

COACH STOVER CARDEROCK COBRAS

The Cobras throughout the season have made tremendous strides and have shown signs of improvement.

When we first got started, there was a great variety in playing experience for each of you'll. We have all contributed differently to our teams success and growth. Charlotte and Elise have become great, intense defenders. Navika, Lily, and Olivia have shown their ability to handle the ball and find open teammates. Rosie, Tara, and Elena have always been locked in and communicate greatly with their teammates. And Himani who is new to to the game has shown a lot of growth over time. Together as a team we have been outstanding.



PPA HOOPS 2/3rd grade blurbs

MICHELLE WESTBROOK WONDERS (G)

The Westbrook Wonders have been such a joy to work with. They work hard, listen well, and always come ready to work at practice. They also have great team camaraderie!

Clare is a leading light on the scoreboard. Stella is aggressive on defense and not afraid to go for a fast break layup! Cristina is our smart passer who can always find her open teammate. Theodora has great speed and a jump shot!

Soraya has such a great competitive energy, pushing her teammates at each competition, and is also a very well rounded player! Keilani comes to each game and practice with such a great attitude, and shows great athleticism and also has a great shot. Lets GO Wonders!!!

LINDSEY WESTBROOK WONDERS (W)

While we've had a few losses, I strongly believe we've had a successful season as a team! As we got back into the groove of playing it's been awesome to watch the girl's progress as players. Clare V. and Sofia have become even stronger ball handlers since we've relied on them as point guards for this season. Clare H and Charlotte confidently shoot their layups and have helped them team with rebounding. Paz has upped her defensive game while hitting big shots for us. Faith and Harper now understand court spacing along with the proper places to be as guards. And last but certainly not least, Helen has also become a player that we rely heavily on for rebounding. Thanks so much for completing the spring 2021 season with PPA!

JAY BETHESDA BLAST

On top of being a PPA champion coach, I just so happen to be the best Blurb writer in PPA history!!! May all teams beware because the best team to ever walk through the doors of PPA hoops is coming through! If you don't believe me then let me tell you something about this all star lineup. The first girl I must talk about is the ULTRA talented, athletic, and defensive superstar named Sophia. She started off as a PPA soccer player, but the court was calling her name and she's here to lockdown the best of the best! Next up is THE JULIA WILSON, the girl with the most nicknames I have ever heard (one of them is Carrot). When I tell you this girl has improved the most, it goes to show that this girl's potential is unlimited. I couldn't mention one Julia without mentioning the other Julia right after, so coming up next is "Buckets". I am more than certain she was born with a basketball in her hand because this girl will give you a bucket at anytime or any place. Next are the Twin Towers that hold down the paint and control the court with ease. Their names are Charlotte and Mimi and I promise you that anyone will have a hard time getting past these two. Charlotte's Rim Protector badge is on Hall of Fame level and she even has Rim Protector takeover (so you know that shot is getting blocked). Mimi has Glass-Cleaning takeover with rebound chaser on Hall of Fame!?! And to make things even better, Mimi is not afraid of anything. During practice, she is the only person that wants to guard me during scrimmage and never gives up. Now, this all sounds great, but I am forgetting one person... This girl does it all on the court and excels at anything she puts her mind to (And she's VERY coachable). She truly hold the Mamba Mentality hand. Born into a family of ballers (with the best strength and conditioning in USA basketball history), her name is LYLA!!! This is your Third Grade Girls CHAMPIONS!!! THE BETHESDA BLAST Now lets have a Blast girls

COACH SAM JAGUARS

The Jovial Jaguars! This energetic bunch made it clear from the jump they wanted to score and score big! The cohesion with this group is unmatched, and the fire they played with is contagious! We have Lucy, who grabs rebounds and plays tough on-ball defense! We have McCanna who has been dangerous on both ends of the court putting up points, forcing turnovers, grabbing rebounds, and forcing the pace of the game! We have the twin towers of Molly and Anna! Molly shoots great shots scoring big for the team, chases rebounds, and puts so much emotion into the game! Anna always finds herself contesting shots down low, grabbing offensive rebounds, and being the first one back on defense to stop the fast break! We have Frances who makes great passes and her active hands make it tough for ball handlers! We have Pippa who has a motor like non other, taking the ball from any opponent in her way usually starting the fast break! We have Julia who's long range shooting had been an asset and her footwork and passing makes her a real threat on the offensive end! We are the Jaguars! We're Mean, we're Lean, and won't back down from any team!!!

COACH SHAY OLV BLUEHAWKS

The Bluehawks have been an amazing group to work with this season. The twins, Chole and Cate are great defenders, always making sure to stay with their person. Hazel is a secret weapon, she has a great shot so make sure you don't leave her open.

Sophie and Jackie are great rebounders, they aren't scared to get to the basket to get the rebound and put it back up for a shot each time. Caroline and Lucia are great scorers, we can always rely on them to get some points on the board. Noura is so quick, if you think you're going to get a fast break, there Noura is to stop it each time. Watch out for the Bluehawks in the tournament, we may just sneak up on you!!

COACH SAM SHINING STARS (G)

The Shining Stars! We were often outnumbered, injured, or exhausted, but it didn't stop these Stars from shining! We came out to a rough start not knowing the rules and continuously turning the ball over, but never with a lack of effort. With practice and teamwork, we grew into a team that controls the ball, forces turnovers, and gives the best teams in our league a run for their money! We have Dahlia who has made major strides, especially on the defensive end, staying with her defender by moving her feet and taking the time to make smart passes! We have Orly who has been a nightmare for other teams, consistently getting to the basket and grabbing offensive rebounds! We have one half of the tenacious twins, Missy, who's emotions and energy for the game seems to often put her in positions to make key stops and start the fast break! We have the other half of the tenacious twins, Nikki, who has battled back from injuries and became an asset for the team in no time keeping up the team spirit and giving her all on the court! We have the speedy Devon who is ball hungry and is everywhere on defense! We also have Mia who had to leave us mid season, but was an all around player getting buckets, making plays, and playing defense until the final whistle! Together, these Stars shine bright! They Work Hard, Play Hard, and always Fight! Go Stars!!!

LINDSEY THE MANIACS

Considering this is my first official season with PPA as a head coach, I have to say the Maniacs made this a great experience for me. Each player has been extremely respectful and fun to work with! I hope each of the girls have learned new things about the game of basketball that they will remember as long as they continue to play. I wanted to take the time to highlight how each of our players have progressed and contributed to the success of our squad!

Annabele and Lucy typically play the "point guard" position during games and they've done great. I've seen their ball handling and passing skills become better and better each match. Molly has great energy and always steps on the court ready to compete! She's not afraid to be physical and has definitely improved her rebounding and "put back" game. Taylor is the player who is at the right place at the right time and makes big plays! Personally, I've enjoyed seeing her confidence grow in regards to shooting and ball handling. Sami and Joanie have both become better at making their layups and understanding each of the spaces that should be filled on the court. Reme has been a huge asset to the team as she also plays very physically and we heavily rely on her for rebounding. Last but certainly not least, Tessa has been a joy to coach. She picks up on things very quickly and is a big reason why we started doing hand offs during games. While we've pretty much had a perfect season, I look forward to finishing strong this weekend! I also want to thank you, all of the parents, who have been super supportive and make our game even more exciting.

COACH TY SHINING STARS (W)

MICHEAL ROSEMARY HILL RHINOS

The Rosemary Hill Rhinos have improved so much this season that you may not even recognize them! They are fierce, hungry, and the team to beat this weekend! June is know for slashing to the basket and making layups! Sona and Katherine use to their skill and athleticism to lead the team in scoring! Ella skies high for boards, as she is the teams leading rebounding. Helena is the teams most improved player, and uses her dribbling to help set up the offense. Diana and Emma are two of the teams toughest defenders, and help shut down the other teams offense each week! And Emerson does a little bit of everything, contributing on both ends of the floor. She is the team's motor! Watch out for these Rhinos.

Week after week, I've had the pleasure of watching the Stars W grow individually and as a team. Since the start of the season, our primary focus has been defense, and the team should take great pride in knowing that they kept their opponents from scoring a lot of baskets! The saying goes, "defense wins games", and that has been the driving factor for the team's success, and is also the reason why the team is currently sitting in 3rd place going into our final game :blush:. Every single player has made a positive impact on the team. Caroline's energy and speed is unmatched! She's definitely one of the fastest players in the league, if not the fastest. Then we have Cate, who is a scoring machine. Once she gets going on offense, there's no stopping her! Don't let Anna's shyness fool you. She may not say much, but she let's her game speak for itself! When she's locked in on defense, there's no getting the ball! Watching her blossom as a player has been wonderful to watch. Rose provides us with a constant reminder that we should have fun in everything that we do. Her personality shines through each and every time she steps on the court, and her dominance in rebounding is a huge reason why we've been able to be successful on both ends of the court. Sienna is the ultimate team player, always looking and creating opportunities for her teammates to score or putting them in position to make a play! I wouldn't be surprised if she's leading the team in assists. As a former point guard, that's a stat line that means the most to me. Unfortunately, Olivia was out most of the season due to injury, but that didn't take away from her being a part of the team one bit. It made my heart smile knowing that her teammates kept her in mind always and even suggested making a get well poster for her during spirit week. That's what I call, TEAM LOVE! I look forward to finishing the season off strong with them!

SAMANTHA WYNGATE WOLVES

The Wyngate Wolves are a team to watch out for in the tournament. With their ability to steal and score the ball they can go on quick scoring bursts at any moment. Each player on the team has made big contributions throughout the season. Clara is always at the right place at the right time on the court and hustles to every loose ball. Sally is always the first player back on defense, never giving opponents a free shot. Erin is a huge rebounder and passer for the team, helping to keep them steady in late-game situations. Nora puts pressure on the defense with her speed down the court on fast breaks. Avery brings the energy to each game and always gets open for her teammates on offense. Sofia forces her opponents to turnover the ball with her quick hands and energy on defense. Elaina keeps defenders on their toes with her ability to drive to the basket and make long-range shots. Genevieve is the biggest team player and is always looking to get her teammates involved, watch out for her killer jump stop too. These individual strengths combine to make a powerful team. The Wolves are humble and hungry, and ready to finish the season strong!

TAYLOUR BEAUVIOR BEARS (W)

The Beauvoir Bears (W) have been the most hardworking and competitive group of young girls I have seen. Starting the season strong they worked hard getting comfortable and mastering the rules and regulations of the game. Let me introduce you to the team. First, we have Madeleine, the active guard who plays hard on both ends of the court, creating hard matchups for our opponents. Then we have Ana, whose court awareness is amazing. She knows everything that is going on; from how much time is left in the game to the color shoes her girl she is guarding is wearing. Hallie, our fun on and off the court, she always has a smile on her face, willing to do whatever is asked. Then we have Caroline, who grabs every rebound in her area. Then we have Marigold, who has a great attitude, no matter how the game is going which is contagious for our team! Next, we have the dynamic-duo Cecilia and Eleanor. Cecilia leads the team on defense calling out the open girl while Eleanor follows with amazing energy and mind-blowing shots! Finally, we have Elizabeth, the friendliest kid off the court, but always means business on the court, her on court awareness is amazing. This group of girls will be a problem in the next year. Just remember I told you so!

COACH SHAY BEAUVIOR BEARS (G)

The Bears are a great group of talented girls. A little crazy at times but once you have their attention they are very quick learners and smart basketball players. Ruthie is a great defender, always making sure to stay with her person. Maya does a great job bringing down the ball, shes great at dribbling and getting the ball to the hoop. Harper is quick, you wont get a fast break shot on her because she will beat you to the spot each time. Lucy is also another great defender, dont put the ball in front of her because she will take it! Anna is a great ball handler, shes great at shaking her defender and getting a shot closer to the basket. Betsy is quick! She will get her own rebound and put it back up before you even know what happened. Ava is a secret weapon, she has a very accurate shot, so be sure not to leave her open because she will score! Alice is great at moving the ball and at long range shots. Rumor has it, she's working on her dunk on the 8ft hoop! It has been a pleasure coaching the girls not only in game but in practice. I cant wait to see what these girls do in the future.

MARCUS WAUL LAFAYETTE LIGHTNING

The Lafayette Lightning is a team of excellent talent and charming young men. First up, we have Akil! Akil was able to impact the game in multiple ways, including his inside scoring and defensive abilities. Our other big man, Nico did a great job with rebounding the ball on both sides and brought hard work and determination every day in practice. Next, we have Judah! Always willing to be the first to do a drill and is really good with dribbling the basketball to get to the basket. Speaking of hard work and determination, we have Lucas! Lucas is a sponge with his ability to take coaching instruction very well, rarely messing up multiple times during practice and in games. He also has a knack of getting open around the rim! Next, we have our 3 primary ball handlers: Jake, Sam, and Ronan! Jake can handle the ball, run the offense with his playmaking ability, and can lock you up on defense! Sam and Ronan are very similar in ability. Both can run the offense, dribble to get around defenders and get to the basket, and both can be a playmaker for their team. I had a blast watching this team grow over the season while building a relationship with these boys! I hope to continue to see them in the program for years to come!

COACH DAMARIO SIDWELL FOXES

The Spring 2021 season has been amazing for the Sidwell Foxes. They are focused and primed for a postseason push. Devon has been an outstanding guard that makes timely baskets. Doug has dominated the boards this season and has been an active rim protector. Dimitri is a top notch guard who's deep range shooting and flashy handles causes defenses to change game plans. Dilan is a stud defender who's contribution to this team can not be matched. Ethan is an expert passer with textbook dribble moves that make defenders look silly. Ryan is unstoppable on the fast-break with game changing speed. Watch out for the Sidwell Foxes!!!!

MARCUS WAUL WESTBROOK EAGLES

The Westbrook Eagles include a cast of characters that will leave you entertained with their banter, as well as their basketball skills! First up, we have Colin! Colin has great game sense and plays under control, which is probably one of the hardest things for a youth sports player to develop. Lots of potential as he continues to play. Next, we have Rohan! Always asking questions to make sure he understands instruction. Very lively with his personality and a go-getter on the court. Next is Dom! Definitely someone who can do it all on the court. Can contribute in multiple ways to his team's success. Last, but not least, I want to highlight our two high energy players: Simon and Eli! Simon and Eli are both funny and easy going off the court. However, their skill is a serious problem for defenders on the court. Both always find a way to get open and had a lot of great looks at the basket during the season. My favorite thing about this team is that everyone WANTS to play. There is no ounce of quit in these boys and it showed during the season!

MORRIS SMITH SEVEN LOCKS WILDCATS

The Seven Locks Wildcats have had a great season this spring. We have amazing players who have made great strides this season. We have Ethan, who is our smallest player with the biggest heart. He is always looking to compete and he definitely wants to win. Then we have Hanson, who I really would like to see play in a game but always keeps the energy high in practice. Victor has made amazing progress this season, he has become an unbelievable scorer and has been our X-factor. Ian's toughness alone is remarkable, paired with his great talent and defensive intensity, he can't be stopped. Allen has been our best deep shooter which makes it a lot easier for our drivers to get to the basket. Neveh has come so far. Neveh loves winning and is the ultimate team player. He is always looking to make the right play and always helps the team keep our heads up with pep talks and a sheer excitement to play the game of basketball. Last but not least, Ben has been an absolute asset. He has a killer crossover and that ability to dribble with both hands has given our entire team an advantage that opponents don't see coming. I have had a great time coaching these guys and I look forward to watching them compete in the tournament and watching them grow as players.

JEREL MERRILL BANNOCKBURN BALLERS

The Bannockburn Ballers are a team filled with players that impact the game in their own way! Ben is an anchor for our team! When he's on the court, he's a reliable presence who can set the tone and pace for everyone else. He's a promising talent with a bright future in PPA. Jonah is one of the hardest-working players on our team. Every week, he asks for new tips on how to get better. He's developed very quickly in a short amount of time and is a great point guard in the making! Chris is an opposing team's worst nightmare; a big man who is mobile. He runs the floor well; giving us great opportunities on offense! Wyatt is becoming an elite big man! Every game his rebounding is off the charts and his shooting has improved tremendously this season. Arjun may be the best rebounder in our entire league! He shows great instincts and a nose for the ball that keeps us competitive in tough matchups. Cristiano became a tenacious defender over the course of this season. He's quick to get into position and lock his man down as soon as he crosses half-court. Patrick is a sharpshooter and an excellent rebounder. His ability to get past the defense for a great shot is second to none! Soon enough, this league will be his. Teddy is the kind of player you want on your team. He plays some of the tightest defense you'll ever see in this league! He's going to give us a major edge in the playoffs. It has been amazing coaching these guys. Once the guys get a little more comfortable on the court and with the objective of the game the sky's the limit for these boys.

BRANDON WISEMAN CHEVY CHASE CHEETAHS

The Spring 2021 season has been amazing for the Chevy Chase Cheetahs. They are focused and primed for a postseason push. Luke has been an outstanding guard who's energy has been infectious to the whole team. Jack has dominated the boards this season and has really helped our team gain extra possessions on offense. Tezi is a top notch guard who's shown the ability to knock down shots from deep. Charlie is a stud defender who's locked down some of the leagues best players. Monty is an expert passer who's always looking to get his teammates involved. Finn is a crafty guard that isn't afraid to go into the paint and get his hands dirty. Conrad is unstoppable when driving to the hoop and energizes the team with his effort plays. The Cheetahs put a lot of hard work into this season, and it reflected on how successful they were.

MARTY ROBINSON JANNEY JETS

This has been an amazing season for our team. Can you believe that our first impression of each other was encouraged with a game win? No practice, no introduction, and we still found a way to come together. That's pretty much been the motto for this season, "Playing Together". The guys have made my first year with PPA a memorable experience! I've seen massive improvement in every single one of them. We have Benji, our energizer! Benji is probably one of the fastest, most dedicated players in the league and the team can count on him to always give 110% for sure. Zain, my lockdown defender! I've seen so much improvement in you since the start of the season, keep working and you are going to be a very good player. Teddy, you're an athlete and a strategic player; you think outside the box and that really helps our team. Graham is an absolute baller and shot creator! He always comes through when the team needs a tough bucket. Big Michael loves the three point shot! Michael is very important to this team, his 3pt. range and footwork makes it difficult for defenders to guard him. Keep working on shooting Michael! Don't let people tell you otherwise because of your size, that can be your own secret weapon. Last but definitely not least we have Nico! Nico, you are truly a natural leader, an elite defender and all around player. I love how passionate you are about the game and about winning. Although we can't win everything, always remember to treat losses as lessons to learn from and keep moving forward. Great season!!!
Jets on me Jets on three!
1..2..3 JETS!

JAY EVANS LAFAYETTE BEAR DRAGONS

On top of being a PPA champion coach, I just so happen to be the best Blurb writer in PPA history!!! May all teams beware because the best team to ever walk through the doors of PPA hoops is coming through! If you don't believe me then let me tell you something about this all star lineup. The first boy I must talk about is the boy with the most energy and his name is CLAY!!! With the energy this man has, he could run a marathon and still come back and win a race easily. Next up is the phenom Wesley!!! This boy knows his role and plays it better than anyone on the team. I can always depend on him to play his hardest and leave it all out there. Next on the roster is a boy who truly is patient on the court. Graham is the literal second coming of Luka Dončić because he sees the floor differently and can make the best of any open opportunities.

Speaking of great scorers, have you all met Connor yet? This boy scores at will on the court and shows flashes of Devin Booker in him when he's hot. Next are the Twin Towers that hold down the paint and control the court with ease. Their names are Gabe and Ben and I promise you that anyone will have a hard time getting past these two. Ben's Rim Protector badge is on Hall of Fame level. Gabe has Glass-Cleaning takeover with rebound chaser on Hall of Fame!! And to make things even better, Gabe is not afraid of anything. During practice, he is the only person that wants to guard me during scrimmage and never gives up. Next is the unstoppable dual sport athlete named Thomas. He's a slugger on the diamond and a bucket on the court. But most importantly, he is a natural born leader who uses his mind to his advantage. Last, but certainly not least, we have Liam to wrap up this star studded roster! When he first started on the team, you could tell he wanted to know everything he could about basketball. He works the hardest at practice and worked his way up to a starter on the team. My boys work hard and are ready to pull a lot of upsets in this tournament. Watch out because the dragons are ready to take flight (or whatever a Bear Dragon does to move around).

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MORRIS SMITH JDS LIONS

The JDS Lions have been absolutely amazing this season. They have made great strides individually and collectively. Their progress on layups alone has been amazing to watch, not to mention their passing to open teammates and how vocal of a team they are on the court. First, Judah has been great. He is a vocal leader who gets us ready for every practice and game. Then we have Eli, who has been a total beast on the defensive end. I've never seen a player tip so many passes. He always seems to be in the right place, defensively and offensively. Asher has been wonderful, without his straight line drives and his all around excitement for the game I don't know where we'd be as a team. Then we have our two defensive studs, Yoni and Max, who never let a shot by the opposing team go uncontested, hands are always up. Gefen, definitely, brings the energy to the team. There is a visible shift in the energy level of the entire team when Gefen is around. Last but not least, Noam. Noam has been a force downlow. His toughness alone is amazing. It has been amazing coaching these guys. Once the guys get a little more comfortable on the court and with the objective of the game the sky's the limit for these boys.



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MORRIS SMITH BEAUVOIR BEARS

The Beauvoir Bears have had a great season and I'm looking forward to watching them compete in the tournament. We have Arthur who is a beast when he drives to the basket, it makes us such a better team. Then we have Nico who is a great rebounder and is always looking to find an open teammate. Andrew brings the toughness to the team and is always looking to get the offense going by bringing the ball up the court. We have Hudson who might be the smallest in size but the biggest in heart. Ali has been an absolute beast on the defensive end, not only on the ball but jumping into those passing lanes getting us going on the offensive end. Though I haven't seen Jack much, he brings the energy, I can see the shift in the energy level of the entire team when Jack shows up. There's Stefan who is a star. His shooting ability at such a young age is amazing and I'm looking forward to watching him progress even further. Last but not least Dominic, who has been our best two way player. He is small in stature but somehow never intimidated. He gets right under those big guys, takes the ball and goes on offense looking to score. The Beauvoir Bears have been amazing this season. Once they get a little more comfortable with the objective of offense and defense and spend a little more time on the court the sky's the limit for these guys.