

BASKETBALL PREVIEW 2021



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TEAM PHOTOS

SCHEDULES

CHEER TEAMS

WCHS VARSITY SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place
11/16	Hall of Fame (Meigs County)	Decatur (Girls) 5:00 CST
11/18	Hall of Fame (Lawrence Co)	Lawrenceburg (Girls)
11/19	Hall of Fame (York)	Sparta (Boys)
11/22	Franklin County	Sparta
11/23	GPS	Chattanooga (Girls)
11/30	Warren County	McMinnville
12/3	Coolkeville	Sparta
12/4	Van Buren County	Spencer
12/10	Upperman	Baxter
12/14	Dekalb County	Sparta
12/17	Van Buren County	Sparta
12/20-22	Sonic Shootout	Sparta
12/27-30	Cactus Jam	Phoenix, Ari (Girls)
12/27-30	Innisfree Holiday Classic	Pensacola, Fla (Boys)
1/4	Stone Memorial	Sparta
1/7	Cookeville	Cookeville
1/11	Livingston Academy	Sparta
1/14	Macon County	Layfayette
1/18	Cumberland County	Crossville
1/21	Upperman	Sparta
1/25	Dekalb County	Smithville
1/28	Stone Memorial	Crossville
1/31	Warren County	Sparta
2/4	Livingston Academy	Livingston
2/8	Macon County	Sparta
2/11	Cumberland County	Sparta
2/16-22	District 7-AAA Tournament	TN Tech
2/25-3/3	Region 4-AAA Tournament	TBA
3/5	Girls AAA Sub-State Game	TBA
3/7	Boys AAA Sub-State Game	TBA
3/8-12	TSSAA Girls State Tourn	MTSU
3/15-19	TSSAA Boys State Tourn	MTSU

***ALL GAMES 6:00 CST**

Head Coach: Eric Mitchell

Assistant Coaches: Tyler Hillis, Montuka Murray

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Very high outlook for 2021-2022 season

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staff writer

The White County High School Warriors, under 18 year head coach Eric Mitchell, will be looking to see which team members step up and fill the spots left vacant after last year's graduating class left the Roy Sewell Gymnasium.

"We have lost almost all of our scoring and rebounding through graduation so we are focused on finding out who will be able to contribute through those areas," Mitchell said that the team is working hard to improve our shooting, defense and rebounding, but there is another area that the coaches are looking to see filled. "We really don't have a leader right now. We are junior heavy and looking to see who will step up to fill that accountability role. It is really wide open at this moment."

Despite some needs that Mitch-

ell sees for his team, he has a very positive outlook for the season and some high expectations for the 2021-2022 Warriors.

"District wise we want to win that tournament. The entire season builds toward that, and this is a very competitive district so it will not be easy," he said, adding that with White County being in a new district this year, they will be seeing new teams. "Our goal is to be as competitive as possible."

With only one returning starter from last season's team, Mitchell is relying heavily on his assistant coaches to help guide the young team and teach them to be competitive.

"Montuka Murray is incredibly helpful with the mental aspect. He is good at putting basketball into perspective and teaching why things are done a certain way," he said. "Tyler Hillis is good at interacting with the team and teaching during practice through drills and

fundamentals."

Mitchell pointed out the positives he sees in his young team and said that developing those will be a focal point for the season.

"We will be very athletic this year and should be able to play fast. It will take a little bit for everyone to figure out their role and how they can best help the team achieve its goals," the Warrior coach said that once each team member knows their role and how to best contribute, the team will be the competitive force he hopes to put on the court. "We have a lot of talent and high expectations. Right now, we don't shoot the ball as well as some teams we have had, and we don't defend or rebound as well. We have a chance to be very good in all of those areas, but it will take buy-in from each player to work hard and hold each other accountable to a level that they haven't had to

play at yet."

With a Christmas Tournament in Pensacola, the Sonic Shoot Out, and December and January games against the rival Cookeville team, Mitchell's Warriors know the hard work they have to do early in the season, and he is sure they will step up to the challenges in front of them, play competitive ball, and carry on the Warrior tradition of being a successful team.





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Bringing back experience for 2021-2022 season

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staff writer

The White County Warriorettes enter the 2021-22 basketball season under the direction of Michael Dodgen once again.

Dodgen, who is leading the White County team for the seventh time, acknowledged that the team will face some challenges throughout the season, but also expressed his confidence that the girls will rise to the occasion and play good, strong basketball.

"With us losing four starters we will have to work on these girls being used to each other on the floor and getting comfortable with each other in big game situations. Over the last four years our players had a sense of normalcy and trust with each other night in a night out." Dodgen said that putting essentially a new team on the floor will be the challenge he and assistant coaches Shanee Wallace and Hannah Leftwich will be focusing on. "We also have to find that player that can get us a basket when we need it in crunch time."

The Warriorettes head coach said that to accomplish the team goals - which consist of wanting to win both the district and region championships and give themselves a shot to enter the sub state sectional

game with that one shot to play in Murfreesboro - the team will be leaning heavily on their upperclassmen.

"I think it starts with our two seniors in Alaina Stiles and Andi Haston. They will be counted on a tremendous amount in leading our team on and off the floor," Dodgen said that despite losing some very good players and leaders from last year's team, the Warriorettes are bringing a lot of experience back to the floor and that the leadership of his older players will be important, especially with what he said will be some tough road games at the beginning of the season. "Also stepping in to help out will be Junior Nia Powers and we will rely on her experience and leadership with our team."

The Warriorettes will start the season with a couple of Playdays in Lebanon before opening the season on the road at Meigs County and then Lawrence County.

"Our District has changed some this year and every game will be big games and have great home and away crowds, playing against Upperman, Livingston, Dekalb County, Macon County, Stone Memorial and Cumberland County," Dodgen said, adding that he expects huge crowds the nights the team plays rivals Cookeville, Van Buren, and Warren Counties as well. "All of

these programs have great tradition and great coaches."

As has become tradition, White County will again be hosting the Sonic Shootout and will have an 8-team field on the girls' side. In addition, the team will travel to Phoenix, Arizona after Christmas to play in the prestigious Cactus Jam where they will face teams from the west coast as well as Canada.

Dodgen said that he is excited to see the girls in action as the season gets underway and that he has a lot of faith in what they will accomplish this season.

"A big strength for this team will be the quality of depth that we have this year. We will be able to play multiple players and lineups every game which should make for great practices this year," he said and then talked about the size of the team being another factor that will help them face off against some tough district opponents. "This is one of the biggest and longest teams I have ever coached. We have a lot of length and are able to give many different looks to our opponents."

With all of the things his team will bring to the floor this season, Dodgen said that is excited that the public will be able to see all they are doing with the program and how the girls are growing as athletes and

students.

"This team will be very exciting to watch, and I am excited about the fact that our loyal fans will be able to get back into the gym and see them play night in and night out," he said that he and the players alike are looking forward to sold out crowds in Roy Sewell Gymnasium. "Our fans have always been loyal and loud and proud fans and they missed out on a great season and team last year that accomplished a ton of positive things and I expect no less with this year's team. Our players are extremely thankful for the following of White County faithful fans that come and watch them at home and on the road."

Dodgen said that he reminds his players that they are playing for the name on the front of their jersey. That they are representing their school and their community when they step out on the court. That the program they play for is steeped in tradition and that they are adding to that legacy every single day, and for that they should be proud. "Playing and coaching at White County High School is a huge honor and there is so much pride and tradition involved with Warriorette Basketball and each team every year has that task of upstanding the tradition of Warriorette Basketball."



High goals for 21/22 Warriorettes

RACHEL AUBERGER
staff writer

The White County Middle School Warriorettes, under the leadership of coach Marsha Jackson for the fourth season, are ready to begin a season that they hope will end with them being on top of the district.

"We have high goals," Jackson said about her varsity team, but added that in order to reach them, the girls would need to play as a team. "We would like to win our district and move on to the next tournament and hopefully be ready for the state."

Jackson said that the high expectations she has for this year's Warriorettes stem from the fact that the girls have a lot of court experience and have had plenty of playing time as a unit and understand the value of practicing and focusing on each aspect of the game.

"We have a strong team this

year with most of our girls having played travel ball for years together," she said, but added that the girls needed to be sure to work as a team and to become more productive on both ends of the floor. "All of our girls work hard and want to succeed."

Jackson went on to say that while the players chose Addison Dodgen and Kyra Fox as captains for the 2021-2022 season, she feels that all of her varsity players are leaders in their own right.

"We have several shooters on our team. Bella Winningham will be our sharpshooter, Lakelyn Grasty is our facilitator and will need to make good decisions, Gracie Clark is a huge rebounder as well as scorer. Dodgen will be a big help in the middle for defense and scoring. Fox will have to run the point some and look to score," she went down the list of each player's strengths and how they will contribute to the overall success and culture of this

year's WCMS Warriorette team. "We have 3 varsity players that will come off the bench that will be very valuable as well. Hannah Haley has a great shot from the arc, Lily Parker will be a great rebounder as well as defender. Kylie Norvall will be an asset at the point as well and sees the floor great and Chloe Anderson will be a great defender at the rim."

According to Jackson, it isn't just the eight graders that will be making a difference on this year's varsity team, and she had no hesitation about promoting younger players who showed that they can contribute to the team's success, saying that the Warriorettes are presenting a strong team that she expects to be competitive each and every night.

"We have two 7th graders who have been moved up to varsity and who will help in several areas," she said. "Ashlyn Selby is one who is tall and can play several positions when needed. She

can play down low, point and on the wing. Brooke Burke will be helpful on both ends for rebounding and her ability to see the floor well."

The 2021-2022 White County Middle School Warriorettes will need to live up to all of Jackson's expectations and continue to work to improve throughout the season as they will face new opponents after being assigned to a new district this year, but the fourth-year coach is looking forward to the challenges for her team.

"We will be in a new district this year. We are moving in with the Cookeville area and are so excited for big games close to home as well," she said and added that the team is happy to have fans back in the stands for the entire season this year. "We hope that the community will get behind all of our middle school teams and coming out and watching these kids who work hard each and every day."

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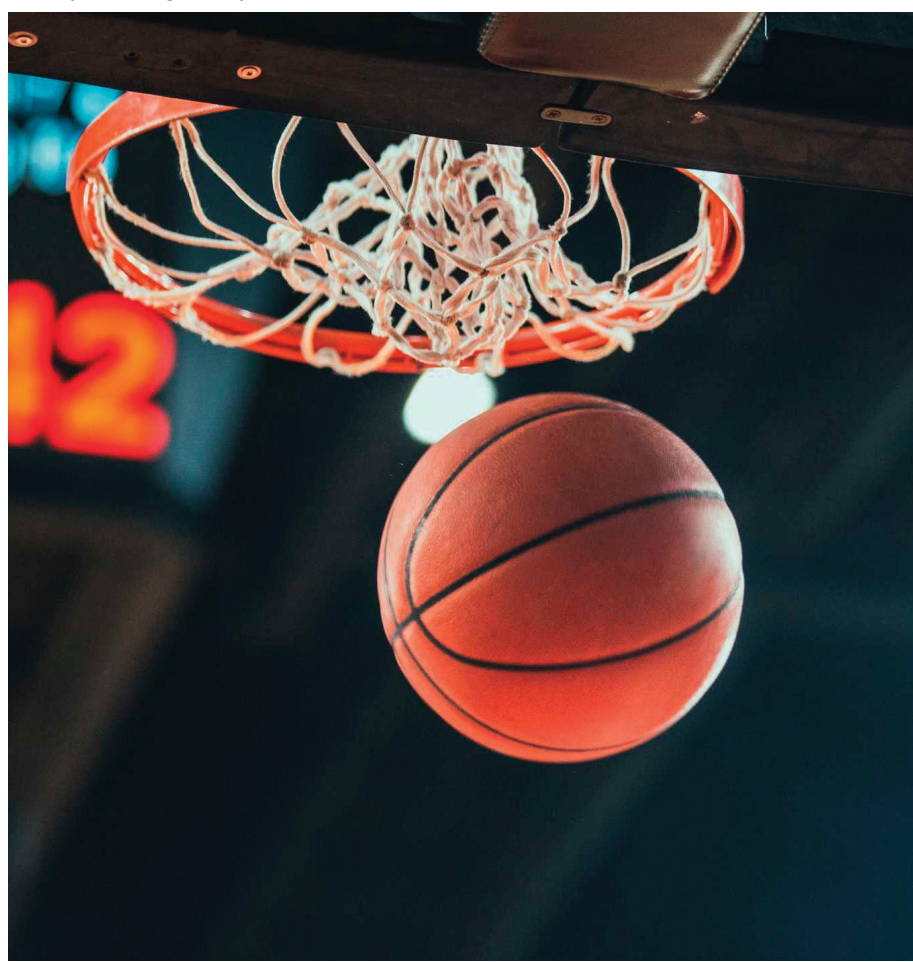


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