

# Girls basketball: Tri-Valley League preview

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



Greenwood's Autumn Pellman  
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## **GREENWOOD Wildcats**

Coach: T.J. Weller.

2008-09 record: 15-12 (8-6 league).

**The big picture:** Great run the second half of last season, winning 10 of final 14 games to reach the District 3-A title game. Three starters back and a nice combination of inside and outside threats.

**Top returnees:** **Autumn Pellman** (5-10 jr F 12.3 ppg), **Bekah Goodling** (5-6 jr F), Salene Shaffer (5-3 so G), Maria Rumberger (5-9 so G).

## **MILLERSBURG Indians**

Coach: John Troutman.

2008-09 record: 7-15 (2-12 league).

**The big picture:** Nobody else has in the league returns a pair of double-digit scorers. The Tribe could be a dark horse, but have to shore things up on the defensive end. Four starters and six regulars with experience return.

**Top returnees:** **Megan Boyer** (5-11 sr F 14.5 ppg), **Kaitlyn Kelley** (5-6 jr F 12.5 ppg), Colleen Loncar (5-5 sr G), Kim Horchler (5-4 jr G).

### **LINE MOUNTAIN Eagles**

Coach: Mike Reed.

2008-09 record: 14-8 (10-4 league).

**The big picture:** This will be a young group, with only one senior on the roster. Two starters back help a little. Will scrap and hustle on both ends to make up for lack of height. Speed and quickness will be the key to success.

**Top returnees:** **Kelsey Lagerman** (5-8 jr F), Paige Swineford (5-7 jr G).

### **JUNIATA Indians**

Coach: Megan Geedey.

2008-09 record: 6-15 (4-10 league).

**The big picture:** With two regular starters and a pair who started at least half the games, there is some experience on the table. Lost a handful of close games a year ago. Winning those help the Indians turn the corner.

**Top returnees:** **Lindsey Haubert** (5-5 sr G), Janelle Lupolt (5-6 sr F), Lindsey Lowrey (5-10 jr C), Moriah Brothers (5-5 sr G).

### **EAST JUNIATA Tigers**

Coach: Travis Quici.

2008-09 record: 19-3 (13-1 league champion).

**The big picture:** Following a two-year run on top, the Tigers are starting over with only one player who saw significant varsity playing time. Young team with some athletic ability.

**Top returnees:** McKenzie Truitt (5-6 jr G).

### **UPPER DAUPHIN Trojans**

Coach: Dave Shadle.

2008-09 record: 2-20 (2-12 league).

**The big picture:** Coming off a nightmare season for the veteran coach, the Trojans have four starters back and plenty of bad memories to erase. Some of the individual talent has developed, but how they mesh on the court is the question mark.

**Top returnees:** **Alayna Peters** (5-3 sr G), Courtney Rudisill (5-6 sr F), Karissa Deitrich (5-4 so G), Madison Miller (5-9 jr F).

### **HALIFAX Wildcats**

Coach: Tricia Schultz.

2008-09 record: 9-13 (6-8 league).

**The big picture:** Does not have a single starter back. Steffen lettered and averaged 4.1 points a game. There is some size and potential, but this bunch is untested at the varsity level.

**Top returnees:** Lauren Steffen (5-8 jr G).

### **NEWPORT Buffaloes**

Coach: Jen Quay.

2008-09 record: 15-8 (12-2 league).

**The big picture:** New coach is all about changing personalities and mentalities. Perfect opportunity for this with zero returning starters and only one letterwinner back. A ton of sophomores and juniors will play regular minutes for the first time.

**Top returnees:** Laura Horting (5-5 sr G).