Lady Bearcats Inks 7 For The New Season

It’s that time of year again; Basketball Season is upon us. The season’s first game kicks off on October 26, 2019 in Nashville, TN against Fisk University which will be a double header for the Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams. Before the season officially starts, let’s introduce some of the new recruits of the Lady Bearcats Basketball team. As the Lady Bearcats look to insert themselves into the national rankings conversations, Head Coach Eric Jackson, Jr. has added seven new members to the roster. The Lady Bearcats finished with a 20-10 record last season and finished 6th in the GCAC. Lead by 1st team All–GCAC guard Keimesha Walker and GCAC Freshman of the Year, Katie Blackmon. Jackson returns 8 player’s from last year’s roster.

Amber Hunt: 5’9 Forward (Chattanooga, TN)

Amber Hunt is a Redshirt Sophomore transferring from Alabama State University. She averaged 3.7 points as a freshman for the Lady Hornets. “Amber has a sharp-shooter with a high basketball IQ,” Jackson said. Hunt prepped at Hamilton Heights in Chattanooga and played for the High School National Championship as a Senior.

Dominique McLaughlin: 5’7 Point Guard (Fontana, GA)

Dominique is a junior transferring from Mt. San Antonio College in California. “Dom is smooth. She is a silent killer with all of the tools a college point guard should have.” Jackson added. McLaughlin averaged 15 points, 5.8 rebounds, and 3.8 assists per game as a sophomore. She also received All-Region honors.
Tiamya Butler : 5’6 Point Guard (Atlanta, GA)

Butler is a transfer junior coming from Eastern Oklahoma State by way of Southern University in Baton Rouge. As a sophomore, Tiamya averaged 13.8 points, 5.5 assists, and 4.7 rebounds per game. “T’s explosiveness at the point guard spot is something that will help us improve as a team. She is a big time competitor as well,” Jackson said. Butler won a State Championship at SACA high school in Atlanta Georgia as well as a SWAC conference championship at Southern. Her championship experience will serve greatly in the post season.

Melanie Wenkebach : 6’2 Forward Houston, TX

As the only freshman on the roster, Melanie adds some additional height to an already young and talented post group from a year ago. Mel played at Humble High school where she led her team in multiple statistical categories. “Mel is long and athletic. She is quick enough to guard some perimeter players which will be an asset in this league,” Jackson went on to add.

Jasmine Coleman: 5’8 Shooting Guard (Genado, AZ)

Jasmine Coleman is a redshirt junior from nationally ranked JUCO, Cochise College in Arizona. “Jas is a complete guard. She is smart, tough, selfless, and talented. She does all of the little things at a high level which makes her easy to coach and to trust,” Jackson said. Coleman averaged 6.6 points per game and shot 32% from a three point range.
Breanna Riley: 5’6 Point Guard (Gulfport, MS)

Breanna is a junior transfer from East Central Community College. She is a combo guard who can change the game in just a few short minutes with her energy and defensive prowess. “Bre has a motor and a skillset that can dominate a game. She plays offense and defense with high intensity,” added Jackson. During her tenure at East Central, Bre averaged 8.3 points per game on 43% shooting from the field.

Ebony Hargrove: 6’0 Forward (Eatonton, GA)

Ebony Hargrove is a redshirt sophomore from Tallahassee Community College by way of Daytona State College. During her redshirt year, her school won the NJCAA D1 National Championship. As a freshman, Ebony played at Daytona State where she averaged 9 points and shot 32% from the arc. Jackson said, “Ebony is long and has a smooth game. She does everything well. It’s hard to believe at times she has 3 years left to play,” said Jackson.

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