

Boys basketball: Tri-Valley League preview

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Top Returnees in bold were a 2008-09 TVL All Star selection.



Greenwood looks to repeat their 2009 PIAA run
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GREENWOOD Wildcats

Coach: Kent Houser.

2008-09 record: 26-3 (13-1, TVL champion) District 3-A champion.

The big picture: The Wildcats are looking for a little depth and more steady scoring to pick up on last year's run, which carried them to the state quarterfinals.

Top returnees: **Zach Fortenbaugh** (6-1 sr G, 10.4 ppg., 24 3-pointers), **Andrew Rhoads** (6-0 sr G), **Jordann Ferguson** (6-2 jr F), Deaven Kelly (6-3 sr C), Mike Hogan (6-2 sr F), Grant Lesh (5-10 so G).

UPPER DAUPHIN Trojans

Coach: Jeff Thompson.

2008-09 record: 10-12 (9-5 TVL).

The big picture: With a strong senior corps, the Trojans look like the top challenger. Four starters return, but they must overcome the long football run.

Top returnees: **Zach Markel** (6-1 sr F, 16.0 ppg.), Ty Raubenstine (5-10 sr G), **Britton Kosier** (5-10 sr G), Tyler Koppenhaver (6-0 sr G), Scott Dreher (6-2 sr F).

MILLERSBURG Indians

Coach: George Leader.

2008-09 record:10-13 (4-10 TVL).

The big picture: The Indians think more balanced scoring will help turn the tide for them. Sophomores Christian Wenner and Logan Brosius may have a big impact.

Top returnees: **Ian Klinger** (6-1 sr F, 12.1 ppg.), Josh Clark (6-2 sr C), Zak Maiden (5-9 sr G), Jake Haddock (5-11 sr G), Matt Kance (6-4 sr C), Christian Wenner (6-1 so F), Jared Wolfgang (5-10 sr G), Nolan Allman (5-11 sr G).

HALIFAX Wildcats

Coach: Dan Bowman.

2008-09 record: 19-6(13-3 TVL).

The big picture: Bowman, promoted in the offseason from assistant to head coach, knows this group well enough to know it needs senior leadership to build on recent successes.

Top returnees: **Joe Schwalm** (6-2 sr F, 15.9 ppg., 35 3-pointers), Drew Osenbach (6-3 jr F), Cory Bostdorf (6-0 sr G), Andrew Frantz (5-11 sr G), Ben Sheeler (5-9 sr G), Sebastian Romig (6-2 sr F), Reece Gonsar (5-11 jr G), Hunter Rowe (5-11 jr G), C.J. Houtz (5-8 jr G), Matt Osenbach (5-10 so G).

LINE MOUNTAIN Eagles

Coach: Lance Adams.

2008-09 record: 10-12 (6-8 TVL).

The big picture: The Eagles are looking to fly with a more balanced league but must beef up the offense and gain experience.

Top returnees: **Mike Marciniak** (jr C), Trae Wren (jr G), Karl Howerter (sr G), Marty Beninsky (so F).

NEWPORT Buffaloes

Coach: Jack Messenger.

2008-09 record: 14-9 (11-3 TVL).

The big picture: Lost their top seven players to graduation so they are very young but energetic and determined to stay in the mix.

Top returnees: Austin Ebersole (5-11 sr G), Thomas Blair (6-1 jr G), Derrick Rosenberry (5-10 jr C), Kyle HEckert (5-8 jr G).

EAST JUNIATA Tigers

Coach: Brock Anders.

2008-09 record: 2-20 (0-14 TVL).

The big picture: There are reasons to be encouraged with their size, depth and scoring but there were also many problems to be dealt with before this turns around.

Top returnees: **Tyler Erhard** (6-4 sr F, 11.6 ppg.), Tyler Dressler (6-4 sr C), Nate Troup (6-1 sr F), Tyler Inch (5-4 sr G).

JUNIATA Indians

Coach: Alan Woodling.

2008-09 record: 5-17 (2-12 TVL).

The big picture: A bit of a rebuilding project for the first-year coach.

Top returnees: Corey Lorenz (5-10 sr F), Matt Wagner (5-9 sr G), Kyle Winey (6-0 jr F), Bradley Dreibelbis (6-2 so F), Eric Eberle (6-2 sr F), Steven Fry (6-3 sr C).

Midstate boys basketball players to watch

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Susquehanna Twp.'s Ben Dupree is a player to watch
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Anthony Coleman, Carlisle, 6-3 sr G
Jeff Davis, Steelton-Highspire, 6-7 sr F
Ben Dupree, Susquehanna Twp., 5-10 sr G
Scott Eatherton, Hershey, 6-9 sr F
Dylan Edgar, Mechanicsburg, 6-9 sr F
Zach Fortenbaugh, Greenwood, 6-1 sr G
Ryan Hill, Steelton-Highspire, 6-4 sr G
Al-Shabazz Jabateh, M. Hershey, 6-2 sr G
Eric Kindler, Trinity, 6-5 sr F
Tajh Turner, Susquehanna Twp., 5-11 sr G
Desi Washington, Cen. Dauphin, 6-1 sr G
Steve Zack, Red Land, 6-8 jr C