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## **2021-22 NCBBA-M TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Appalachian State

**Mascot:** Mountaineers

**Location:** Boone

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Coach: John Atkinson Coach: Cam Freeman Co Presidents: Jake Mcdaniel and Jacob Glezen

**2019-20 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record:
- Tournament Rankings/Results: 1<sup>st</sup> place in High Point Tournament (4-0). Two teams combined 1-7 at NC State tournament
- Notables: 3-0 at Duke University Exhibitions.

**Number of Returning Players (Include starters):** 7 returning players (2 Starters)

**Players to Watch:** Coleman Sell (6'0), Davis Clanton 6'0), Hunter Clanton (5'10), Jacob Glezen (6'2, Jake Mcdaniel (6'4), Jarod Carlton (6'5), Renyolds Seaton (6'2), Beck Wazan (6'5)

**New additions:** Davis Clanton, Hunter Clanton, Ayrton Knuckles (6'6), Zane Wazan (6'1), Carson Shirley 5'11), Cade Bettinger 6'4), Damon Scott (5'9), Trent Ostrander (6'6), Kamonyi Becton (6'2)

**Biggest Rival:** 6'Coastal Carolina

**Best Player Nickname:**

**2021-22 Season Outlook:** We open our season with a tournament at South Carolina the weekend of October 23<sup>rd</sup>. From there, we begin league play starting with Coastal Carolina. South Carolina will be a good indicator of where we are as a team. We have a history of winning when we are all on one team. Our struggles at NC State can be attributed to the fact that we split our team. We will be playing as one team for the most part this season, so I expect to win many games. We have a healthy balance of size, speed,



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defense and scoring. I expect us to get out in transition and attack the defense on the inside and out. I feel very good about our chances in this league this year, and am hopeful our play reflects that.

**Head Coach Quote:** We have had a tough time organizing our basketball team, as there have been many factors working against us. However, it has been worth it. Dealing with adversity has made us stronger and work harder. This is our first year in the NCBBA, and our track record shows we have the ability to compete and win.



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**Team Name:** South Carolina

**Mascot:** Gamecocks

**Location:** Columbia, South Carolina

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Bennett Fox and Jarod Kelly

### **2019-20 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: 12-0
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Last Ranked #5 in NCBBA poll pre-covid with most of that roster returning. 2020 South Atlantic Region Champions**
- Notables: **Won league games by an average margin of 28 points**

### **Number of Returning Players (Include starters):8 Returners**

- **Aaron Hirsch, Sean Nickel, Bennett Fox, Shane McCusker, Palmer Fister, Connor Reed, Jared Courtenay, Jarod Kelly**

**Players to Watch:** Aaron Hirsch, Jarod Kelly, Jared Courtenay, Geoff Coyne

**New additions:** Greg Demer, Peter Zhang, Reed Li, Davis Wood, Geoff Coyne, John Blair, Cam Burke

**Biggest Rival:** Coastal Carolina

**Best Player Nickname:** N/A

**2021-22 Season Outlook:** We're excited to continue NCBBA play after losing our national championship hopes to COVID-19. Having a great mix of veterans and new guys to the team will be key to our success on the court.



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**Head Coach Quote: "Hardworking, Talented, Determined" Bennett Fox**



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**Team Name:** Furman University

**Mascot:** Paladins

**Location:** Greenville, SC

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** President- Justin Drago Vice President-George King

**2019-20 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: 12-3
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in conference standings**
- Notables: N/A

**Number of Returning Players (Include starters):** 6 Returning Players (5 starters)

**Players to Watch:** Patrick McDonough 6-5, Josh Helton 6-7, Hagan Imorde, 6-1, Braden Burke 6-2

**New additions:** Andrew Maddock, Arnold Wright, Braden Burke, Clark Alford, Floyd Hargrove, Jonathan Stokes, Tate Dillon, Tony Galdamez

**Biggest Rival:** USC, UGA

**Best Player Nickname:** Hagan "Joey" Imorde

**2021-22 Season Outlook:** Strong players returning, set for a strong year. Predicting to be the best team we have had in the past 4 years. Have great size in the starting five(6-7, 6-5, 6-4, 6-2, and 6-1). Both guards are excellent shot creators and can make shots from anywhere on the court.

**Head Coach Quote:** Our team has grown significantly as many of us have played together for 3-4 years. Hoping to have a great season!



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**Team Name: Davidson**

**Mascot: Wildcats**

**Location: Davidson, NC**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Joe Nero, Matt Schnizer**

**2019-20 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: **6-6**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **N/A**
- Notables: **N/A**

**Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 5, 3 starters**

**Players to Watch: Charlie McGee, Nick Snyder**

**New additions: Charlie McGee, Nick Snyder**

**Biggest Rival: N/A**

**Best Player Nickname: Sourna "Swan" Daneshvar**

**2021-22 Season Outlook: N/A**

**Head Coach Quote: N/A**



## **2021-22 NCBBA-M TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Coastal Carolina University

**Mascot:** Chanticleer

**Location:** Conway, SC

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Captains: Jalen Gibbs & Brandon Gasaway

**2019-20 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: N/A
- Tournament Rankings/Results: N/A
- Notables: **In the 2016-2017, 2018-2019 seasons we made it to regionals but lost in the championship game.**

**Number of Returning Players (Include starters):** 6

**Players to Watch:** 6-3 Kelvin Polk, 6-0 Jalen Gibbs, 6-1 Dustin McCombs

**New additions:** Freshmen- Myles Thomas, Willie Abrams, Dustin McCombs, Matthew Abell. Senior- Kelvin Polk

**Biggest Rival:** East Carolina

**Best Player Nickname:** N/A

**2021-22 Season Outlook:** Strong leadership returning at the guard positions (Jalen and Brandon) with depth on the bench. We have shooters (Dustin, AJ and Willie) with numerous of playmakers (KP, Marquez, and Myles). However, we do lack in size so that will be our only downfall this season.

**Head Coach Quote:**



## 2021-22 NCBBA-M TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** Christopher Newport University

**Mascot:** Captains

**Location:** Newport News, Va

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Brendon Burrows, Jake Powers, Eugene Zastrow

**2019-20 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record:
- Tournament Rankings/Results: N/a
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include starters):** 2 Senior: Ben K & Nick Stern

**Players to Watch:** Thomas wells, Ben Kuttenkuler, Elias Fadool, Jeff Homes, Gage Elliot, Evan Stolburg

**New additions:** Thomas wells, Ben Kuttenkuler, Elias Fadool, Jeff Homes, Gage Elliot, Evan Stolburg, Rithwik Patel, Jeff woodbridge, Kevin Courty, Brandon Tweedy, Amit Mehta

**Biggest Rival:** Mary Washington

**Best Player Nickname:** Ben Kuttenkuler "Big Shot Ben"

**2021-22 Season Outlook:** Deep team with strong conditioning and strong inside presence that can finish around the rim, get out in transition, and light it up from 3.

**Head Coach Quote:**  
Looking to gel as a unit. We have a young core that's going to take some time to come together and unlock our potential. We look to play basketball the right way and be competitive in the long run



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**Team Name:** Auburn

**Mascot:** Tigers

**Location:** Auburn, AL

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Coaches: BJ Benson, Jon Walker, Monaye Merrit, Captains: Phillip DesRosier, Tony Iannone

**2019-20 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: **18-3 Overall, 13-2 Conference**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Runner-Up Florida State Valentines Tournament, 1<sup>st</sup> place South Atlantic-Central Conference**
- Notables: **#16 in Final NCBBA rankings in the 2019-2020 season**

**Number of Returning Players (Include starters):** 3 (Phillip DesRosier, Tony Iannone, Parker Mixon), 1 returning starter (Phillip DesRosier)

**Players to Watch:** Phillip DesRosier, Kevin Kullick, Elias Kalariotes, Tony Iannone, Will Bevil, RJ Drish

**New additions:** Taylor Harris, RJ Drish, Will Bevil, Taylor Harris, Javan Hall, Jalaan Avritte, Elias Kalariotes, Kaden Elaasar, Ty Allen

**Biggest Rival:** Mississippi State

**Best Player Nickname:** Phillip "PD" DesRosier

**2021-22 Season Outlook:** We have a lot of new guys and size wise, we are a smaller team than we were two years ago, but are more skilled and our guys can defend every position.



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**Head Coach Quote: Last season was our first as a club so it was fun to get to experience all of the competition and of course we would've loved to compete for a championship, but the pandemic did not allow the season to complete. Now we are back, we understand the process to be successful as a team and will be working hard to compete for a championship.**