

BRANDON WISEMAN SOMERSET STORM

The Spring 2021 season has been amazing and super fun for the Somerset Storm. They are focused and primed for a postseason push. Vera has been an outstanding guard who's energy has been infectious to the whole team. Ellie has dominated the boards this season and has really helped our team gain extra possessions on offense. June is a top notch guard who's shown the ability to knock down shots from deep. Lucy is a stud defender who's locked down some of the leagues best players. Maya is an expert passer who's always looking to get his teammates involved. Maia is a crafty guard that isn't afraid to go into the paint and get her hands dirty. Emily is unstoppable when driving to the hoop and energizes the team with her effort plays. Jocelyn's lightning speed and quick reflexes has been crucial to our teams backcourt play. Flora explosiveness on the court is unmatched, she's constantly leaving her defenders in the dust. Elizabeth's team first attitude and leadership has helped us in many games as she looks to be a leader on the court.



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COACH DAMARIO SIDWELL TIGERS

The Sidwell Tigers are a force to be reckoned with come postseason! Led by Camille, an aggressive scorer and willing playmaker that guides the team in pressure moments. Norah is an explosive scorer who can get points in the blink of an eye. Amana is our defensive stopper, opposing teams know they have a long day ahead of them whenever she's on the floor. Zoey D. is a valuable playmaker for the Tigers, always looking to make the right pass to set up her teammates at the perfect time. "Who can stop Alexa?" A question opposing teams have struggled to answer over the course of the season, she has thrived in the open court leading in fast break points. Sienna's versatility is unquestioned, she can score efficiently, defend the ball, and also find open teammates for easy scores! Zoey M isn't unfamiliar to the spotlight. Calm and collected in clutch moments she provides the team with timely rebounds and pivotal steals. Laila is the team's X factor. If she gets rolling, stopping the Tigers is almost impossible. Ellie is the glue girl for the team. An expert passer with great touch around the basket! Tigers on 3, 1..2..3 Tigers

MICHAEL SPALDING BANNOCKBURN BULLS

Bannockburn Bulls Coach Spalding The Bannockburn Bulls have been a stampede all season long making great strides in their playing skills. The season started by learning basic fundamentals passing, dribbling, shooting, and rebounding. Then progressed each week understanding and more about the game of basketball. Every player on the team has contributed to their success and worked hard all season long. Mac who consistently pumps her teammates up and goes after every rebound. Rachel who is full of energy always hustling up and down the court and eager to be involved in every play. Mariana who has leveled up her game tremendously and is excited to learn new things. Tenley who is the floor general sees everything happening, and finds the open position. Greta S who is a lockdown defender, and is always asking questions wanting to learn more. Lizzy who always shows up with a positive attitude and smile on her face, is always in position to make a big play. Lilly who has the skills and quickness to match up against anybody. Emma who's spin move leaves defenders dizzy, has a great feel for the game. Greta H who brings the fun every time she steps on the court, and never gives up on the play. Chloe who will dribble through you and shoot right over you, then if at first she doesn't succeed try and try again. This team is full of players who love sports and have good athletic ability. With the enjoyment and chemistry that these ladies play with other teams better beware

TAYLOUR JONES BETHESDA BEAVERS

The Bethesda Beavers have been dominating all season. This group of girls have completed tremendously in every game and had fun while doing it. They started the season very eager to learn new things. With time and more practices under their belt they understood that winning takes hard work, both during practice, and when no one else is watching. Introducing the Bethesda Beavers; we have Annie who is a monster on defense making it hard on every player she guards. We have Samia the hard-working ball-handler who brings energy for everyone. Next, we have the twins (who look nothing alike; as they say) Esme & Harriet who both bring a physical toughness, the will to win, and a nice mid-range shot. Leading the team with great rebounding skills and put back skills; we have Ellie. Next, we have the inseparable dynamic-duo Avalon and Noa. Avalon is the sweetest off the court, but a tenacious rebounder with a nice turnaround jumper. Next, we have our coach on the court Stacia, who leads from the point guard position. Then we have Iris, who will pick up any assignment asked of her and complete it to the best of her ability. She is a great go-to defender! Last, but certainly not least, we have Gabriella. Her hustle is unseen, she leaves everything she has on the floor. They are coming for the trophy this year... remember who told you first.

TAY MCQUEEN DRAGONS

Dragons are breathing fire down the necks of every opponent. This team can't be stopped! Avery is a natural leader who you can always count on to do what it takes to win. Working well with Sage, who's an awesome scorer, these two have mastered the pick and role. You can always count on Emma to get open looks for an easy basket.

Sophie tiny but mighty, she's feisty on defense and always manages to come up with the ball. Grace is an excellent role player who does the little things to put her team over the top. Maggie is a beast underneath the basket, she's always coming up with rebounds. Elanor has great spirit and her energy gets her teammates fired up for every game. Cristina is a great defender, often known to get at least 1 or 2 blocks per game. Look out for the Dragons in the tournament this season!

STEFF DAVIS LAFAYETTE LIONS

The Lafayette Lions have improved tremendously throughout this season. I couldn't imagine playing basketball under these COVID-19 circumstances, but this team has gotten better week by week while falling in love with the game of basketball. They went from not knowing most rules in basketball to learning how to run an offense and set screens for each other! Every girl has bought into my teaching philosophies and come together to truly work together as a team. We have Lilja who is a fierce competitor and loves to run the show. We also have Frances who is a feisty defender and lightning-quick with the ball in her hand. Then there's Georgina who is always looking to score while Iris is always there to grab those offensive rebounds. We also have the duo of Sarah and Tilly who always bring hustle on both ends of the floor. Raleigh brings great energy on the offensive end. Last, but certainly not least, we have the heart and soul of the team, Audrey, who is always eager to listen and learn. Combine these girls together and these girls make a strong team. As the girls continue to progress in all facets of the game, they are going to be future stars!

MICHELLE MATAR 4TH BLUE

The 4th Blue Premier team has improved as individuals and as a team so much this season! Ellory sets the tone bringing tons of energy and loves to play an uptempo style game. Ainsley works very hard and is a great team leader who puts her teammates first.

Tahlia is definitely our most improved player who has mastered her lay ups and plays smart defense. Margherita brings great energy and always practices as hard as she plays. Vivian great teammate, always working hard and listens to the advice given by her coach. Evelyn has really grasped the importance of ball control and has one of the highest hoops IQ's on the team! Skylar has so much spirit and is also a speed demon when it comes to her dribbling skills! Yael always shows up ready to work hard! She's got a great jump shot that has only gotten better. Taryn has worked on her technical game all season and her shots are spot on! Lucille is an excellent defender and has a great jump shot! Vera is super quick; she's beating everybody up and down the court with or without a ball. GO 4th BLUE!

MICHELLE MATAR LAFAYETTE LEOPARDS

The Lafayette Leopards are a force to be reckoned with! Natalie sees the court and makes awesome decisions playing the point guard. Watch out for Vivian dominating the score boards on lay ups! Elise has a great jump shot and has been more confident in games. Eliza is a team player who is unselfishly looking to set her teammates screens! Emma is our aggressive and fast defender who can steal the ball! Morgan is calm and collected in big moments! Logan is our low post who is unstoppable once she puts up her shots! Hylah works so hard and is an awesome passer always looking to get her teammates open for a shot. Isabella aka Isi is a great rebounder and shooter! Ava is a defensive stopper who isn't afraid to get on the ground for a loose ball! The Leopards team has the best camaraderie and will do great in their future of playing Hoops!!

DRAKE GODDARD BETHESDA BEARS

The Bethesda bears have come together and became a great team. We came in with new faces and quickly got to know each other. We have improved so much from the beginning of the season. The Bears might be the best rebounding team in the league. It starts with Norah, who will grab any rebound and put it back up faster than you can blink. Adeline is quick on defense and will rack up steals like no other. Katie is a great finisher. Anything she puts up around the basket is going in. Eleanor can attack the basket like no one is guarding her. She gets to the basket at will. Cornelia plays like she is the tallest on the court, she grabs so many rebounds on the offensive and defensive ends. Celia is one of the best shooters in our league. The net hardly moves when the ball goes in. McKenna does it all for us. She can dribble, pass and score from all over the court. This team is going to be one to watch for in the future. They play so well together and will continue to improve!

LINDSEY TUCKER MURCH MADNESS

Murch Madness has done an excellent job this season. As we wrap things up, I wanted to highlight how each girl has progressed and contributed to the success of our squad!

Skylar has been a huge asset to our team as she typically plays the point guard position. She can not only make her layups when she drives to the basket, but also has the confidence to pull up and shoot, which has been great to watch. Clara and Anya are two players that we rely on to play inside and get quick shots. Both have excelled in that position and have learned to play even more physically. Samantha and Sophie are natural leaders that I've relied on to communicate and remind our players of things as we play. They have both stepped in and learned ball screens, pick and rolls along with hand offs with ease. Sophia has made major strides this season as we involved her more with setting screens and playing inside much like what Clara and Anya do. It's been great to see her grasp the concept of both roles and become a better rebounder. Emma has always been a supportive teammate who plays hard and takes care of her game responsibilities. Emma has been a great passer and rebounder for the team. She's always in the right place at the right time and hits important shots when needed. Last but certainly not least, Megan joined our team this spring and has fit in perfectly! Her athleticism has really helped and she's great at catching the ball, driving to the basket and shooting a good shot.

LINDSEY TUCKER 2ND/3RD PREM

It's been great to finally play games with this bunch of girls. Since the season is wrapping up I wanted to highlight how everyone has contributed to the success of our squad!

Tallulah steps up in major ways as she is very explosive and skilled. Personally it's been great to see her ball handling improve since she typically plays the point guard position. She now has a killer double crossover which will help the older she gets. Eloise has also improved her ball handling skills through a lot of hard work. During practice, we do cone dribbling drills that I believe has really enhanced her confidence during competition. Nela is a player that I heavily rely on for defense and setting ball screens. She isn't afraid to be physical and aggressive. This mentality has helped her get important steals and open shots for our team. Ruthie has improved so much with shooting and court positioning. Alice has a great jump shot and it continues to get better. During our games she really works hard at rebounding in order to get quick "put backs." And last but certainly not least, Norah has become an even better guard after this season. She now has a better understanding of how to play "inside" and "outside." Her versatility has been huge for us.

SHAY JANNEY JETS

It has been a pleasure to coach the amazing Janney Jets from last September to now! They're an amazing group of girls and they come together to make a great team. Sawyer and Andrea are out top defenders, ripping any loose ball in sight. Maggie, Chiara and Noemi are crucial to have on the court, they move the ball around nicely and are always able to shake their defender and get open. Watch out for Mollie and Lyra, silent but deadly. Our top rebounders always putting it back up for another bucket. Maya and Ari are a dynamic duo. With the two of them on the court, they're unstoppable. Now... with all that being said, let's go put in work at this tournament!!

SHAY NCS NIGHTHAWKS

LETS GO NIGHTHAWKS!! This team is full of not only skill but personality. Julia, Charlotte, and Vivian are the three musketeers. If the three of them are on the court at once. You know we mean business. Olivia and Caroline great defenders, don't hold the ball too loose because they **WILL** take it right from you. Rheya, Amanda, Lyla are the newest to the squad. They've picked up basketball fast and have come to be great additions to have on the court.

Aidan and Maddie are secret weapons. They add exactly what we need. If we need to score, they got that. If we need to defend, they got that too! This group of girls has been a pleasure to be with each season I have had them.

MARCUS ST. PATRICK EAGLES

This team had a bit of an identity crisis. We started as the Pumpkins but was voted on by the players to be named the Eagles. The head of that movement was Ryan! Not only is she a natural leader on and off the court, but she's also a great playmaker with her ability to find the open person and plays awesome defense. Our other playmaker is Wynne! She's probably our best ball handler on the team and great at making her shots close to the basket. And she can **BREAKDANCE!** Someone else who can do multiple things is Pippa. She plays great defense, can rebound very well, and can score around the basket. Probably our best inside scorers on the team are Katya and Sophie. Both actually have similar skill set and can dribble the ball up the court and can score. Someone who's made great improvements in her game is Lillian! She showed flashes with making excellent passes, displaying her shot making ability and ball handling ability as well. Along that same line, Avery and Sloane have improved as well in the ball handling department. Both do a great job with controlling the basketball when being defended and both play hard on defense! Someone else who plays hard is Matilda!

I believe this was her first year playing competitive basketball. She made a lot of great plays this season on defense with a few steals and puts herself in position to score. Last, but not least, we have Lyle! One of the toughest girls on the team, she's also very involved on defense and great at shooting around the rim. We started off a little slow but really picked up steam during the season, going on a bit of a win streak! This team is full of funny characters and as one of my first girl teams in the program, I had a lot of fun coaching this team!

MARCUS CARDEROCK CUBS

This Cubs team really started to put it together from the middle of the season until the end!

Kayla was new to basketball this year but showed a lot of potential during the season. She has good size as a basketball player and a nice shooting touch around the rim. Next, we have Anna and Sabrina! Both are excellent rebounders and major contributors on gameday. Anna made great leaps this season, improving her ball handling ability and confidence in bringing the ball up the court. Although Sabrina did not practice with us, she was very essential in the success of this team on game days with her inside shot making ability. In terms of ball handling ability, our best playmaker on the team is Ava! She's very confident in her ability to run the offense and can easily drive to the basket. Someone who has a knack of getting open, though, is Grace.

She can also drive to the basket when determined and rarely turns the ball over when she's in trouble on offense. I've been talking primarily offense, but someone who is great on defense is Natalie! When she gets into it, she really locks down on defense and can stay with her woman for multiple possessions. Last, but not least, we have C-Mac. Cassidy reminds me of Tracy McGrady. Very laid back and unassuming off the court, but when she has the ball in her hands, she turns into an offensive dynamo with her shot making ability. This was one of my first girl's teams in the program, and I'm very lucky to have been paired up with these group of girls! I hope I continue to see them in the program.



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DWANE NCS EAGLES

We had an amazing season! The girls really had a wonderful experience playing and working together. Despite not having some of our best players at our games the team was force not depends on those key players.

Our leaders Annalise and Katherine really step up and be leaders when we needed it the most. Annalise fun and loving personality gave the team and myself much laughter throughout the season as we play and have fun as a team. Katherine is a force to be reckoned with, she will definitely be a college player. Lila, Bella, Teagan and Lilly have shown tremendous improvements in a short period of time. There aggressiveness and competitiveness have given the team a major boost that was needed for us to be a stronger team. Eliana have been outstanding on both ends of the floor as well as a teammate. Her drive and her abilities sets her apart. Her and Katherine have the ability to take over the game and dominate it at their will. Lalya, Claire and Tenley is a major addition to the team. Their level of skills have given the team a stronger foundation not to mention the way how they push there teammates in practice to be better which shows clearly in our winning season. Eleanor have been showing improvements as each week goes by. In our last regular season game she stood out in her game play and shown what she have learned throughout the season. She runs the floor well and definitely puts in the effort to be a better basketball player.