

**Team Name: Campbell University**

**Mascot: Camels**

**Location: Buies Creek, NC**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):**

- **Zach Nepa (President)**
- **Tyler Fissel (Head Coach)**
- **Tanner Shoe (Vice President)**
- **Tavaris Williams (Vice President)**
- **Will Nepa (Captain)**

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

- Returning 7 players including all 5 starters

**Players to Watch:**

- Tanner Shoe - this past seasons team MVP and Vice President. Scored 30 in a preseason matchup.
- Will Nepa – Graduate Captain who has started all 5 years. Scored 41 in two games already this season.
- James Mathew’s – graduate transfer who started for UNCW the past three seasons
- Kweli Yates – Played on his Army Base team and is a supreme athlete.
- Sophomore Tavaris Williams – coming off great freshman season and looking to double his production
- Sophomore Nick Clark – Had 30 points already this season and looking to continue his hot streak from 3.

**New additions:**

- Freshman Jared Kovach – had offers out of high school. Guard who has excellent handles and shooting ability
- Graduate James Mathew’s – UNCW starting point guard (3 years) who is an excellent playmaker with unique 3 level scoring
- Kweli Yates – Played in the Army and is a strong, relentless finisher at the rim
- Junior Jaylen Blanchard – Big with a strong lower body who can handle anyone in the post.

**Biggest Rival:**

- UNCW

**2025-26 Season Outlook:**

**Excellent group of returners who have played in a men's league all summer and all but one was on the runner up team at the NIRSHA nationals three years ago. Took the approach to seek tough out of conference schedule and pre-season schedule (including Methodist JV, Carolina University JV, Sandhills CC, Central international College , Hosana Bible College, and Barton JV) to prepare us best for the post season.**

**So far have already beat Wake Forest, App State, and Central International College 2x (NAIA out of Virginia). Only lost to NCST by 4 who beat #2 JMU.**

**Head Coach Quote:**

**We are looking to blend our experience with a couple of phenomenal transfer to create a team that can not only win our conference but make a deep run in Nationals.**



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## **2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Charlotte Men's Club Basketball**

**Mascot: Norm the Niner**

**Location: Charlotte, NC**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):**

**Captains: Anthony Franchi, Ronny Marshall, Trian Barnes**

**Coaches:**

**Head Coach: Mac Barfield**

**Assistant Coach: Cam Harper**

**Assistant Coach: Tim Prabhu**

**Assistant Coach: Meelad Doroodchi**

**2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: 20-5
- Tournament Rankings/Results: 2nd Place in South Atlantic West
- Notables: Nationally Ranked Throughout the season

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

**Returning Starters: Trian Barnes, Anthony Franchi, Ronny Marshall**

**Returners: Kam Taylor, Raheem Scott, Braden O'Donnell, Grayson Cathey, Caleb Broom, Tre Clemons**

**Players to Watch: Trian Barnes, Ronny Marshall, M'Cari Allison**

**New additions: M'Cari Allison, Xavier Crawford, Caleb Gilmore, Adam Sheperis, Filip Rasuo, Will Harvey**

**Biggest Rival: NC State**

**Best Player Nickname: Ronny Marshall (Flip)**



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#### **2025-26 Season Outlook:**

The Charlotte Men's Club Basketball team enters the season aiming to build on last year's 20 win campaign and push for a regional championship. With a strong returning core and new additions, who all have collegiate level or national team experience, their focus is on returning back to the national stage. The program's "we over me" culture has driven their goal of becoming a consistent national contender. Overall, expectations are high for another dominant season and a deep run in postseason play.

#### **Head Coach Quote:**

**"This is my 4th year as the Head Coach of the team, and I can honestly say this is the best talent we have had yet. I am excited to get on the floor, and show the country what we have been building in the 704. A mix of returners along with newcomers with college experience will help us compete at a high level all season. This group is battle tested and ready to compete in a great league. Expectations are high, the want is higher and that will be shown when we step on the floor November 1st. As always, #weoverme."**

- Coach Mac Barfield



## **2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Claflin Men's Club Basketball

**Mascot:** Panthers

**Location:** Orangeburg, SC

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** TJ Tyson (Captain), Michael Kelly (Captain), Jaylen Weaver (Captain), Arthur Doctor (Head Coach), Jamel Odom (Assistant Coach), Tyshon Grant (Assistant Coach)

**2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: **15-10 (9-7 conference)**
- Tournament Rankings/Results:
- Notables: **Achieved highest ranking in program history (#26)**

**Number of Returning Players (Include starters):** 3 returning players--TJ Tyson, Michael Kelly, Shawn Samuel (2 starters)

**Players to Watch:** TJ Tyson (5'10 PG), Michael Kelly (6'5 Forward), Malik Bray Greer (6'5 Wing)

**New additions:** FRESHMEN--RJ Pickering (5'10 PG), Jaylen Weaver (6'2 PG), Nate Hughes IV (6'3 Guard), Tahj Lathon (6'5 Forward), RJ Weeks (6'3 Forward). **NEWCOMERS:** Jashawn Benbow (6'3 Wing), Malik Greer (6'5 Wing)

**TRANSFERS--**Cameron Felder (6'0 Guard-Francis Marion), JJ Davis (6'0 Guard--Francis Marion)

**Biggest Rival:** SC State Bulldogs

**Best Player Nickname:** Claflin Men's Club Basketball

**2025-26 Season Outlook:** The 2025–2026 Claflin Men’s Club Basketball team enters its second full season in the NCBBA with one clear identity — relentless pace and pressure. With quality depth at every position, this group is built to sustain a high-octane offense and a disruptive, full-court defense for 40



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minutes of hell. Every lineup brings energy, toughness, and versatility, allowing the Panthers to dictate tempo, wear opponents down, and turn defense into transition opportunities. This season, Clafin MCBBA isn't just built to play fast — they're built to make opponents uncomfortable from start to finish.

**Head Coach Quote: “We’re extremely excited to coach this group. Our key returners, coupled with versatile transfers, new additions, and an exciting freshman class, give us the balance and depth to do what we do best — dictate pace and disrupt on the defensive end. This team is hungry, competitive, and plays with a chip on its shoulder — all qualities that I believe will translate into major success this season.”**



## **2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Davidson

**Mascot:** Wildcats

**Location:** Davidson, NC

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Ezra Smith, Jacob Asbill, Ford Disbrow

**2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: 19-3 (14-2 in conference)
- Tournament Rankings/Results: Lost in Regional Final. 1<sup>st</sup> place in the South Atlantic - West conference
- Notables: Won the South Atlantic - West conference and made it to the regional finals. Fell just short of an at-large bid to nationals. Ended the season ranked #11 in the country. Won the annual UNCW invitati

**Number of Returning Players (Include starters):** 7 Including the entire starting 5

**Players to Watch:** David DeBusschere (1<sup>st</sup> team all-American last year)

**New additions:** Freshmen Sam Lust and Noah Jennings and former football player Zion Wells

**Biggest Rival:** UNC Charlotte

**Best Player Nickname:** Charles “Chuckington” Seston

**2025-26 Season Outlook:** Returning all 5 starters after a very successful season last year leaves us with high hopes for the season. We added some nice depth with some of the new guys and hope to compete at a high level in our division and higher.

**Head Coach Quote:** It’s hard to beat five gritty guys.



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## **2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** East Tennessee State

**Mascot:** Buccaneers

**Location:** Johnson City, TN

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Coach: Brennen Scott / Captains: Isaiah Washington & Chris Watkins

**2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: **0-10**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **2-4**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include starters):** Washington, Watkins, and Ownby ( 1 starter-Washington)

**Players to Watch:** Isaiah Washington & Brandon Jamison

**New additions:** Michael Akridge, Jair Render, Jarvis Scipio, Ethan Fine, Travon Smiles, Juan Gallardo, Jaiden Brown, Brandon Jamison

**Biggest Rival:** N/A

**Best Player Nickname:** N/A

**2025-26 Season Outlook:** Very strong back court with a much improved front court from last year. Looking to really compete this year as we some what struggled in our first year as a club.

**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



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they're on offense against us, it's not going to be fun, you're not going to have a good time. You will have to earn every bucket you get.



## **2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Florida-Blue**

**Mascot: Gator**

**Location: Gainesville, FL**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach: Warner Gephardt**  
**Assistant Coach: Nate Giovannucci**

**2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: **20-4**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Won Battle in the Swamp, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ohio State tournament**
- Notables: **Peaked at #4 and finished #16 nationally, lost to UNC in regional tournament**

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

**Players to Watch: Noah Volel, Logan Traband, Tyler Shultz, Joe DeBlasio**

**New additions: Joaquin Pineyrua, Dani Lorenzo, Ethan Litten, + more**

**Biggest Rival: Florida State**

**Best Player Nickname: Noah Volel: Get Bouncey**

**2025-26 Season Outlook: Best team we've had yet, conference and national championship standard, sincerely believe we are a top team in the country**

**Head Coach Quote: "No more excuses, time to win"**



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## **2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Florida-Orange**

**Mascot: Gators**

**Location: Gainesville, FL**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach: Emory Bender**  
**Assistant Coach: AJ Rawicz**

**2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: **4-10 (conference)**
- Tournament Rankings/Results:
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 9**

**Players to Watch: Jake Lynch, Seamus Stephenson, Daniel Semenovitch**

**New additions: Will Kicker, Daniel Semenovitch, Demetri Tu**

**Biggest Rival: Florida State**

**Best Player Nickname: Jacop Thigpen: Thiggy (Pronounced Fig-ee)**

**2025-26 Season Outlook: Upset watch every week, conference champion goals**

**Head Coach Quote: "We're the grit and grind squad of the NCBBA"**



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## **2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: Lynn Crusaders**

**Mascot: Crusaders**

**Location: Boca Raton, FL**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Nick Flowers: Captain. Coaches: Mason Schawber, Braden Kramer, Yuzny Faquir**

**2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: **1-7**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Georgia Tech Invitational: 0-4. UCF Hardwood Hoops: 0-3**
- Notables: **All losses single digits**

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

**Christian Hernandez**

**Adam Ezzaoui**

**Noble Jaron Silas Whitfield**

**Luke Verrelli**

**Justin Van De Loo**

**Players to Watch:**

**23 Nick Flowers**

**17 Adam Ezzaoui**

**13 Tomas Cuesta**

**8 Noble Whitfield**



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**New additions:**

Nick Flowers

Luka Dermott

Tomas Cuesta

Max Sidberry

Wes Nobile

**Biggest Rival:** Open to suggestion

**Best Player Nickname:** Noble “Whoopy” Whitfield

**2025-26 Season Outlook:** Regional Playoffs

**Head Coach Quote:** If you want to shine like the stars you have to play like one



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## 2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

**Team Name:** University of Miami

**Mascot:** Hurricanes

**Location:** Coral Gables, Florida

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Captains: Favio Cadet and Mason Sheffield

**2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: 13-2
  - Tournament Rankings/Results: *Won UCF Knights of the Hardwood Tournament, Back-to-Back South Atlantic-South Champion, #12 NCBBA Final Poll*
  - Notables: *Attended South Atlantic Regionals with only five total players and one regular starter (advanced to Nationals at the no. 5 seed during the 2023-24 season with full roster in attendance)*
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**Number of Returning Players (Include starters):** Mason Sheffield, Favio Cadet, Alessandro Konrad, Alexander Toledo, Christian Yelton, Henry Boone, Hayes Waddy, Ty Herman, Jameson Smith

**Players to Watch:** Mason Sheffield, Favio Cadet, Alessandro Konrad

**New additions:** Ifeanyi Ndokwu, Jihao Wang, Jordan Katz, Latif Lewis, Will Harrington, Giovanni Battimelli, Justin Ickonga

**Biggest Rival:** University of Florida

**Best Player Nickname:** Mason "Shef" Sheffield



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**2025-26 Season Outlook:** Lost a few starters, but kept many rotational pieces who are more than ready to step up and contribute, as well as increased the depth of our roster with many unique skillsets within our bench

**Head Coach Quote:**



## **2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** Nova Southeastern University

**Mascot:** Sharks

**Location:** Davie, Florida

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Christian DiGiso - Co-President, Jordan Hampstead - Co-President, Owen Provenzano - Vice President

**2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):**

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

**Number of Returning Players (Include starters):** 13 Returners (Christian DiGiso, Jordan Hampstead, Owen Provenzano, Sebastian Ornes, Adam LaPorte, Cam Ball, Trevor Buxbaum, Nick Callari, Jeremiah Posey, Dre Cole, Ilya Olenev, Lucas McMillion, Ryan Smith)

**Starters:** Christian DiGiso, Jeremiah Posey, Nick Callari, Ilya Olenev, Adam LaPorte

**Players to Watch:** 6'4 Nick Callari (Athletic Lanky Wing), 6'4 Adam LaPorte (Bruising Stretch Big), 6'3 Tim Jacobus (Former NCAA Hooper, Point Forward)

**New additions:** 11 New Additions Tim Jacobus (4 Year Player at Westfield State), Chris Hart, CJ Tapoko, Dane Eggleston, Devonte Carter, Joe Sparacio, Julien Diaz, Ramsey Jenkins IV, Sebastian Megal, Shane Jackman, Varun Panjeti

**Biggest Rival:** University of Miami

**Best Player Nickname:** Ramsey "Snipa" Jenkins IV

**2025-26 Season Outlook:** Athletic team who loves to defend and get out in transition. Unselfish group who shares the ball well and plays for each other.



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**Head Coach Quote: "I'm extremely excited for this year, we have a great group of guys who play well together. We're back in NCBBA this year after a year's hiatus, and we're looking to be extremely competitive in the South Atlantic - South conference."**



## **2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name: University of Tennessee (Tennessee Volunteers)**

**Mascot: Volunteers**

**Location: Knoxville, TN**

**Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach: Henry Pociask | Captains: TBD**

**2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):**

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

**Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 9 - Cade Wiggins Grant Dersnah, Isaiah Peter-Daniels, Lincoln Aholt, Matthew Silitsky, Michael Faragalli, Rob Eldridge, Shane Buoye, & Tyler Birk**

**Players to Watch: Lincoln Aholt, Grant Dersnah, & Jake Broxterman**

**New additions: 5 - Colby Lamb, Hudson Gill, Jack Loftus, Jake Broxterman, Tyson Ziegler**

**Biggest Rival: N/A**

**Best Player Nickname: Jack Loftus (Big Red)**

**2025-26 Season Outlook: Added size, depth, and athleticism. Changed entire coaching staff. Coming off the most successful season in program history. The team has one goal, WIN A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Head Coach Quote: I am most looking forward to the versatility our roster provides. Ultimately, the goal is to compete and win every time we get on the court.**



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## **2025-26 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE**

**Team Name:** UNC Wilmington

**Mascot:** Seahawk

**Location:** Wilmington, NC

**Captain(s)/Coach(s):** Bo Holcombe, Paul Rose

**2024-2025 Performance (If applicable):**

- Record: **5-9**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **NCBBA South Atlantic 7<sup>th</sup> Place Finish**
- Notables:

**Number of Returning Players (Include starters):** 6 Team Returners, 4 Returning Starters (Bo Holcombe, Jake Leighton, Charlie Russell and Paul Rose)

**Players to Watch:** Charlie Russell, Jake Leighton, Stone Holcombe

**New additions:** Stone Holcombe, Josh Ryder, Avery Pruitt, Zach Faulkner

**Biggest Rival:**

**Best Player Nickname:** Paul "Sweet P" Rose

**2025-26 Season Outlook:** With 2024-2025 serving as a rebuild year the Seahawks have a bright outlook for the future. With a good group of returning guys who have found a role along with a few new faces, we look to surprise a lot of teams this year.

**Head Coach Quote:**