga, Molly Bontrager, Erin Yoder, Judith Mantyla

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**Mascot/Nickname:** Panthers

**Location:** Nappanee, Ind.

**Class:** 3A

**Sectional grouping:** Columbia City, Fairfield, NorthWood, Tippecanoe Valley, Wawasee, West Noble

**Athletic director:** A.J. Risedorph

# NorthWood faces new season reliant on new batch of seniors

STORY BY STEVE SITTLER

With seven seniors on the team stockpiled with varied and complementary talents, the 2025-2026 NorthWood Panther boys basketball team will be an entertaining and competitive outfit.

“We’ve got excellent leadership from our returning players,” said head coach Aaron Wolfe at the end of a pre-season conditioning workout. “Our players play together well and have a variety of skill sets, so it should be fun to watch them grow into their new roles on this years’ team.”

Leading the way will be the two returning starters from last year, 6-foot-7 senior post man Mason Pearson and classmate Collin Deatsman, a six-foot guard.

“Mason and Colin, along with Davis Everingham have done a great job leading our older players and mentoring our younger players this summer and fall,” Wolfe said.

Pearson, a strong rebounder with excellent touch around the basket, is expected to take on a major role in the paint with the departure of three-year starter Tyler Raasch, currently playing for Grace College with his brother Ian, one of the stars of NorthWood’s 2022-23 state championship team. Deatsman ran the offense most of the time in his first year as a starter a year ago and can knock down threes, while Everingham is a versatile swingman who is also good beyond the arc as well as in the lane.

The Panthers also have two other experienced varsity players including 5-foot-10 Caleb Vincent, an excellent





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0	Ethan Sears	Sophomore
2	Collin Deatsman	Senior
3	Trent Laidig	Sophomore
4	Ben Yoder	Sophomore
5	Caleb Vincent	Senior
10	Braden Wuthrich	Sophomore
11	Sade Yoder	Sophomore
12	Deondray Monroe	Senior
13	Colin Edwards	Junior
20	Brogan Ferrell	Senior
21	Isaac Bell	Senior
22	Wadson Gongwer	Freshman
23	Austin Hubbard	Sophomore
30	Braylon Monroe	Sophomore
31	Mason Pearson	Senior
32	Davis Everingham	Senior
33	Malyk Duncan	Sophomore

outside shooter and ferocious on-the-ball defender.

“We expect Caleb to be a leader on this year’s team.” said Wolfe of the scrappy perimeter player who starred at cornerback for the Black Crunch football team.

Deondray Monroe, a 6-foot-2 forward who excels on the offensive glass and may be the best on the team at getting his own shot is the other experienced senior who also played football this past fall.

Rounding out the senior group on the varsity roster will be 6-foot-4 forward/posts Brogan Ferrell and Isaac Bell, both of whom starred for the junior varsity team last season as juniors and are ready to make their mark on the varsity level.

Younger players who were standouts on the junior varsity team and are battling for spots in the rotation include junior Colin Edwards and sophomores Ethan Sears, Ben Yoder, and Malyk Duncan. Edwards excels at driving to the basket and drawing fouls, while Sears and Yoder are solid ballhandlers who can also hit from beyond the arc. Duncan, son of former NorthWood girls standout Audrey Duncan, is a strong interior post player on both ends of the floor.



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Rounding out the tentative varsity roster, which will not be finalized until just before the season begins, are sophomores Trent Laidig, Braden Wuthrich, Austin Hubbard, and Braylon Monroe, and 6-foot-4 freshman Wadson Gongwer who led the Panther eighth-grade team last fall. Any of those not likely to see significant playing time on the varsity will gain valuable experience on what looks to be a strong JV team.

NorthWood will open the season on the Saturday after Thanksgiving by hosting possible sectional opponent Tippecanoe Valley. The usual early-season opponents (Triton, Westview, Fairfield, Jimtown, and Plymouth) will follow before Christmas, with a tournament at Richmond in late December. The Panthers start 2026 with a tough road game at Columbia City on January 6 and open the bulk of the Northern Lakes Conference (NLC) schedule on January 9 at Wawasee.

"I expect Columbia City to be the team to beat in the sectional", said Wolfe of the defending champions who return most of their roster. "Fairfield and Wawasee should also be solid."

As for the always tough NLC, Wolfe expects the league to be "... improved across the board, with Warsaw, Northridge, and Goshen all having most of their scoring back."

The sectional is scheduled to be played in The Pit with the Panthers having a crack at every team in the sectional group at some point in the regular season.



**HEAD COACH:** Aaron Wolfe (19th year, 315-124 overall)

**Assistant coaches:** Kyle Sears, Jon Everingham, Drew Minnich, Phil Lechlitner

#### 2025-26 SCHEDULE

Nov. 29: vs Tippecanoe Valley (7:45 PM)  
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# Young NorthWood Black Swish ready to step up

STORY BY STEVE SITTLER

**N**o returning starters and just one senior? No problem for the NorthWood "Black Swish" girls' basketball team, says fourth-year head coach Taylor Burkhart.

"We will rely on the leadership of our lone senior, Ella Balasa," said Burkhart. "She will lead us with a focus on defense and fundamentals."

Balasa enters into her fourth season in Burkhart's

program. Despite unexpectedly becoming the lone senior on the roster, the Panthers head coach said that she "has been preparing all summer for this opportunity."

"Balasa has developed her shooting range and consistency, and provides strong pressure defense," Burkhart said. "She's not afraid to mix it up."

NorthWood's roster consists of three upperclassmen and seven underclassmen — four sophomores and three freshmen. The youthful makeup is the result of a late shakeup.

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Brooke Johnson, Kinzee Hartman and Ella Branham all were features of the NorthWood core last season, but none will return this season. Hartman moved out of state while the other two made the hard decision to not come out. Johnson is also a senior.

Branham averaged eight points and 5.3 rebounds a game last season while Hartman (3.9 points) and Johnson (2.5 points, 3.0 rebounds) contributed heavily as well. Hartman set the school record for made threes in a game with eight against Plymouth last season.

Besides Balasa, the only other returner with varsity experience is junior Addie Davis.

“Davis is a good shooter and has good length and athletic ability and also gets a lot of steals and deflections on defense,” Burkhart said about the 6-foot-1 junior.

Also expected to be starters or first off the bench in the rotation include Claire Hill, sophomores Taryn Marcum and Palyn Andrews, and freshman Ivy Leeper.

“Hill was a key player on our JV team last season and is a consistent shooter with good athletic ability,” Burkhart said.

Marcum starred on the JV team last season and earned her spot on the varsity team due to her strong work ethic, competitive attitude and relentless effort, according to Burkhart. Andrews meanwhile battled an injury last year but “... has worked very hard to get back on the court and will be relied on for her ball-handling and strong defensive pressure.”

Leeper played on the eighth grade team last season. Burkhart says she



“is a consistent shooter who can drive to the basket and has good length on defense.”

Everingham is the sister of the three Everingham brothers that played on the boys side.

The fact that all but one of the top players cited by Burkhart are underclassmen, with only Davis having any significant varsity experience among the group, underscores the relative youth and inexperience of the Panthers.

With such a young team, Burkhart revealed that the Black Swish are in the process of revamping both their offensive and defensive



**HEAD COACH:** Taylor Burkhart (4th season, 51-25 overall)

**Assistant coaches:**  
Gene Zercher, Jake Everett, Chris Davis

strategies to complement the strengths and counter the weaknesses of the current roster.

"I'm not committed to one rigid style of play," said Burkhart, who played for legendary coach Bill Patrick at Tippecanoe Valley, who always had a flexible plan to counter any opponent's strategy. "I've always been a strong believer in using an approach that brings out the best in your team and focuses on the things that particular group does well."

Burkhart noted the work ethic of all of the players on the 2025-26 Black Swish, pointing out that "...this group thrives on aggression and physicality." Fans

can expect a high-energy, spirited effort every night from the team.

As for key opponents, Class 4A Warsaw is always one of the primary threats in the Northern Lakes Conference (NLC), along with Northridge. In the sectional, Burkhart identified Columbia City as the team to beat, with Tippecanoe Valley and Fairfield also expected to compete for the title.

The Black Swish will play in a one-day tournament (the Culver Academy Classic) on November 22 and will battle Highland and Fort Wayne Southside, while the first conference game is a very tough opener at the Tiger Den in Warsaw on December 2.



## 2025-26 SCHEDULE

Nov. 11: vs LaVille (**W 40-29**)  
 Nov. 14: at West Noble (**W 43-39 OT**)  
 Nov. 20: vs Culver Academies (7:45 PM)  
 Nov. 22: at Culver Academies Tournament  
 Nov. 25: vs Fairfield (7:45 PM)  
 Dec. 2: at Warsaw (7:45 PM)  
 Dec. 5: vs Concord (7:45 PM)  
 Dec. 9: vs SB St. Joseph (7:45 PM)  
 Dec. 12: at Mishawaka (7:45 PM)  
 Dec. 18: vs Jimtown (7:45 PM)  
 Dec. 20: at Plymouth (7:45 PM)  
 Dec. 26-27: at DeKalb Tournament  
 Jan. 3: vs Tippecanoe Valley (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 6: vs John Glenn (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 10: vs Wawasee (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 13: vs Bremen (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 17: at Northridge (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 24: vs Goshen (7:45 PM)  
 Jan. 27: at Westview (7:30 PM)  
 Jan. 29: at Penn (7:45 PM)

## PAST 10 SEASONS

2024-25: 17-7	2019-20: 28-3
2023-24: 20-7	2018-19: 16-8
2022-23: 14-11	2017-18: 16-9
2021-22: 3-22	2016-17: 16-10
2020-21: 3-14	2015-16: 14-12

## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 26 (last: 2023-24)  
 Regional titles: 12 (last: 2023-24)  
 Semistate titles: 3 (last: 2019-20)  
 State titles: 2 (last: 2019-20)

## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

3	Addie Davis	Junior
11	Palyn Andrews	Sophomore
12	Ivy Leeper	Freshman
15	Mirakle Lindsey	Sophomore
20	Taryn Marcum	Sophomore
21	Noa Weldy	Sophomore
22	Payton Everingham	Freshman
33	Ella Balasa	Senior
40	Claire Hill	Junior
44	Ja'Mya Nelson	Freshman

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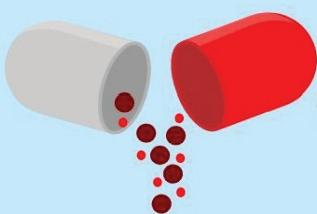
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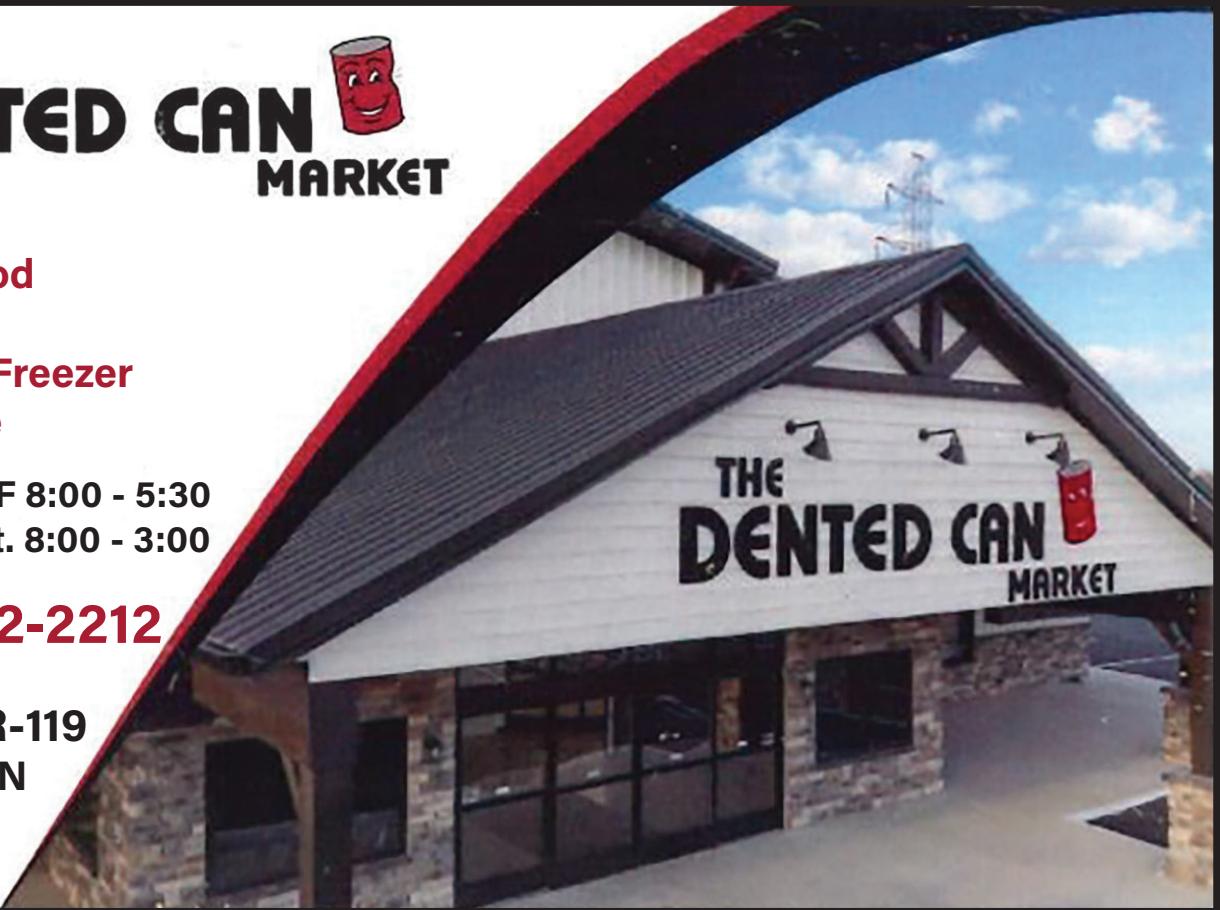
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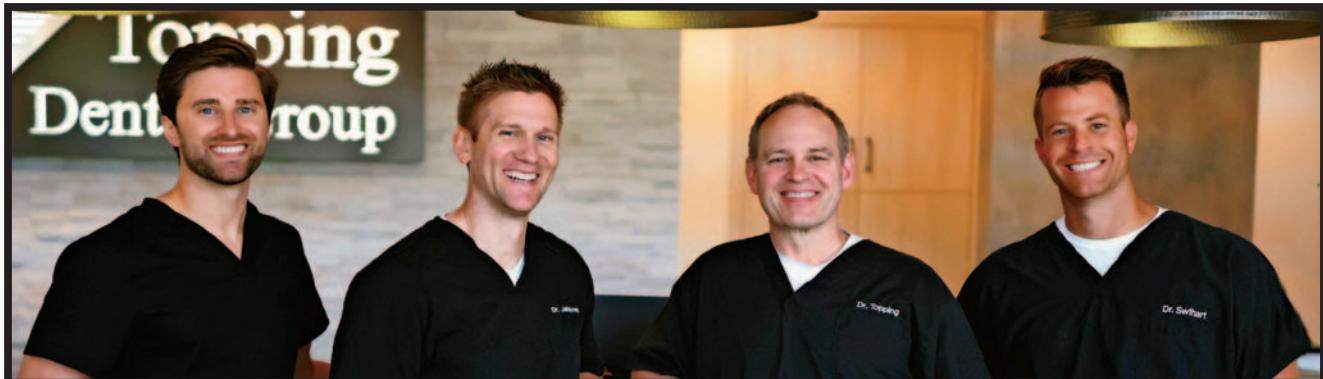
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# WAWASEE WARRIORS

**Mascot/Nickname:** Warriors

**Location:** Syracuse, Ind.

**Class:** 3A

**Sectional grouping:** Columbia City, Fairfield, NorthWood, Tippecanoe Valley, Wawasee, West Noble

**Athletic director:** Brent Doty

## BOYS



# Luce wants to help Wawasee boys return to winning ways

STORY BY STEVE KRAH

**J**oe Luce has been a winning high school boys basketball coach for nearly a quarter century.

The 2025-26 season will be his 24th as a head coach in Indiana and his first at Wawasee.

Even though he was at Tippecanoe Valley the past three seasons and sent his teams against the Warriors, he has

been pleasantly surprised since being hired in Syracuse.

“I did not know what I was getting into as far as an outstanding administration, a very well-run school and a community that’s extremely hungry for a winning program,” Luce said. “(The Hardwood Teepee) can be somewhere that’s exciting to come to on Friday and Saturday nights and spend time really cheering on our team.”

His previous teams — Fountain Central, Benton Central,



# WAWASEE WARRIORS

## 2025-26 SCHEDULE

Nov. 25: at Fairfield (7:45 PM)  
Nov. 29: vs Angola (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 5: vs Manchester (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 6: at West Noble (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 10: vs Columbia City (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 13: at Whitko (7:45 PM)  
Dec. 19: at Warsaw (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 2-3: Wawasee Tournament  
Jan. 9: vs NorthWood (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 10: vs Prairie Heights (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 16: vs Mishawaka (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 23: at Plymouth (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 27: vs Bethany Christian (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 30: vs Concord (7:45 PM)  
Jan. 31: vs Lakeland (7:30 PM)  
Feb. 5: at Northridge (7:45 PM)  
Feb. 10: at Elkhart Christian (7:45 PM)  
Feb. 13: vs Goshen (7:45 PM)  
Feb. 17: at Westview (7:45 PM)  
Feb. 20: at FW SouthSide (7:45 PM)  
Feb. 27: at East Noble (7:45 PM)

## PAST 10 SEASONS

2024-25: 6-17	2019-20: 14-10
2023-24: 8-15	2018-19: 6-17
2022-23: 9-14	2017-18: 6-17
2021-22: 9-15	2016-17: 6-18
2020-21: 12-12	2015-16: 2-21

## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 6 (last: 2009-10)  
Regional titles: 1 (last: 2004-05)  
Semistate titles: N/A  
State titles: N/A

## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

5	Davis Cowen	Senior
10	Easton Rollins	Senior
12	Jack Shoemaker	Sophomore
14	Nolan Holzwart	Senior
15	Camden Reel	Junior
22	Mason Worrell	Junior
23	Zavion Nakasen	Sophomore
24	Stephen Akase	Senior
30	Grayson Lashley	Junior
32	Andrew Waugh	Senior
34	Kaden Andrews	Junior
40	Dirks Miller	Junior



**HEAD COACH:** Joe Luce (1st season at Wawasee, 392-166 overall)

### Assistant coaches:

Nate O'Connell,  
Scott Beasley, Mark  
Fluekiger, Kam  
Salazar

Marion, Richmond, Jeffersonville and Tippecanoe Valley — have won 392 games with six sectional, three regional and one semistate title and a state runner-up finish — the last two at Marion in 2007-08.

Wawasee has won six sectionals all-time — the last coming in 2009-10. The last double-digit victory season was 2020-21 at 12-12. Since then, Wawasee is just 32-61. With Lou Lefevre as head coach, the Warriors were 14-32 — including last year's 6-17 (0-7 NLC) mark.

Luce's first Wawasee varsity roster features seniors Stephen Akase, Davis Cowen, Nolan Holzwart, Easton Rollins and Andrew Waugh, juniors

Kaden Andrew, Grayson Lashley, Dirks Miller, Camden Reel and Mason Worrell and sophomores Zavion Nakasen and Jack Shoemaker.

"We were able to get a lot done in the preseason and find out a little bit about what we are going to be like," Luce said. "This is a team that has a lot of balance. We'll have some inside game. We have some threats from the perimeter.

"I think we can play at a fast pace and get the ball up-and-down the floor."

Cowan was a starting point guard the past two years at Tippecanoe Valley and has transferred to Wawasee.

"He really puts our other players in a good spot to get the basketball where they need it to score," Luce said of Cowan.

Akase, Luce's 6-foot-7 adopted son, averaged more than 13 points a game the past two varsity seasons at Tippy Valley.

What about when the opponent has the ball?

"We hope our identity on the defensive side of the ball will be able to pressure people full court," Luce said. "I think it will be very difficult in the half court to get to the basket and we have rim protectors."

"I feel comfortable with where we are defensively and hopefully that'll be something that we can build on each and every day."

Rebounding will also be very important.

"You can guard all you want," Luce said. "If you don't finish on the boards and rebound missed shots, that's a problem. This will be a good rebounding team."

Luce has systems that he believes in, but personnel dictates how his teams operate.

"Each of my teams that I've had over my 24 years have pretty much been different every year," Luce said. "This is a team that can push the ball up the floor and score in transition, but also play half-court basketball."

"We'll hang our hat on our man-to-man defense, but we'll mix it up with some zone and different trapping stuff."

Luce notes that his team features a number of younger players who saw action last season and got better.

"There is a good knowledge base, work ethic and just

some I.Q. for the game. That's going to be important moving forward as we build."

While season-long captains are not part of the Luce way, he looks for leaders.

"We have some good senior leadership," Luce said. "We also have some underclassmen that do a really good job of leading not only verbally but by example."

The best teams are the one where the coach isn't in charge anymore but the players are in-charge and take over. They gel as a group."

The Warriors are to open the season Nov. 25 at Fairfield. The first home contest is slated for Nov. 29 against Angola. Wawasee has two games in November, five in December, nine in January including the Jan. 3 Wawasee Holiday Tournament and six in February. An IHSAA Class 3A sectional grouping also includes host Columbia City, Fairfield, NorthWood, Tippecanoe Valley and West Noble.

Luce's coaching staff features varsity assistants Nate O'Connell and Scott Beasley, JV coach Mark Flueckiger and freshman coach Kam Salazar.

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## GIRLS



# It's almost a whole new cast for latest Wawasee girls' act

STORY BY STEVE KRAH

Wawasee's fourth-year head coach Derek Gilreath is getting a shake-up to his program in the form of a largely unexperienced varsity roster heading into the 2025-26 girls basketball season.

He says that "All In. All Out" will be their rallying cry.

"We all need to buy in and play for each other," Gilreath said. "We're going to give 100% every time we're on the floor.

"We also talk about having a 'Wonder Woman' mentality. With the Warriors being our mascot, it feeds into that a little bit. The kind of confidence and the way we carry ourselves — both on and off the court — is a big one for us."

It's a new-look varsity bunch that inhabits the Hardwood Teepee.

Wawasee's roster features seniors Emerson Krull, Taelyn Tom and Brielle Poucher, junior Aowyn Fuller, sophomores Scarlett Hardy, Chasity Kelich, Bailyn Likens and Audra Weaver and freshman Addison Barger. Krull is



**HEAD COACH:** Derek Gilreath (4th year, 38-32 at Wawasee)

**Assistant coaches:**  
Jessica Barger, Jeremy McKinzie, Ricky Harris, Joe Leach

the lone returning letterwinner from a team that went 13-10 overall and 3-4 in the Northern Lakes Conference in 2024-25.

The top six scorers last season — Mackenzie Hackleman (11.8), Olivia Horn (8.5), Ava Couture (7.6), Molly Beer (6.6), Lucy Wilkinson (5.0) and Kiersten McCreary (3.6) — all graduated. Those six combined to make 102 3-pointers.

Of Wawasee's 980 points scored a season ago, just 65 return.

"We need to develop as a program because we've been so reliant on last year's group of seniors," Gilreath said. "The rest of us need to come along and get there."

"We need to adjust and use our length a little bit more than our athleticism. We changed our offense a little bit and changed our mentality."

Hardy is 5-foot-11, Fuller 5-9, Barger 5-8 with Kelich, Krull, Likens all at 5-6. Poucher is 5-5, Weaver 5-4 and Tom 5-1.

How will these Warriors operate?

"I have some core principles that I believe in," Gilreath said. "As far as our system goes, I like it to be based on the players we have."

"With the personnel we have this year it doesn't make a whole lot of sense for us to run the same offense that I ran with that group of seniors that graduated (in 2025). They're just totally different players both in size and skill-wise. You want to feed into their skill set a little bit versus 'I'm going to run this and they're going to figure it out.' I adapt to who I have."

"We want to push the pace if we can, but we are not necessarily a team that is going to run-and-gun. I don't have the shooters for that. If we can get out and get some easy baskets in transition, we'll do that. We need to try to generate some offense from somewhere."

All are expected to contribute.

"I need all five girls on the floor to be a threat," Gilreath said. "We are capable of shooting (3-pointers). We



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## 2025-26 SCHEDULE

Nov. 5: at Manchester (**L 54-24**)  
Nov. 8: vs Prairie Heights (**L 47-43**)  
Nov. 11: at Fairfield (**L 65-16**)  
Nov. 14: vs Westview (**L 58-39**)  
Nov. 18: vs Lakeland (7:30 PM)  
Nov. 21: at Concord (7:30 PM)  
Nov. 22: vs Triton (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 2: at West Noble (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 4: vs Elkhart Christian (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 6: vs Warsaw (7:30 PM)  
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## PAST 10 SEASONS

2024-25: 13-10  
2023-24: 14-10  
2022-23: 11-12  
2021-22: 11-12  
2020-21: 6-11  
2019-20: 8-15  
2018-19: 4-18  
2017-18: 13-11  
2016-17: 10-13  
2015-16: 8-15

## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 13 (last: 2010-11)  
Regional titles: 4 (last: 2007-08)  
Semistate titles: 2 (last: 2006-07)  
State titles: N/A

## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

10	Addison Barger	Freshman
12	Taelyn Tom	Senior
14	Bailyn Likens	Sophomore
20	Emerson Krull	Senior
23	Audra Weaver	Sophomore
32	Aowyn Fuller	Junior
34	Brielle Poucher	Senior
40	Chasity Kelich	Sophomore
42	Scarlett Hardy	Sophomore

have to be willing to take them. Some of them are not really comfortable with that yet.

"I don't think that'll be our strong suit. We're not hunting 3's. We want to attack the basket and get the ball inside."

Handling the ball and movement will be key.

"A lot of teams we play, especially in the NLC, put a ton of pressure on the basketball," Gilreath said. "If we make it a half-court game, we may have some problems with that."

Some players are in different roles than they might have played on JV last season. Someone that has been a post player may not be more of a wing, for example.

Gilreath went into the season with a mark of 38-32 as the Warriors' bench boss.

Wawasee is slated to play 15 of its 22 regular-season games before Jan. 1 with nine being at home including the Dec. 27 Wawasee Holiday Tournament with Mishawaka Marian, Bremen and Central Noble. The Warriors are in an IHSAA Class 3A sectional grouping with Columbia City, Fairfield, NorthWood, host Tippecanoe Valley and West Noble.

Another important part of Wawasee girls basketball are teams with third, fourth and fifth graders. Many of the early practices were run by Gilreath, where he imparted drills and told them the skills he wanted them to work on while teaching them a watered-down version of the systems the high school runs.

"It's a really big culture piece for us," Gilreath said. "It's a great opportunity to build with the kids playing together and hearing the same message."

"I keep reminding them that when they get to high school, they all will be teammates at some point."

Gilreath's assistants are Jessica Barger, Jeremy McKinzie, Ricky Harris and Joe Leach.



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# WESTVIEW WARRIORS

**Mascot/Nickname:** Warriors

**Location:** Emma, Ind.

**Class:** 2A

**Sectional grouping:** Central Noble, Churubusco, Eastside, Lakeland, Prairie Heights, Westview

**Athletic director:** Bill Bostain



**BOYS**

STORY BY MATT LUCAS

Westview head coach Chandler Prible calls it "fortunate" that the Warriors have been able to claim three-consecutive sectional titles during his three years guiding the program.

While doing so, he's had to usually make up for a loss in multiple starters and top-scorers from the previous season. With his top three players from a season ago returning to Emma, the fourth-year head coach at Westview will enjoy relying on familiar faces from a conference and sectional championship team.

"I think we're in a good spot," Prible said. "I think that we return quite a bit. This is maybe the first year where we return quite a bit. After my first year we lost Brady [Yoder] and Jethro [Hostetler] who were two seniors who did a lot for us and that next year we lost five seniors. This is the first time where we return a lot of our core, so I'm excited about that."

Returning to the Warriors (18-8 in 2024-25) are a triple threat of tremendous guards. Kaden Grau, the lone senior of the three, can shoot it from the outside and make plays at the rim while juniors Daniel Yoder and Austin Schlabach have an athletic attack that makes defenses have to pick their poison.

What they all do well mimics what Prible's teams of the past have normally leaned on. Grau, Yoder and Schlabach are all excellent drivers.

"That's more so the fact that we don't have anybody over 6-[foot]-2 most of the time," Prible said. "That's kind of what we have to lean into because that's what we got. I'd love to say we've got balance and we've got some post

# Westview guard trio returns with another shot at postseason glory



## 2025-26 SCHEDULE

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Dec. 11: vs NorthWood (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 13: at Central Noble (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 16: vs Lakeland (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 19: vs Angola (7:30 PM)  
Dec. 30: vs Leo (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 6: vs East Noble (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 14: NECC Tournament  
Jan. 23: at Fairfield (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 27: at Garrett (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 30: at Eastside (7:30 PM)  
Feb. 5: vs West Noble (7:30 PM)  
Feb. 7: vs FW Blackhawk (2:30 PM)  
Feb. 13: at Prairie Heights (7:30 PM)  
Feb. 17: vs Wawasee (7:45 PM)  
Feb. 20: at Goshen (7:30 PM)  
Feb. 24: at Fremont (7:30 PM)  
Feb. 27: vs Concord (7:30 PM)

## PAST 10 SEASONS

2024-25: 18-8	2019-20: 21-4
2023-24: 20-6	2018-19: 25-6
2022-23: 17-9	2017-18: 28-2
2021-22: 7-16	2016-17: 17-7
2020-21: 16-7	2015-16: 13-12

## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 23 (last: 2024-25)  
Regional titles: 6 (last: 2017-18)  
Semistate titles: 3 (last: 2013-14)  
State titles: 2 (last: 1999-2000)

## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

3	Daniel Yoder	Junior
5	Austin Schlabach	Junior
11	Hudson Yoder	Sophomore
13	Cooper Schwartz	Freshman
15	Bryce Yoder	Freshman
21	Kaden Grau	Senior
23	Brett Springer	Senior
31	Pierce Yoder	Junior
33	Austin Troyer	Senior
35	Kaine Reinhold	Junior

guys we can throw it to, but most times we're posting up our 6-2 guys."

"We've got guys that spend a lot of time on their game," he said. "We tell them some things we think they need to get better at and they put in the time in the gym that way they can improve on those things."

Schlabach (15.7 points, 5.2 rebounds, 4.7 assists in 2024-25) and Grau (14.2 points, 4.0 rebounds, 2.6 assists) were The Goshen News Second Team recipients a year ago. Yoder (9.3 points, 6.0 rebounds, 2.5 steals) was placed on the Third Team. Prible was named TGN's Coach of the Year.

Westview fell in the regional round for the third-consecutive season. Against a physical Jimtown group, the Warriors' lack of height helped the Jimmies pull away with the 56-40 win.

Prible believes Lakeland is the biggest challenger in its sectional field, but if the Warriors extend their program-record sectional title streak to four seasons, the regional round may be even tougher.

"The regional is going to be as good as it's ever been," he said. "Bishop Luers got some move-ins and I think they'll fill into that regional. Gary 21st, I watched them this summer, they are very talented. The regional may be harder than it's ever been. You just never know."

Westview's three starters coming back deserve much of the attention, but they do have spots to fill. Seniors Owen Brill and Kamden Yoder graduated this past spring. Brill, an evergreen 3-point threat, leaves perimeter shooting as a question mark heading into the year.

Prible feels confident in who will step in place, but said he expects it to be by committee.

"That's the thing is a lot of our role players, they may have some other deficiencies, but shooting is what we should be better at this year," he said. "Brett Springer is a guy that played a little bit last year and has experience now. He's a guy that can knock in open threes. We've got Pierce Yoder, a guy that shot really well on the JV. He's a guy that we think can come in and knock down shots.

"You mention our guards who drive it really well and can make plays, well, now we've got two or three shooters on the perimeter that are on the floor at all times that you can't necessarily leave."

Defense is also a question mark. With an offense that expects to be more commanding, it could punch a hole in another strength of the Warrior program. Part of that includes the lack of height, or, pure post players on the roster. Against taller teams like Northridge, Fairfield and NorthWood, it could leave the Warriors searching for answers.

"We're going to have to mix some things up more than we used to," Prible said. "We pretty much only played man-to-man. That'll be a little different this year. We'll do things that will help the type of personnel that we have even though I don't necessarily love it. We're going to maybe press, play some zone a little bit. Try doing different things that hopefully

keeps the ball away from close to the basket where big guys will be able to finish a little easier against us."

Overall, Westview's roster contains three seniors in Grau, Springer and Austin Troyer, juniors Schlabach, Daniel Yoder, Pierce Yoder and Kaine Reinhold. Underclassmen include sophomore Hudson Yoder and freshman duo Cooper Schwartz and Bryce Yoder.

Prible mentions there are strong classes inside his program on the horizon, but as the reigning Northeast Corner Conference tournament and regular season champs, there's no reason to stop the winning now.



**HEAD COACH:**

Chandler Prible  
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GIRLS



**HEAD COACH:** Ryan Yoder (6th season, 35-83 at Westview)

**Assistant coaches:**  
Adam Christner

# Westview seeks **harmony** in returning height and speed

STORY BY MATT LUCAS

Westview sixth-year girls basketball head coach Ryan Yoder is at a spot where he believes his group now knows how to win games.

The next step is winning them in a multitude of ways. After an 11-12 finish last season — the most wins in a season under Yoder — the head coach is looking into how the season ended as a way to continue his program's progression.

"We definitely took some steps forward," Yoder said. "We had some girls that had some experience and we were as a team learning how to win some games that were maybe a little more challenging than in years past where we couldn't quite finish. We felt like we made some good strides. We didn't quite end the year how we wanted to, but we felt like we were definitely moving in the right direction."

"This summer, and at the beginning of the year, what we've really been trying focus on is we have to win different types of basketball games," he continued. "Some games you grind them out, some games you've got to run, some games you've got to slow it down. We're not trying to win a certain type of game because if we want to make a deep run into sectionals, we have to be able to win different types of ball games."

Westview notably upset Fairfield last year towards the end of the regular season. Then, the Warriors were 11-10. Following a regular-season loss to future Class 2A semistate runner-up Eastside, Westview was upset in sectionals in a 45-37 loss to Prairie Heights. It was the third time the two teams had matched up that season.

Yoder thinks his unit has learned from that game, and with an unexpected and earlier end to the girls soccer season, his team was able to get a head start on the winter training.



"It's nice to have them here because now, normally for the first four games, we just feel like we're trying to get into basketball shape because we didn't have those girls," Yoder said. "That's totally fine. We want them to go [far in the fall], but now this year it's a little different because I feel like we're already ahead. [We did] an intersquad scrimmage. We've never done that before; I've never had enough girls."

Westview loses two players from last year's team. Sharpshooter Karis Weinberg and defensive specialist Morgan Riegsecker have graduated.

What makes Yoder optimistic about his group are the four seniors he has to work with. That doesn't include his point guard Olivia Bontrager. The junior guard averaged 5.7 points, 3.4 assists and 2.3 steals a game.

According to Yoder, Bontrager, who has mostly started since her freshman season, acts as a second coach on the hardwood.

"Livvy is such a student of the game, she is me out on the floor," Yoder said. "It's really nice because I don't have to be as stressed out. ... If you don't have a point guard that can facilitate what the team is trying to do, it just makes it so much more difficult. She is just phenomenal at doing what we're asking."

The frontcourt is where the Warriors possess the most experience.

TGN Second Team recipient Janissa Lehman (7.5 points, 6.5 rebounds) is back for Westview alongside forward TGN Third Team member Bre Cory (8.0 points, 4.8 rebounds). Other seniors include Jalayna 'JJ' Whetstone and 6-foot-2 Maddie Grossman.

Yoder says he's seen improvement in that senior core, but adjusting them to the new-age style of offense will be the key.

"[Grossman] played some minutes last year, but we feel like it's really starting to click with her on how to use her size," Yoder said. "We definitely have some size and it's been a challenge because you don't see teams play with two post players anymore. That's how it used to be. We have two girls that want to run to the block, but we have girls trying to get to the basket. So, we've been trying to find that mix of 'you can post, but then you need to get out.' We need to open it up for someone like Livvy Bontrager who is super quick. If we all stand in the middle, we can't use that."

Trying to pair all that together will be a challenge. They've also tasked Bontrager with being more selfish.

"We have the height underneath, so even if she misses, we can get rebounds and can finish."

Westview's sectional continues to be one made up of teams in the Northeast Corner Conference. Eastside looks to be the main threat with much of last year's semistate team returning. Yoder notes Central Noble could also challenge.

If Westview can mend its frontcourt and backcourt efficiency, Yoder could be approaching his first winning season in Emma.

## 2025-26 SCHEDULE

Nov. 6: vs Hamilton (**W 58-4**)  
Nov. 8: vs East Noble (**L 65-34**)  
Nov. 11: at Prairie Heights (**W 47-43**)  
Nov. 14: at Wawasee (**W 59-38**)  
Nov. 18: vs Lakewood Park Christian (7:30 PM)  
Nov. 20: vs Goshen (7:30 PM)  
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Dec. 18: vs Fremont (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 3: at Elkhart Christian (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 8: vs Jimtown (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 14: NECC Tournament  
Jan. 20: at Angola (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 23: at Fairfield (6 PM)  
Jan. 27: vs NorthWood (7:30 PM)  
Jan. 29: vs Eastside (7 PM)

## PAST 10 SEASONS

2024-25: 11-12	2019-20: 5-19
2023-24: 5-19	2018-19: 14-9
2022-23: 10-15	2017-18: 11-13
2021-22: 6-17	2016-17: 12-10
2020-21: 3-20	2015-16: 21-6

## POSTSEASON HISTORY

Sectional titles: 10 (last: 2015-16)  
Regional titles: 1 (last: 2005-06)  
Semistate titles: 1 (last: 2005-06)  
State titles: N/A

## 2025-26 VARSITY ROSTER

1	Olivia Bontrager	Junior
5	Memphis Bontrager	Junior
11	Graci Engle	Junior
13	Morgan Grossman	Sophomore
21	Janissa Lehman	Senior
23	Gloria Miller	Junior
31	Jalayna Whetstone	Senior
41	Bre Cory	Senior
43	Maddie Grossman	Senior

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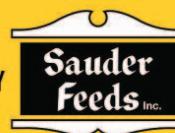
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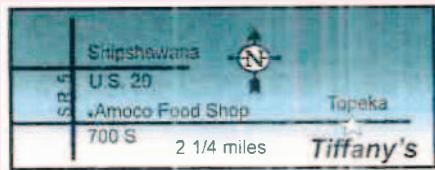


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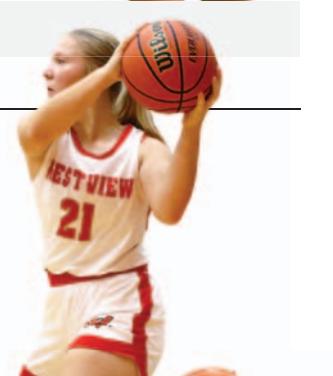
## 2024-25 GIRLS 1ST TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG
<b>Lily Scholl*</b>	<b>Northridge</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.9</b> ➤
Claire Payne	NorthWood	14.5	11.8	0.8	1.8	1.7
Rielyn Goodwin	Northridge	11.8	3.3	4.3	2.1	0.2
Madison Jones*	Fairfield	15.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	0.3
Eva Herbert*	Fairfield	12.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	0.3



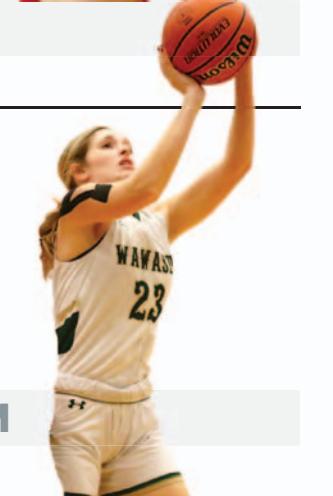
## 2024-25 GIRLS 2ND TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG
Mackenzie Hackleman	Wawasee	11.8	4.0	2.8	3.8	1.7
Ella Mohamed	Northridge	8.5	3.8	2.5	1.8	0.3
Janissa Lehman*	Westview	7.5	6.5	2.4	1.6	0.1 ➤
Cam Conley*	Northridge	9.7	2.9	3.1	1.0	0.4
Shelby Emerick*	Concord	10.4	2.3	1.6	2.2	



## 2024-25 GIRLS 3RD TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG
Karlee Crume	Bethany Chr.	10.4	6.6	1.1	1.3	0.4
Mykayla Mast	Fairfield	10.0	4.0	1.0	1.0	0.1
Olivia Horn	Wawasee	8.5	5.0	1.8	2.0	0.6
Ava Yordy	Goshen	8.1	5.2	2.2	1.9	0.3
Ella Branham	NorthWood	8.0	5.3	1.5	1.5	0.5



## 2024-25 GIRLS HONORABLE MENTIONS TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG
Karis Weinberg	Westview	8.9	2.7	0.9	1.5	
Bre Cory*	Westview	8.0	4.8	0.9	1.0	0.7
Ava Couture	Wawasee	7.6	4.1	1.2	1.4	1.5 ➤
Molly Beer	Wawasee	6.6	5.0	1.3	2.3	0.9
Haylee Heflin	NorthWood	6.6	3.6	1.6	2.1	0.2
Hayden Casey	Concord	6.4	5.1	1.5	2.1	0.4



## 2024-25 GIRLS COACH OF THE YEAR

Doug Springer (Northridge) ➤



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## Player of the Year

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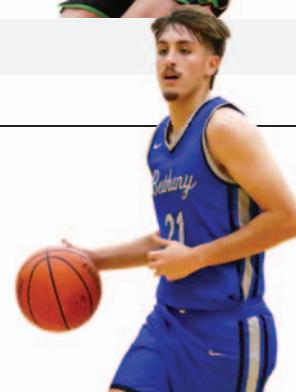
### 2024-25 BOYS 1ST TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG
<b>Brady Scholl*</b>	<b>Northridge</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.0</b> ➤
Levi Sawatzky*	Goshen	18.2	3.5	2.5	2.0	
Maddux Everingham	NorthWood	16.6	2.1	1.3	1.4	0.1
Mason Bales	Northridge	13.6	4.3	3.4	2.2	0.2
Tyler Raasch	NorthWood	15.5	9.7	2.9	1.2	1.7



### 2024-25 BOYS 2ND TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG
Austin Schlabach*	Westview	15.7	5.2	4.7	1.5	1.0
Jacoby Reinhardt	Bethany Chr.	14.3	7.5	2.1	1.4	1.5 ➤
Kaden Grau*	Westview	14.2	4.0	2.6	1.0	0.4
Kam Radeker	Northridge	12.2	2.4	4.0	0.7	
Myles Everingham	NorthWood	10.5	3.2	3.4	1.4	0.5



### 2024-25 BOYS 3RD TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG
Braxton Cline*	Goshen	9.3	2.3	3.6	1.0	
Daniel Yoder*	Westview	9.3	6.0	3.5	2.5	0.3
Hayden Johnson*	Northridge	9.1	3.2	2.2	1.6	
Karter Marcum*	Goshen	9.2	9.2	0.9	0.8	0.7 ➤
Nolan Holzwart*	Wawasee	14.7	2.5	3.1	2.2	



### 2024-25 BOYS HONORABLE MENTIONS TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG
Lucas Prough	Concord	10	1.5	2.0	1.7	0.1
Owen Brill	Westview	9.5	1.9	1.7	0.7	0.2
Parker Smith*	Fairfield	9.5	2.6	1.6	1.2 ➤	
Reese Breveard*	Concord	8.8	3.4	3.4	1.7	0.1
Trey Caffee*	Bethany Chr.	13.3	3.2	2.0	0.8	0.1



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