

2020-21 Basketball Indiana Girls Basketball Team Previews

Hoosier Plains Conference

Argos

Location: Argos. Nickname: Dragons

Conference: Hoosier Plains

Coach: Scott Jennings (0-0, 1st year)

Last season: 13-10; lost to LaCrosse, 38-35, in semifinals of Culver Sectional.

Class, Sectional: 1A 50.

Not returning: Morgan Dunlap, 138 points last season; Kagnie Hoffman, 114; Emily La-Free, 122; Macy Morris, 50.

Possible returnees: Madi VanDerWeele, Sr., 154; Elizabeth Edmonds, Jr. (247, 110 rebounds, 28 steals, 27 blocked shots); Sophie Bollenbacher, Jr., 56; Carleigh Miller, Jr., 10; Allison Zahm, Jr., 6; Hannah Hurford, Jr., 5; Carly Ellis, Jr., 3; Samantha Rose, Jr., 2; Makena Lineberry, Jr., 0; Emma Dunlap, So., 20; Isabella Stults, So., 15; Amanda Fajardo, So., 0.

Bethany Christian

Location: Goshen. Nickname: Bruins

Conference: Hoosier Plains

Coach: Krysten Parson (138-176, 15th year)

Last season: 5-17; runner-up in Bethany Christian Tourney; runner-up in Fremont Tourney; lost to Fort Wayne Blackhawk, 47-40, in first round of Fort Wayne Blackhawk Sectional.

Class, Sectional: 1A 51.

Not returning: Mariah Miller, 145 points last season; Karina Kern, 107; Emma Thomas, 80; Jadyn Kaufmann, 3.

Possible Returnees: Mia Reinhardt, Sr. (102, 32 steals); Sadie Brenneman, Sr. (96, 70 rebounds, 24 blocked shots); Maddie Chupp, Sr. (91); Rilynn Kaufmann, Sr. (41, 67 rebounds); Mackenzie Mast, Jr. (0); Ivonna Ortiz, Jr. (0); Kolette Kern, So. (7); Kiersten Todd, So. (0).

Career Academy South Bend

Location: South Bend. Nickname: Trailblazers.

Conference: Hoosier Plains.

Coach: Beth Brown (0-0, 1st year at CASB, 20-42, 4th year overall)

Last season: 2-15; did not participate in the IHSAA postseason.

Class, Sectional: 2A 35.

Not returning: NA

Possible returnees: NA

Coach Brown's remarks: "This season is a rebuilding year for Career Academy. Due to many circumstances, we have a young team as well as a small team. However, we have seen big strides being made already. Our goal is to be able to complete the season and to see improvements being made individually and as a team."

Elkhart Christian

Location: Elkhart. Nickname: Eagles.

Conference: Hoosier Plains.

Coach: Jason Goon (0-0, 1st year)

Last season: 13-11; won Bethany Christian Tourney; lost to Fort Wayne Blackhawk, 42-29, in championship game of Fort Wayne Blackhawk Sectional.

Class, Sectional: 1A 51.

Not returning: Abbey McKibbin, 336 points last season; Leah Burden, 212; Shealey Skaggs, 104.

Possible Returnees: Maria Youngen, Sr., 131; Darren Caudill, Sr., 50; Camille Annan, Jr., 139; Jordyn Becker, So., 13

Lakeland Christian

Location: Winona Lake. Nickname: Cougars.

Conference: Hoosier Plains.

Coach: Marc Miller (0-0, 1st year).

Last season: 10-14; runner-up (2-1) in Cougar Classic; lost to Southwood, 63-39, in semifinals of North Miami Sectional.

Class, Sectional: 1A 53.

Not returning: Tori Calizo, 293 points last season.

Possible Returnees: Jordan Gross, Sr., (41); Jessi Calizo, Jr. (226, 71% FT, 147 rebounds, 113 steals); Natalie Norris, Jr. (125, 103 rebounds, 55 steals); Grace Hanes, Jr., 0; Finley Hobbs, So., (134, 44 steals); Alexis Miller, So. (38); Olivia Miller, So. (29); Cara McCrumb, So. (32); Chloe Aites, So. (2).

Trinity Greenlawn

Location: South Bend. Nickname: Titans.

Conference: Hoosier Plains.

Coach: Mike Gionfriddo (1st year)

Last season: 6-13, 4-2 HPC.; 3rd place (2-1) at Cougar Classic.

Class, Sectional: not in IHSAA tournament

Not returning*: Lupe Parra, 0; Christin Preuss, 12; AJ Thomas, 13; Clare Hunsberger, 80; Rachel Was, 21.

Possible returnees*: Clare Cullinan, Sr., 78; Nora Balsbaugh, Jr., 26; Mary Curran, Jr., 7; Sarah Sanford, So., 5; Teresa Pingel, So., 21.

* Statistics are incomplete

Southern Roads Conference

Cannelton

Location: Cannelton. Nickname: Bulldogs.

Conference: Southern Roads.

Coach: Brian Garrett (2-20, 2nd year)

Last season: 2-20, 0-3 SRC; 2nd in conference tourney; lost 80-22 to Wood Memorial in

sectional.

Class, Sectional: 1A 64.

Not returning: Sara Crafton, 17.

Possible returnees: Charlotte Entwistle, 5'2", Sr., G (45 points); Hannah Price, 5'7", Sr., G (91); Caitlyn Chesterfield, 5'7", Jr., F (12); Maggie Dawson, 5'7", Jr. (92), F; Kendall Hale, 6'1", So., W (378, 73% FT).

Columbus Christian

Location: Columbus. Nickname: Crusaders.

Conference: Southern Roads.

Coach: Kay Jones (43-30, 4th year).

Last season: 20-6, 5-0 SRC (1st); won conference tournament, 2nd in Lady Eagle Invitational, ICSAA state finalist, runner-up at NACA Nationals.

Class, Sectional: none

Not returning: Kaitlyn Conrad; Ellie Ridder.

Possible returnees: Hannah Stair, Sr.; Kinidy Morgan, Sr.; Madison Henderson, Sr.; Sarah Lorimor, So.; Madi Blair, So.; Kayla Jones, So.; Emma Patterson, So.; Eva Blair, 8th.

Dugger Union

Location: Dugger. Nickname: Bulldogs.

Conference: Southern Roads

Coach: Lyndsay Adams (0-0, 1st year)

Last season: 5-13, 1-1 SRC.

Class, Sectional: none

Not returning: Kaylee Ballard, Kinley Ballard, Mia Marlow, Izzy Wall.

Possible returnees: Beverly Nichols, Sr.; Stormy Kinnard, Jr.; Hattie Smith, Jr.

Medora

Location: Medora. Nickname: Hornets.

Conference: Southern Roads

Coach: Brad McCammon (76-256, 17th year; 81-270, 18th year overall).

Last season: 0-16, 0-1 SRC; lost 43-22 to Shawe Memorial in sectional.

Class, Sectional: 1A 62.

Not returning: Kelsey Turner, Rachel Jones, Emily Atkins, Serinity Atkins.

Possible returnees: Kaitlyn Cobb, Sr., SF (14 points last year); Kenley King, Sr., F; Jarey Babcock, Jr., F (25); Maria Cobb, So., F (8, 25 steals); Mariah Cobb, So., PF (148, 127 rebounds, 28 steals)

Other IHSAA schools

Blackhawk Christian

Location: Fort Wayne. Nickname: Braves

Coach: Steph Gongaware (28-21, 3rd year).

Last season: 18-8; won South Adams tourney; won Sectional 51; lost 49-29 to Morgan Township in regional.

Class, Sectional: 1A 51.

Not returning: Bre Dunway, Hallie Vander Dussen, Lydia Stayton, Sammie Miller.
Possible returnees: Sarah Plant, Sr.; Aubree Vander Dussen, Sr.; Lily Helmuth, Jr.; Hailee Kline, Jr.; Regan Miller, Jr.; Halle Kramer, Jr.; Elly Plant, So.

Covenant Christian

Location: DeMotte. Nickname: Knights.

Coach: Mike DeFries (0-0, 1st year)

Last season: 19-5; won Covenant Christian Tip-Off Classic; won Cougar Classic; lost 38-36 to Washington Township in sectional first round.

Class, Sectional: 1A 49.

Not returning: Dominique Bennett (56 points last year); Leanna Buitter (116); Hope Zylstra (208).

Possible returnees: Desiree Holmes, 5'6", Sr. (147); Carly James, 5'3", Sr. (65); Sydnie Bakker, 5'10", Sr. (119); Morgan Schaafsma, 5'8", Sr. (57); Ashlyn Deboer, 5'8", Sr. (0); Desirae Nanninga, 5'7", Jr. (3); Reegan Thomas, 5'7", Jr. (14); Skylar Bos, 5'10", So. (341)

Faith Christian

Location: Lafayette. Nickname: Eagles.

Coach: D.J. Layton (3-60 in 4th year)

Last season: 2-19; lost to Covington 42-31 in sectional first round.

Class, Sectional: 1A 54.

Not returning: Robin Davies (7 points last year), Abby Schnarr (17).

Possible returnees: Lily Martin, 6'0", Sr. (224 points, 268 rebounds, 59 steals, 39 blocks); Sydney Argo, 5'8", Jr., SG/PF (228 points, 135 rebounds, 85 steals); Abbey Bolt, 5'8", Jr., PG/SG (92); Emma Bell, 5'10", Jr., W (27); Maddie Schoenrad, 5'11", Jr., SG (202 points, 128 rebounds, 70 steals); Bella Mounce, 5'0", So. (0); Christine Banks, 5'4", So. (0); Lily Brown, 5'10", So. (2); Avry Townsend, 5'5", So. (16)

Fort Wayne Canterbury

Location: Fort Wayne. Nickname: Cavaliers.

Coach: Tira Brown (2-17, 2nd year)

Last season: 2-17; lost 70-8 to Adams Central in sectional first round.

Class, Sectional: 2A 36

Not returning: Hailey Hobbs

Possible returnees: Shinia Jones, 5'0", Sr.; Marissa Rivers, 5'9", Sr., PG/W; Natalie Caffray, 5'9", Sr.; Maile Smits, Jr., G; Olivia Hamilton, Jr., F; Lena Reelsen, 5'9", Jr.; Georgia Gray, 5'9", Jr.; Isabelle Ellis, So.; Kate Royster, So.; Annalyse King, 5'11", So., C; Sophia Wallstrom, So., F

Illiana Christian

Location: Dyer. Nickname: Vikings.

Coach: Lisa Blocker (9-16, 2nd year)

Last season: 9-16.

Class, Sectional: 2A 33 (1st year)

Not returning: Caylynn Townes; Kennedy Gaddis; Lizzie Knot; Kaylee Evers.

Possible returnees: Olivia Wegner, Sr.; Natalie Scott, Sr.

Lakewood Park Christian

Location: Auburn. Nickname: Panthers.

Coach: Amy Bartkowiak (43-43, 5th year)

Last season: 10-12; lost 48-27 to Elkhart Christian in sectional first round.

Class, Sectional: 1A 51.

Not returning: none

Possible returnees: Chloe Jolloff (375 points last year, 68% FT, 193 rebounds, 101 assists, 71 steals, 38 blocked shots); Kenzie Shepherd, Sr., SG (98); Frannie Talarico, SG (125, 125 rebounds, 72 steals); Tylor Gerke, 5'9", 150, Jr. (209, 72% FT); Sophie Burris, 5'4", 110, Jr., SG (58); Addison Miller, So., SF/SG (10); Adrian Bontrager, So., PF (11).

Coach Bartkowiak's remarks: "Lakewood Park will be led by senior Chloe Jolloff again this season with some talented incoming freshmen of Jade Carnahan, Maddie Beck and Grace Merkel under her wing. Returning players that will play a large role in our success this season are Frannie Talarico and Mackenzie Shepherd. Our team emphasis will be on the defensive aspect with constant pressure defense, creating turnovers and quick transition scores."

Liberty Christian

Location: Anderson. Nickname: Lions.

Conference: Pioneer, North Division.

Coach: Mike Carey (45-95 in 9th year, 436-258 in 35th year overall)

Last season: 5-19; lost 45-41 to Cowan in sectional opener.

Class, Sectional: 1A 55.

Not returning: Maddy Harmon (211 points last year); Elena Tufts (270); Julia Le (0)

Possible returnees: Jayma Morrow, Sr. (73); Irelynd Evans, Sr. (39); Gianna Thigpen, Sr. (6); Mady Reese, Jr. (214, 138 rebounds); Rileigh Graham, Jr. (4); Cyd Layton, Jr. (15); Hannah Dalton, Jr. (6); Jenna Rigdon, So. (0); Destinee Thigpen, So. (9); Shameel Clervrain, So. (146, 119 rebounds, 87 steals)