



2024-25 NCBBA-M TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Claflin University Men's Club Basketball

Mascot: Panther

Location: Orangeburg, SC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): TJ Tyson & Jay Welbon, Jr. (Captains); Arthur Doctor (head coach), Tyshon Grant (Assistant Coach), Malik Hailey (Assistant Coach), Jailen Williams (Assistant Coach), Michael Kelly (Assistant Coach)

2023-2024 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **15-10**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Top 8 finish in NIRSA Duke Regionals**
- Notables: **Defeated 3 team ranked in NCBBA Pre-Season Top 20 (UNC-Charlotte, Duke, UNC-Wilmington)**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 9 returners (4 starters returning)

Players to Watch: Jay Welbon, Jr. (5'11, PG); TJ Tyson (5'10, PG); Dexter Jones (6'2, SF); Alon Barksdale (6'3, SF)

New additions: Amaveon Calloway (5'7 PG), Zavieon Clark (6'1 Guard), Patrick Guest (5'10 Guard), Gary Pittman (6'5, Forward), Shawn Samuel (6'4, Forward), Zyaire Williams (6'4, Forward)

Biggest Rival: UNC-Charlotte & South Carolina State

Best Player Nickname: Dexter Jones (Dex), Alon Barksdale (AB)

2024-25 Season Outlook: Strong group of returners mixed with versatile, hungry newcomers are the perfect blend to make a big splash in our first season in the NCBBA.



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Head Coach Quote: We are excited about our first season in the NCBBA and bring our tough, fast-paced, and aggressive style of play to the league. Our newcomers filled some major holes for us and our returners are ready to leave their mark. Despite being new to the league, our goal remains the same to win championships and build on our culture as we strive to become one of the top club programs in the country. -Arthur Doctor, Head Coach



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Team Name: Davidson College

Mascot: Wildcats

Location: Davidson, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Luke Zimmerman, Ford Disbrow, Jacob Asbill

2023-2024 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: 17-4
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Missed out on tournament by a coin flip**
- Notables: **Beat conference champion UNCC (22-3) 77-45 who went on to play in the regional finals.**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 11 returners, 2 starter

Players to Watch: David "Bush" DeBusschere -- led the team in 3P% last year and is a threat to score at all three levels

New additions: Joseph Vega, Dominic Rusciolleli, Ben Carlson-Peters, Ezra Smith, Tenzing Dorji

Biggest Rival: South Carolina

Best Player Nickname: Charlie "Softie" Seston

2024-25 Season Outlook: With 5 players returning who got lots of play time last year, we are ready to reload and be a contender for a conference championship with the goal of reaching regionals.

Head Coach Quote: Last year was just a glimpse of what this team can accomplish. We are going to build off of last year's success and only get better. Our goal is to make the regional playoffs, but that begins with a strong first game, and we will build from there.



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Team Name: Duke

Mascot: Blue Devils

Location: Durham, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Eric Szczepanik / Josh Cooper, Gavin Kitch

2023-2024 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **10-2**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Lost regional semis v. Miami**
- Notables: **Won league**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 8, inc. 4 starters

Players to Watch:

New additions: Strong freshmen class, as well as a few new older players

Biggest Rival: UNC

Best Player Nickname:

2024-25 Season Outlook: With some strong newcomers and the core group from last year's league-winning team, we're looking forward to building on our success from last year.

Head Coach Quote:



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Team Name: ETSU Men's Club Basketball

Mascot: Buccaneers

Location: Johnson City, TN

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach - Quentin Porcher, Captains - Isaiah Washington & Carter Casto

2023-2024 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **5-3**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **NIRSA Duke Regional Tournament 3rd Place (4-1), NIRSA Wisconsin National Tournament (1-2)**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): Washington, Casto, Reese, and Petrie (3 starters - Washington, Casto, Petrie)

Players to Watch: 5-10 Isaiah Washington, 5-11 Carter Casto, and Evan Petrie on the Defensive End

New additions: Brennan Scott, Ethan Charles, Carter Williams, Jaden Baccus, Jeremiah Flores, Brandon Taluskie, Jacob Ownby, Hunter Mankins, Chris Watkins

Biggest Rival: N/A

Best Player Nickname: None at the moment

2024-25 Season Outlook: Strong leadership and scoring ability at the guard positions throughout the whole lineup with a stronger looking front court than last year.



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Head Coach Quote: Expectations never change when we step on the court, regardless of who's in front of us. Most people would consider offense the fun part of basketball. I need teams to understand when they're on offense against us, it's not going to be fun, you're not going to have a good time. You will earn every bucket you get. Scoring is a privilege and it will be treated as such until the ETSU basketball club is no more.



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Team Name: Florida State

Mascot: Seminole

Location: Tallahassee, Florida

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach- Julian Levy / Captains- Zach Minetola, Zyon Grant

2023-2024 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **7-3 in Conference**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **2nd place in the South Atlantic Conference,**
- Notables: **In the 2022-23 season, we made it to the semi-finals in the National Championship, and expected to return, until injuries derailed beginning of the season.**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 9 Returners- Minetola, Mosquera, Harvin, Cabalan, Grant, Fried, Reinert, Worthy, Wilford (3 Starters - Minetola, Grant, Harvin)

Players to Watch: Minetola hitting 3's, Fried's/Reinert's relentless rebounding, Grant's Leadership

New additions: 6'6 C- Brogan Richards, 6'5 C- Harrison Molesworth, 6'4 G- Jalen Lawson

Biggest Rival: University of Florida

Best Player Nickname: Angelo "Gelo" Cabalan

2024-25 Season Outlook: With the added size this year (Richards, Molesworth), our depth, and team defense will compliment the relentless scorers we have (Lawson, Mosquera, Worthy). Between that and the existing chemistry between 9 returners, we expect big things this year.



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Head Coach Quote: "Our scores from last year show that the difference between 39 and 40 minutes of good basketball can be the difference between a win and a loss. This year will be about the details and togetherness needed to close out games."



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Team Name: University of Florida Blue Team

Mascot: Gators

Location: Gainesville

Captain(s)/Coach(s):

Carson Wood/Andrew Nohra and Anthony Crowe

2023-2024 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: 14-5 Overall, 6-4 in Conference
- Tournament Rankings/Results: Battle in the Swamp Champions, Runner up in NSU tournament
- Notables: Split 4 games, 2-2, with top 10 team Miami, including defeating them in championship game of Battle in the Swamp

Number of Returning Players (Include starters):

Returning 11 players, including all 5 starters

Players to Watch:

6'6" Jake Palmer

New additions:

6'4" Lukas Peterson

Biggest Rival:

Miami

Best Player Nickname:

2024-25 Season Outlook: Returning basically entire roster of team that should have been top 10 last year but struggled with injuries in conference play, new additions will provide key depth to thrive this year.

Head Coach Quote:



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Team Name: Furman University

Mascot: Paladin

Location: Greenville, SC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): David Lash, Jack Sinex

2023-2024 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **8-8**
- Tournament Rankings/Results:
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 12 (2 starters)

Players to Watch: Jonathon Stokes, Thomas Messimer, BIG Toph Cullen

New additions: Freshman - Ryan Newhouse, Matteo Mazza, Grant Nevitt, Luiz Silva. Sophmores - Joey Magids, Wells Sharp

Biggest Rival: Davidson

Best Player Nickname: Jack "Hot Tamale" Sinex, Ben "Unc" Mallon

2024-25 Season Outlook: Looking to make a deep run with a large number of returners and seniors after a mediocre season last year

Head Coach Quote: "We got shooters"



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Team Name: Newberry Wolves

Mascot: Wolves

Location: Newberry, South Carolina

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach: Kendall Powell Assistant Coach: Jalen Johnson Captain: Darius Jenkins

2023-2024 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **0-0**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **N/A**
- Notables: **N/A**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): N/A

Players to Watch: Scotti Lanier

New additions: First Year Program

Biggest Rival:

Best Player Nickname: Showtime

2024-25 Season Outlook: It is with great excitement that I introduce the inaugural season of the Newberry College Club Basketball team for the 2024-2025 academic year! This marks a significant milestone for our campus, as we expand our club sports offerings and provide more opportunities for students to engage in competitive athletics.

As a first-year team, our primary focus will be establishing a strong foundation. We are committed to creating a competitive program that not only challenges our players on the court but also builds a culture



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rooted in teamwork, discipline, and dedication. This season is about setting the tone for the future and laying the groundwork for long-term success.

Head Coach Quote: "if you always do what you've always done you always be where you always been, then at the end you'll be left behind"



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Team Name: UNC Chapel Hill

Mascot: Tar Heels

Location: Chapel Hill, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach - Tucker Shank, Assistant Coach - Khalil Blount, Captains - Jedd Wagner, Mac Robinson, Qiiis Johnson

2023-2024 Performance (If applicable):

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

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 12 Returners from last years team (which did not compete in the NCBBA).

Players to Watch: Ty'Rell McLucas (Guard), Seth Johnson (Guard), Jedd Wagner (Guard), Mac Robinson (Center)

New additions: Charles Maret, Ty'Rell McLucas, Riley Haynie

Biggest Rival: Duke University

Best Player Nickname: Khalil "Big Booty" Blount

2024-25 Season Outlook: Looking to bounce back after a rocky couple of seasons, our strong guard play and fast paced offense will look to outscore teams anywhere we go. The additions of Charles Maret and Riley Haynie will be a tremendous help on the boards. We may be vertically smaller than other teams, but our eagerness to win will drive a profound grit displayed from our guys. We have a surplus of guys who are "three and d," including some of our bigs, which makes us a nightmare for teams who can't get out and run.



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Head Coach Quote: This is the most motivated and ambitious club team at Carolina since 2017. With a talent-filled roster, we will look to expand those horizons by building a new brand of Carolina Club basketball. Through leadership that played in the NCBBA our freshman year, we will look to utilize what we remember of our opponents to prepare and ensure an auspicious start to our first season back. In the words of the greatest coach of all time, Dean Smith, "Play hard, Play smart, Play together - Carolina Basketball."



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Team Name: Charlotte 49ers

Mascot: Norm the Niner

Location: Charlotte, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s):

Captains: Anthony Franchi, Tre Clemons, Max Reid

Coaches:

Head Coach- Mac Barfield

Assistant Coach- Riley Tilson

Assistant Coach- Cameron Harper

Assistant Coach- Riley Tilson

Director of Player Development- Meelad Doroodchi

2023-2024 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: 24-4
- Tournament Rankings/Results: Ranked in top 20 All year (finished season at #8), Queen City Classic Champion, South Atlantic-West Regular Season Champion, South Atlantic Regional Runner-up, National Tournament Appearance.
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include starters):

Returning Starters: Trian Barnes, Anthony Franchi, Trevor Kelly, Zach Friday

Returners: Tre Clemons, Tyler Druskis, Max Reid, Tevin Jessup

Players to Watch: Trian Barnes, Henderson Williams

New additions: Henderson Williams, Raheem Scott, Braden O'Donnell, Roncellis Marshall, Grayson Cathey, Kameron Taylor

Biggest Rival: NC State Wolfpack

Best Player Nickname: Trian Barnes (Bron)



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2024-25 Season Outlook: The Charlotte 49ers men's club basketball team had an exceptional 2023 season, finishing with a 24-4 record and making a run to the National Tournament. As the team heads into the 2024 season (2nd year in the league), expectations are high. With the core of last year's squad returning, coupled with key additions and an improved team dynamic, the 49ers look poised to continue their dominance in the NCBBA, both regionally and nationally.

Head Coach Quote:

“Coming off a great season, I and my staff are excited to take this new look roster into battle. Returning 4 All Region players, and adding new players including former college athletes is going to allow us to compete at a high level this season. The toughness and grit this group has shown over the past month is very different from last year. This group wants it more, and that is evident in their everyday actions. Truly embracing our culture of WE/ME on and off the court will allow us to put a good product on the floor. I am excited for another great season, and look forward to writing the next chapter.”



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Team Name: University of South Carolina

Mascot: Gamecock

Location: Columbia, SC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Mathew Lemmon, Michael Norford, Rettok Owens

2023-2024 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: 7-3
- Tournament Rankings/Results: 2nd place in a tournament we hosted in the spring semester
- Notables: A big win over Davidson at home during a tournament we hosted

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 13

Players to Watch: Noah, Vincent, Dre

New additions: Thomas, Luke Peter, Luke Chapman, Dean

Biggest Rival: Clemson

Best Player Nickname: Vince

2024-25 Season Outlook: To make it to nationals and have a more successful season than previous years. Also to build our young core so that the club can be left in good hands for future teams.

Head Coach Quote: The more that we play together as a team with a combined goal in mind the higher chance of success we will have.