

## 2020-21 Basketball Indiana IHSAA Boys Basketball Team Previews

### Hoosier Plains Conference

#### Argos

Location: Argos. Nickname: Dragons

Conference: Hoosier Plains

Coach: Gordon Mosson (89-55, 7<sup>th</sup> year; 454-253, 22<sup>nd</sup> year overall).

Last season: 16-9; won Triton Sectional.

Class, Sectional: 1A 50.

Not returning: Sam Manikowski (393 points last year); Owen Nifong (297); Jeremiah Riddle (106); Caleb Ellis (40); Colin O'Dell (40); Braden Thompson (2); A.J. Mills (0); Elijah Osburn (0).

Returnees: Caden Nifong, 6'3", Sr. (4); Michael Richard, 6'0", Jr. (136); Teddy Redinger, 6'2", Jr. (81); Dylan Kindig, 6'4", Jr. (44); Jake Stults, 6'0", Jr. (18); Kayden Brady, 5'11", Jr. (2); J.J. Morris, 6'5", So. (88).

#### Bethany Christian

Location: Goshen. Nickname: Bruins

Conference: Hoosier Plains

Coach: Dan Mast (6-17, 2<sup>nd</sup> year).

Last season: 6-17; lost to Fremont 50-40 in first round of Fremont Sectional.

Class, Sectional: 1A 51.

Not returning: Caleb Shenk (159 points last year); Jack Von Gunten (133); Jacob Plank (57); Chris Craw (3); Chenyu Jia (2); Tristen Moore (100); Jacob Camoriano (39).

Returnees: Mason Closson, 6'0", 175, Sr., PG (131); Ethan Boyer, 6'6", 225, Sr., C (73); Aaron Yeakey, 6'0", 170, Sr. (0); Beck Willems, 6'3", 195, Jr., G (214); Evan Brown, 6'1", 145, Jr., SF/SG (10).

#### Career Academy South Bend

Location: South Bend. Nickname: Trailblazers.

Conference: Hoosier Plains.

Coach: Pat King (0-0, 1<sup>st</sup> year; 281-277, 26<sup>th</sup> year).

Last season: 11-13 (3-1, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Hoosier Plains); lost to LaVille 59-48 in first round of sectional.

Class, Sectional: 2A 35.

Not returning: Antwon Vaughn (274 points last year); De'Andre Coleman (235); Ayden Clark (165); Sayvon Stephens (67); Matthew Saunders (56); Marcus Simpson (11); Jacary Spates (261); Andrew Sutherland (9); Eli Costello (2); Tonjia Wingo (0).

Returnees: John Davis, Jr. (50); Jaylen Clark, Jr. (3); Tyvon Henry, So. (186); Kevin Carouthers, So. (67); Jaren Kenny, So. (1); Dee Griffin, So. (0).

#### Elkhart Christian

Location: Elkhart. Nickname: Eagles.

Conference: Hoosier Plains.

Coach: Chad Hibbard (20-27, 3<sup>rd</sup> year; 46-70, 6<sup>th</sup> overall)

Last season: 11-13; won Bethany Christian Tourney; won Fremont Sectional.

Class, Sectional: 1A 51.

Not returning: Luke Burns (284 points last year); Charlie Maxwell (69); Seth Jachimiak (53); Josh Bevier (21)

Possible Returnees: Bryce Coursen, Sr. (311); Matthew Elmerick, Sr. (204); Noah Hunt, Sr. (185); Bryce Schrock, Sr. (91); Aaron Buckles, Sr. (37); Matt Burns, Jr. (89); Jacob Becker, Jr. (38); Andrew Stevens, Jr (8); Tony Maxwell, Jr. (4).

### Lakeland Christian

Location: Winona Lake. Nickname: Cougars.

Conference: Hoosier Plains.

Coach: Jake Ritchie (0-0, 1<sup>st</sup> year).

Last season: 6-19 (1-4, 4<sup>th</sup> in Hoosier Plains); lost to Southwood 77-25 in Southern Wells Sectional Championship.

Class, Sectional: 1A 53.

Not returning: Landon Paris (90 points last season); Matthew Helton (68).

Possible Returnees: Cameron Shepherd, Sr., G (231); Brayden Lane, Sr., G (97); Josh Nakasone, Sr., F (2); Silas Gagnon, Jr., F (98); Peter Koller, Jr., F (73); Seth Martin, So., G (312); Alex Cook, So., G (27); Jamie Wyatt, So., F (2); Ben Jackson, So., G (0); Nate Reimink, So., G (0); Josiah Miller, So., G (0); Brennan Ahlmeyer, So., F (0).

Coach Ritchie's comments: "Last year we had some ups and downs due to having a younger team. We ended the season on high note by advancing to the sectional championship for the first time in school history. We return our top 2 scorers this season and with the addition of some of our younger guys gaining experience from last year, I am optimistic that we will be able to surprise some teams this season!"

### Trinity Greenlawn

Location: South Bend. Nickname: Titans.

Conference: Hoosier Plains.

Coach: Joel Burrus (40-24, 4<sup>th</sup> year; 43-43, 5<sup>th</sup> overall).

Last season: 16-6 (5-0, 1<sup>st</sup> in Hoosier Plains); 3<sup>rd</sup> place (2-1) at Cougar Classic.

Class, Sectional: not in IHSAA tournament.

Not returning: Owen Linczer, F (75 points last year, 83 rebounds); Mike Florin, G (2019-20 Basketball Indiana All-State Second Team; 453, 36% 3s, 77% FT, 70 steals); Peter Rossi, F (137, 50% FG, 165 rebounds, 44 steals); David Loughran, G (167, 123 rebounds, 65 assists, 56 steals); Dan Mattimore, G; Ben Bagiackas, F (8).

Possible returnees: Charlie Haigh, So., G (4); Peter Loughran, Jr., G (82, 31% 3s, 28 steals); Gavin Cullinan, Jr., F (0); David Cremers, Sr., G (14); Henry Lee, Jr., F (76, 84 rebounds); George Aranowski, Sr., F (13); Jack Trumble, So., F (3).

### Southern Roads Conference

#### Cannelton

Location: Cannelton. Nickname: Bulldogs.

Conference: Southern Roads.

Coach: Chris Melton (0-0, 1<sup>st</sup> year).

Last season: 6-18 (2-3, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Southern Roads); won conference tourney; lost 62-41 to Northeast Dubois in sectional.

Class, Sectional: 1A 64.

Not returning: NA.

Possible returnees: NA.

#### Christian Academy of Madison

Location: Madison. Nickname: Defenders.

Conference: Southern Roads.

Coach: Adrian Carter (59-41, 4<sup>th</sup> year).

Last season: 27-9 (4-1, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Southern Roads); won Hoosier Gym Classic; lost 50-44 in overtime to Evansville Christian in ICSAA South Regional Championship; 2-2 record at NACA Nationals).

Class, Sectional: none.

Affiliation: ICSAA.

Not returning: Trent Haggard (now playing at Hanover College; 420 points last year, 52% FG, 37% 3s, 359 rebounds, 78 steals, 47 blocked shots); Luke Carter, G (now playing at Lincoln Christian University in Illinois; 480 points, 67 steals); Nick Perry, C (0).

Returnees: Brent Renfro, 5'11", Sr., G (15); Clay Carter, 5'10", Jr., PG (406, 32% 3s, 73% FT, 163 rebounds, 131 assists, 87 steals); Isaac Ross, 5'7", Sr., G (10); Zach Gosman, 6'0", Sr., G (13); Jaxon Miller, 6'0", Jr., G/F (153, 188 rebounds, 43 steals); Adin Gamble, 5'10", Jr. (70); Chase Hoskins, 6'2", Sr., G/SF (222, 31% 3s, 135 rebounds).

#### Columbus Christian

Location: Columbus. Nickname: Crusaders.

Conference: Southern Roads.

Coach: Kevin Roth (379-223, 18<sup>th</sup> year).

Last season: 14-27 (2-3, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Southern Roads); lost 64-43 to Christian Academy of Madison in IC-SAA South Regional; went 3-2 at NACA Nationals.

Class, Sectional: none.

Affiliation: ICSAA.

Not returning: CJ Reed, G (2019-20 Basketball Indiana All-State Second Team; 548 points last year, 94 assists, 101 steals); Josh Jones, F (301, 51% FG, 209 rebounds, 114 steals); Ethan Edwards (9); Evan Graham (44)

Returnees: Owen Reed, 5'4", 155, So., G (10); Garrett Spurgeon, 5'6", 165, Sr., G (188, 84 assists, 52 steals); Gabe Ridder, 6'3", 175, Jr., F (542, 46% FG, 351 rebounds, 84 steals); Noah Edwards, 6'4", 195, So., C (36); Isaac Carlson, 6'2", 225, Sr., C (40, 47% FG); Jacob Conrad, 6'3", 190, Jr., F (2019-20 Basketball Indiana All-Newcomer Second Team; 418, 291 rebounds, 46 steals); Nathan DeFriece, 5'6", 175, Jr., G (36); Drew Robinson, 6'3", 170, Sr., W (2); Gavin Lustig, 6'1", 185, Jr., W (38).

#### Dugger Union

Location: Dugger. Nickname: Bulldogs.

Conference: Southern Roads

Coach: Greg Kinnaman (14-31, 3<sup>rd</sup> year).

Last season: 5-16 (1-4, 5<sup>th</sup> in Southern Roads)

Class, Sectional: none

Affiliation: none.

Not returning: NA.

Possible returnees: NA.

#### Evansville Christian

Location: Evansville. Nickname: Eagles.

Conference: Southern Roads.

Coach: Aaron Thompson (13-28, 3<sup>rd</sup> year).

Last season: 12-12 (5-0, 1<sup>st</sup> in Southern Roads); beat Christian Academy of Madison 50-44 in over-time to win ICSAA South Regional; lost 73-41 to Victory Christian in ICSAA State Semifinals.

Class, Sectional: none.

Affiliation: ICSAA.

Not returning: Eban Head, G; Thomas Paulin, G/SF; Brandon Juarez, PF; AJ Geer, G; Noah Rugani, SG/SF (2019-20 Basketball Indiana All-Newcomer First Team; transferred to Evansville Day; 10.8 points per game last year, 3.9 rebounds, 2.3 assists).

Returnees: Luke Wampler, 5'10", So, G/SF; Anteneh West, 5'8", Jr., G; Hunter Lindsey, 6'6", Sr., C/PF (2019-20 Basketball Indiana All-Newcomer Honorable Mention); Ethan Lynn, 6'2", Jr., SF; Ethan Shourd, 5'9", So., G; Connor Sharp, 5'8", Jr., G; Ethan Hubbard, 5'9", So., G; Andrew Sanabria, 6'1", Jr., SG/SF; Jack Muchnick, 5'7", So., G; Tyler Shannon, 6'6", Jr., C; Jake Schnepfer, 6'1", So., SF/PF.

Coach Thompson's comments: "The Eagles are looking to continue their improvement in year number three of their boys basketball program. After finishing 1-16 two years ago, ECHS improved to 12-12,

won the Southern Roads Conference title, and were the ICSAA South Region champions. While losing 4 players total from last season (one to graduation), the Eagles welcome a talented freshmen class to an experienced core of returnees. While the schedule is a bit more challenging this year, the basketball Eagles are looking to soar new heights in a strange and ever-evolving season. Impact players include Hunter Lindsey, Connor Sharp, Jake Schnepfer and 6'0" freshman guard Josiah Dunham."

#### Medora

Location: Medora. Nickname: Hornets.

Conference: Southern Roads

Coach: Mark Morin (16-100, 6<sup>th</sup> year).

Last season: 2-22 (1-4 in Southern Roads); lost to West Washington 59-17 in sectional opener.

Class, Sectional: 1A 62.

Not returning: Isaiah Myers, G (198 points last year, 84 rebounds, 21 steals); Jayvin Spurgeon, G (145, 28 steals); Jack Combs, C (29); Bryce Guffey, G (124); Caleb Sturgill, F (114).

Returnees: Zack Cobb, 5'4", So., G (0); Elijah Sturgill, 5'11", 150, So., SG/SF (21); Braxton McCory, 5'10", 130, So., PG/SG (101); Wesley Holstine, 6'1", 165, So., F (0); Shepard Earl, 6'2", 230, So., C (108, 111 rebounds); Jayden Brown, 6'0", So., F (0).

#### Other IHSAA schools

##### Blackhawk Christian

Location: Fort Wayne. Nickname: Braves

Last season: 23-3; won Noblesville Tourney; won sectional.

Class, Sectional: 2A 36.

Not returning: Jaylen Morris, G (8 points last year).

Possible returnees: Caleb Furst, 6'10", Sr., C (647, 68% FG, 82% FT, 295 rebounds, 80 assists, 43 blocked shots); Andrew McIntosh, 6'2", Sr., W (56); Ashton Elsworth, 5'7", Jr., W (0); Calian Wood, 6'1", Sr., W (158, 52% FG, 46% 3s, 81% FT); Jacob Boyer, 6'3", Jr., F (105, 55% FG, 49% 3s, 112 rebounds, 62 assists); Luke Lagrange, 6'4", Jr., F (19); Zane Burke, 6'2", Sr., G (386, 51% FG, 46% 3s, 75% FT, 91 rebounds, 92 assists); Gage Sefton, 6'3", So., W (31, 50% FG); Josh Furst, 6'4", So., F (19); Marcus Davidson, 6'0", Sr., G (349, 50% FG, 48% 3s, 84% FT, 90 assists).

##### Covenant Christian

Location: DeMotte. Nickname: Knights.

Coach: Scott Walstra (0-0, 1<sup>st</sup> year)

Last season: 15-9; lost 64-50 to Washington Township in sectional first round.

Class, Sectional: 1A 49.

Not returning: Ben Lins, G (541 points last year, 50% FG, 35% 3s, 194 rebounds, 87 assists, 59 steals); Danny Bultema, F (274, 81% FT, 118 rebounds, 76 assists); Cade Walstra, F (207, 55% FG, 132 rebounds).

Possible returnees: Peyton Fase, Jr., G (24); Kaleb Aukema, Sr., F (2); Jonah Ingram, Jr., G (113, 32 steals); Isaac Alblas, Sr., G (186, 34% 3s, 70% FT, 60 steals); Royal Novak, Jr., F (2); Jacob Miller, So., F (100, 67% FT, 90 rebounds); Devin Hoffman, Jr., F (0); Nick Birkett, Jr., F (26, 63% FG).

##### Faith Christian

Location: Lafayette. Nickname: Eagles.

Coach: Rollie Norton (0-0, 1<sup>st</sup> year).

Last season: 11-14; won Columbus Christian Holiday Hoops; lost to Covington 67-33 in sectional opener.

Class, Sectional: 1A 54.

Not returning: Andrew Lukis; Evan Townsend; Brock Gasvoda; Javier Pozos.

Returnees: Avery Norton, Jr.; Andrew Johns, So.; James Rogers, So.; James Rogers, So.; Joel Haste, Jr.; Matt Miller, Sr.; Immanuel Mitchell, Sr.; Reece Newlin, Sr.; Jadon Riley, Jr.; Micah Haste, Sr.; Chris Heern, So.

#### Fort Wayne Canterbury

Location: Fort Wayne. Nickname: Cavaliers.

Coach: Rob Westfall (12-12, 2<sup>nd</sup> year).

Last season: 12-12; lost to Blackhawk Christian 76-54 in IHSAA Sectional Championship.

Class, Sectional: 2A 36

Not returning: Holiday Stephenson, G (228 points last year, 56% FG, 128 rebounds, 116 assists, 41 steals); Max Pasko (27); Noah Drapala, G (388, 41% 3s, 79% FT, 30 steals); Ryan Wellbaum (16); Tyler Ennest (10); Laolu Olaiya (3).

Possible returnees: Quentin Williams, Sr. (3); Chris Diwis, Sr., F (161, 35% 3s, 90 rebounds); Luke Schlabach, Jr. (8); Nile Adhami, Sr. (2); Will Shank, 6'2", Sr., G (367, 39% 3s, 75% FT, 131 rebounds, 83 assists, 38 steals); Andrew Wojewuczki, Sr. (7); Jack Royster, Sr., F (129, 55% FG); Will Russell, So. (59, 35% 3s).

#### Illiana Christian

Location: Dyer. Nickname: Vikings.

Coach: Tom Roozeboom (26-20, 3<sup>rd</sup> year).

Last season: 11-11.

Class, Sectional: 2A 33 (1<sup>st</sup> year).

Not returning: David Gomez, G (146 points last year, 35% 3s, 75 assists, 29 steals); Lance Mulderink, F (116, 82 rebounds, 29 steals); Tim Schaaf, F (51, 73 rebounds); Camden Van Beek, F (23); Ryan Williams, G/F (158, 56% FG, 67% FT, 158 rebounds, 26 steals); Eddie Spoelman, F/G (31, 41% 3s).

Possible returnees: Justin Van Drunen, Sr., G/F (61); Adam Gibson, Jr., F/G (2); Leighton Foster, Sr., G (170, 33% 3s); Fletcher Bandstra, Sr., F/G (53); Logan Van Essen, Sr., G (509, 30% 3s, 79% FT, 97 rebounds, 68 steals); Weston Beauvais, Sr., G (56, 38% 3s); Joey Sense, Sr., G (0); Ian Van Beek, Jr., F (8); Cole Rappold, Jr., F/C (9).

#### Lakewood Park Christian

Location: Auburn. Nickname: Panthers.

Coach: Steve Oberlin (19-28, 3<sup>rd</sup> year).

Last season: 12-12; lost to Elkhart Christian in IHSAA Sectional Championship.

Class, Sectional: 1A 51.

Not returning: Josh Pike, PG (339 points last year, 128 assists, 40 steals); Caden Osborn (0); TJ Faur, PG (69, 52% FG, 31% 3s, 27 steals); Giovi Talarico, PG (107, 44% 3s, 33 steals); Gabriel Parent (0); Josh Broussard (2); Malachi Rowilson (0); Allen Archbold (0); Ty Chalfant, F (7); Cayden Skaggs, PF (0).

Returnees: Camden Bontrager, 6'7", 205, PF/SF (496, 60% FG, 36% 3s, 71% FT, 212 rebounds, 30 steals, 59 blocked shots); Logan Gingerich, So. (0); Michael Kruse, Sr. (0); Isaac Wolf, 6'1", 140, Jr., SG (0); Grant Merkel, Sr., PF (36); Aiden Fetters, Jr., SF/PF (169); Blake Miller, Sr., SG (22); Cameron Hindle, So. (2); Titus Shively, So. (0); Isaiah Bland, Jr. C (0); Carter Harman, 6'0", 138, PG/SG (204, 39% 3s, 72% FT, 38 steals); Levi Hindle, 6'1", 145, Sr., SG (38); Eli Smith, Jr., PG/SG (0); Cobin Moriarity, Sr., PG (1); William Carrel, Jr. (0); Austin Shepherd, So. (0).

#### Liberty Christian

Location: Anderson. Nickname: Lions.

Conference: Pioneer, North Division.

Coach: Jason Chappell (201-192, 17<sup>th</sup> year).

Last season: 12-12; lost to Daleville 50-42 in IHSAA Sectional.

Class, Sectional: 1A 55.

Not returning: Kenny Lofton, G (90 points last year, 34 steals); Cade McCord, G (207, 43% 3s, 83% FT, 26 blocked shots); Landan McCord, G (102, 53% FG, 45% 3s); Josh Johnson, G/F (0).

Possible returnees: Beckham Chappell, Jr., G (7); Dominick Thurman, So., G (0); Aidan Smith, Sr., G (56, 28 steals); Noah Price, So., G/F (0); Aaron Woodyard, So., G (0); Xavier White, Jr., G/F (12); Josh Cabello, Sr., F (149, 158 rebounds, 27 steals); Spencer Lamb, Jr., F (25); Zion Cook, Sr., G (107, 34% 3s, 75% FT, 61 assists, 27 steals); Christian Nunn, Jr., G/F (442, 48% FG, 176 rebounds, 22 steals); Tyler Houk, Jr., F (4); Tae'shaun Menifield, So., G/F (8); Adonis House, Jr., C (215, 51% FG, 70% FT, 160 rebounds); Jaden Peete, Jr., F (3); Kenneth Harrison, Sr., F (0).