



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: University of Alabama

Mascot: Crimson Tide

Location: Tuscaloosa, AL

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Elyjah Richardson, Max Wilson

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

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

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 6 (3 starters)

Players to Watch: Mason Dunlap, Ethan Fowler, Marcus Ball, Tierren Thomas

New additions: Mason Dunlap, Ethan Fowler, Tierren Thomas, Dean Soulsby, Josh Buthcer, Dillon Orr

Biggest Rival: Tennessee

Best Player Nickname: Big Teez (Tierren Thomas)

2026-27 Season Outlook: The best team Alabama has ever had. Lots of new talent with 6 veterans from the first ever club team all running it back. Spearheaded by former University of Missouri St. Louis guard Mason Dunlap and former Motlow State guard Tierren Thomas. Lacked in size in the past few years, 4+ guys over 6'6 now.

Head Coach Quote: "The only team that can stop us is injuries."



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Claflin University Men's Club Basketball

Mascot: Panthers

Location: Orangeburg, South Carolina

Captain(s):

RJ Pickering Jr.

Jaylen Weaver

Michael Kelly

Coaches:

Arthur Doctor Jr., Head Coach

Michael Shuler, Associate Head Coach

Gervaris Wearing, Assistant Coach

Ashari Lewis, Assistant Coach

Jamel Odom, Assistant Coach

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

- **Record:** 24-5 overall; 9-1 South Atlantic East
- **Tournament Rankings/Results:** South Atlantic East Champions; Battle 4 The Hill Champions; South Atlantic Regional Tournament Semifinalists
- **Notables:** South Atlantic East Champions; ranked as high as No. 6 nationally and finished the season ranked No. 12 in the country. A program-record 24 wins highlighted a breakthrough season. Had 4 All-Americans

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 8 returning players, including key starters and three All-Americans: RJ Pickering Jr., JJ Davis, Jashawn Benbow, Jaylen Weaver, Michael Kelly, Cameron Felder, Nate Hughes IV and Shawn Samuel.

Players to Watch: RJ Pickering Jr. (All-American PG): elite floor general who recorded 150 assists and 55 steals last season. JJ Davis (All-American G): proven perimeter scorer and shot creator. Jashawn Benbow (All-American F): led the



NATIONAL CLUB BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

country in total points and rebounds; physical inside presence, rebounder and consistent scoring threat. Jaylen Weaver (G): versatile two-way leader and captain. Michael Kelly (G/W): veteran captain and perimeter shooting threat.

New additions: Deyon Ford, MyKhari Bell, Kamauri Hunter, Jahleel Gaines, Ben Miles, Jesse Omeire, Christian Davis, and Ean Mitchell

Biggest Rival: UNC Charlotte & South Carolina State

Best Player Nickname: We have several players capable of being our best player on any given night. With three returning All-Americans and a talented supporting cast, our strength isn't built around one individual. It's built around the collective.

2026-27 Season Outlook: Expectations have never been higher for Claflin University Men's Club Basketball. Coming off a historic 24–5 campaign that included a South Atlantic East Conference Championship and a semifinal appearance in the South Atlantic Regional Tournament, the Panthers enter 2026–27 determined to take the next step.

We return three All-Americans—RJ Pickering Jr., JJ Davis and Jashawn Benbow—alongside an experienced leadership core and an athletic group of newcomers. That combination of proven production, depth and versatility positions the Panthers to compete at a high level throughout the season.

While defending the South Atlantic East title remains a priority, we have our sights set on the program's first South Atlantic Regional Championship, a first NCBBA National Championship Tournament appearance and the opportunity to compete for a national title.

Head Coach Quote: “We’ve reached a point in our program where winning games is no longer enough. We’re building a culture that expects to compete for championships. Returning three All-Americans gives us a strong foundation, but talent alone won’t get us where we want to go. Our success will be determined by our toughness, discipline, consistency, and willingness to put the team above ourselves. We want to play fast, defend all 94 feet, and make opponents earn everything. Last season proved what we’re capable of, but we’re not satisfied with being in the conversation. We want to be one of the last teams standing in April. That’s the expectation, and that’s what we’re working toward every day.”

— Coach Doc



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Coastal Carolina University

Mascot: Chanticleers

Location: Conway, South Carolina

Coach(s): Montey Royster

Captain(s): Andrew Ciseck-Gaeckle, Devin Lynch, Rob Scallevo

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: Unfinished season (2-4 conference record)
- Tournament Rankings/Results: N/A
- Notables: N/A

Number of Returning Players (Include starters):

7 (Andrew Ciseck-Gaeckle, Devin Lynch, Rob Scallevo, Ty Bennett, Joshua Greene, Chris Williams, Jaden Simmons)

Players to Watch:

Chris Williams, Ty Bennett, Andrew Ciseck-Gaeckle, Jalen Archie, Mike Kondrya, Rob Scallevo

New additions: Jalen Archie, Mike Kondrya, Tucker Buffum, Julien Quinerly, D'Anthony Terry, Holden Luttrell

Biggest Rival: Appalachian State

Best Player Nickname: N/A

2026-27 Season Outlook: Looking to make the national rankings and make a playoff push.



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Davidson College

Mascot: Wildcats

Location: Davidson, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Jacob Asbill, Ezra Smith, Mason Zarlingo

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: 7-3
- Tournament Rankings/Results: n/a
- Notables: **Ranked in the NCBBA top 10 for part of the season**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 10 (5 starters)

Players to Watch: David DeBusschere, Henry Rendle

New additions: Nakoma Scott (junior, ex-football player), Zion Wells (junior, ex-football player), Alex Blanchard (freshman), Eli Sherman (freshman)

Biggest Rival: UNC-Charlotte

Best Player Nickname: Henry "Bendy" Rendle

2026-27 Season Outlook: Bit of a rebuilding year last year with half our team being abroad all Fall, but we're back in action and feeling better than ever this year. Returning the entire starting five (with four of the five starters from our regionals run two years ago) and a core of seniors who have been playing together for years, we have high hopes.



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

Head Coach Quote: I heard this story about a fish. He swims up to this older fish and says "I'm trying to find this thing they call the ocean." "The ocean," says the older fish "that's what you're in right now." "This," says the young fish "this is water, what I want is the ocean."



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Duke

Mascot: Blue Devils

Location: Durham, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Luca Adams Agresti, Wiley Thornton / Jean Ducos

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **0-10**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **N/A**
- Notables: **Not much**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 14

Players to Watch: 6'5" Rohith "Roku" Kumar, 5'7" Bridger Lavine

New additions: Freshmen: Timothy Mei, Robbie Kozman, Logan Johnson, Bridger Lavine, Sam Richins, David Flores, Jason Chen. Graduate students: Carter Frank

Biggest Rival: UNC

Best Player Nickname: Rohith "Avatar Roku" Kumar

2026-27 Season Outlook: This season is looking to be an exciting one for us. We have acquired a strong freshmen class that will benefit our already dominant upperclassmen. However, we seem to have run into the recurring issue of having too many guards. This situation will not get any better when Itai Rotem and Charlie "The Ghanian White Chocolate" Cooper return from their trips abroad, as, realistically, both are max 5'10". We will remedy this by throwing our captains, Luca Adams-Agresit and Wiley Thornton in the paint, however.



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

Head Coach Quote: “Looking forward to having our former d3 prospects make a splash this year as well our new incoming freshmen that are non liabilities on both ends. We pride ourselves on heart, energy, and critical thinking. Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard! I’ll be saying this all season! Go Duke!”



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Elon University

Mascot: Phoenix

Location: Elon, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach- Jonathon Moore, Captains- Dan Sprake & Wyatt Trundle

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: 4-6
- Tournament Rankings/Results: T-4 South Atlantic Central Conference
- Notables: went 2-0 against Coastal Carolina and Duke

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 6 returners- Sprake, Klein, Roussel, Geraghty, Rechetnikov, Kramer (2 starters- Sprake, Roussel)

Players to Watch: 6-0 Dan Sprake, 6-2 Luke Roussel, 6-4 Alex Rechetnikov, and 6-5 Caleb Wacławski

New additions: Freshmen- Caleb Wacławski, Ethan Kaplowitz, Henry Stillerman; Junior- Noah Sides

Biggest Rival: Campbell University

Best Player Nickname: N/A

2026-27 Season Outlook: Strong leadership in guard spots (Sprake and Geraghty) along with a lot of depth in guards/forwards to help the bigs out on the glass.

Head Coach Quote: N/A



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: High Point University

Mascot: Panthers

Location: High Point, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach Matt McCarthy

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: 2-5
- Tournament Rankings/Results:
- Notables: Four returning starters provide a foundation for this year's rebuild.

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): Four

Players to Watch: Hailey Mannella; Aaliyah Coley; Madison Mingo

New additions: Twelve new players join the Panthers, bringing fresh energy, depth, and competition to the roster.

2026-27 Season Outlook:

High Point enters its first season in the NCBBC Mid-Atlantic with four returning starters and 12 new players. The Panthers are rebuilding with an emphasis on developing chemistry, establishing a strong team culture, and playing consistent, competitive basketball. Returning experience and a large group of newcomers give High Point an opportunity to take meaningful steps forward and build a foundation for sustained success.

Head Coach Quote:

“We’re excited to begin our first season in the NCBBC Mid-Atlantic. With four returning starters and 12 new players, building chemistry will be a big part of our growth. Our focus is on competing hard, playing together, and establishing a culture our players are proud to be part of.”



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: James Madison University Men's Club Basketball

Mascot: Dukes

Location: Harrisonburg, VA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captains - Ben Hall, Matt Schwartz

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: 25-4 (15-1 Conference Record)
- Tournament Rankings/Results: JMU Crown Invitational 3rd Place, NC State Tournament 3rd place, NCBBA National Championship Tournament 2nd Place
- Notables: Finished 2nd in the country after losing to UCLA in the National Championship.

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 13 returners, 2 starters - Ben Hall (Starter), Matt Schwartz (Starter), Alioune Sene, Drew Hatter, Carter Working, Connor Stredrick, Darren Sluss, Ethan Hodges, Hudson Bock, Liam Garriepy, Wes Nardillo, Will Vachet, Zach Murphy

Players to Watch: Ben Hall, Matt Schwartz, Alioune Sene, Drew Hatter, Zach Murphy, Zach Nemets

New additions: Austin Crandall, Ben Bolle, Caleb Matthews, Camden Thibeault, Landon Buhrman, Mason Ogburn, Nolan Garstka, Will Crisafi, Zach Nemets

Biggest Rival: UCLA

Best Player Nickname: The Mad Hatter

2026-27 Season Outlook: Last year, we had an entirely new starting lineup and still fought our way back to the National Championship. This year, we have 2 starters returning along with great players that have continuously improved during their time on the team that will have no problem filling into the starting lineup and rotation off the bench. We expect to improve our record this year to at least 28 wins.



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

Head Coach Quote: We have a lot of new talent joining our team and a lot of returners that will step into bigger roles this year. I am confident when these players get their opportunity to make an impact they will go above and beyond and propel us back to the National Championship for the 5th year in a row.



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Mascot: Volunteers

Location: Knoxville, TN

Captain(s)/Coach(s): HC: Henry Pociask, AC: Camden Coltrain, Captains: TBD

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **Overall: 9-5 , Conference: 7-3**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Finished 2nd in the South-Atlantic West Region, Semifinal round at Mizzou Jam**
- Notables: **1 3rd team All-American returning, played National Semifinalist Florida down to the wire in regional tournament**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): Returners (10): Carter, Ziegler, Buoye, Dersnah, Aholt, Birk, Eldridge, Dryden, Peters-Daniels, Loftus (Starters (4): Carter, Buoye, Dersnah, Aholt)

Players to Watch: Desai Carter, Lincoln Aholt

New additions: Sr. Tanner Mikulecky, Fr. Isaac Vroon, and Fr. George Stewart

Biggest Rival: Alabama

Best Player Nickname: Isaiah Peters-Daniels: Zay Go Dummy

2026-27 Season Outlook: Strong upperclassmen class returning. Highlighted by frontcourt (Aholt and Dersnah), two 4 year starters. With 10 returners, look for a strong team on an off the court.



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

Head Coach Quote: "After finishing second in the conference we return 4 out of 5 starters and are looking to build on last year's success. We have a close group and are ready to compete every game with the ultimate goal of winning." -Henry Pociask



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: UNC Charlotte

Mascot: Forty Niners

Location: Charlotte, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Coach - Anthony Franchi,
Captains :

- Roncellis Marshall, Caleb Gilmore

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **10-0 in conference**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Lost first round regionals**
- Notables: **Conference Champions**

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 7 Returners - Will Harvey, Xavier Crawford, Braylen Mumford, Grayson Cathey, Roncellis Marshall, Caleb Gilmore, Kam Taylor (3 Starters - Roncellis Marshall, Caleb Gilmore, Kam Taylor)

Players to Watch: Roncellis Marshall, Caleb Gilmore

New additions: Cooper Herakovich, Kazim Oladipo, Chase Gilmore, Austin Richards, Izeal Mallory, Kam Barnes, Logan Segers

Biggest Rival: Davidson

Best Player Nickname: Izeal "Moose" Mallory



NATIONAL CLUB BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 Season Outlook:

Coming off an undefeated 10-0 conference record and a conference championship, the UNC Charlotte Forty Niners enter the 2026–2027 season looking to build on last year's success. Despite a disappointing first-round exit at regionals, Charlotte returns seven players, including three starters, led by captains Roncellis Marshall and Caleb Gilmore. With a strong returning core and seven new additions, the Forty Niners have the talent and experience to remain competitive at the top of the conference.

Under new Head Coach Anthony Franchi, Charlotte's biggest challenge will be developing chemistry with its newcomers while maintaining the consistency that fueled last season's success. With more competition added to the conference, another undefeated conference season is far from guaranteed. However, the Forty Niners are in a strong position to compete for back-to-back conference championships. Ultimately, the team's success will be measured by its ability to move past last season's regional disappointment and make a deeper postseason run.

Head Coach Quote:

“Last season set the standard for what this program is capable of, but we know there's still another level we need to reach. With a new coaching staff, a strong returning core, and some talented new additions, our focus is on building chemistry, competing every day, and establishing a winning culture. We respect what this team accomplished last year, but we're not satisfied with just winning the conference. Our goal is to take that next step, make a deeper postseason run, and continue building Charlotte into a program that can compete with anyone in the country.”

— Head Coach Anthony Franchi



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: UNCW Men's Club Basketball

Mascot: Seahawks

Location: Wilmington, North Carolina

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Captains: Senior Charlie Russell, Senior Nick Ferrucci. Coach: Chris Reuning

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: N/A
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Runner up in our Annual Beach tournament**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 8

Players to Watch: Freshman Matthew Rivlin, D3 Transfer Noah Tucker, Juco Transfer Anderson Lee, Returning Junior Jake leighton

New additions: Freshman Matthew Rivlin, D3 Transfer Noah Tucker, Juco Transfer Anderson Lee, Juco Transfer Sam Streeter, Sophomore Tafari, Freshman Luke Hanson, Junior Jacob Wayand

Biggest Rival: South Carolina

Best Player Nickname: Jake "Late" Leighton

2026-27 Season Outlook: Have a very good roster this year. A lot of talented players and new talent being brought in. A good returning squad as well, and with a coach and well-run program we are expecting win a lot of games this year.

Head Coach Quote: "This is a taleneted group we have this year. From playmakers, to shooters, to big men, we have it all. There is no reason this group won't be able to compete with the best."



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)

Mascot: Rams

Location: Richmond, VA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Head Coach - Jaden Mckenzie /// Captains - Derrick Daniels, Jakhi Beale, Elijah Wise, and James Dapogny

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

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

Number of Returning Players (Include starters):

Players to Watch: 6-3 Roman Hendrix , 6-8 Jordan Corry 6-0 Jakhi Beale 6-4 Derrick Daniels

New additions: 6 additions all capable of completely taking over a game. 6-2 Jordan Watson, 6-0 Yassin Mostafa, 6-2 Joel Basue, 6-0 Zayveon Joyner (Efficient 3-Level Scorer) 6-2 Josh Ntiamoah, 5-9 Andrew Owens (Pest)

Biggest Rival: University of Richmond

Best Player Nickname: Elijah “Prez” Wise , James “White Magic Dapogny”

2026-27 Season Outlook: Returning almost 90% of production from last year plus the new additions of highly talented players. Just about everyone on the team is capable of winning the game for us. All but 2 players are true threats from beyond the arc. Team Chemistry is super high.



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

Head Coach Quote: "Leave it all out on the floor" "See you in Eerie"



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: UVA Men's Club Basketball

Mascot: Cavaliers

Location: Charlottesville, VA

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Narasimhan Raman (President), Colin Fuller (Vice President)

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

- Record: **14-2**
- Tournament Rankings/Results: **Regional Semifinals Loss**
- Notables:

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 10

Players to Watch: Charlie McDermott, Luca Cresti, Blake Wilson

New additions: Kendall Jones (Bron)

Biggest Rival: JMU and VT

Best Player Nickname: Hayden German: White Shai

2026-27 Season Outlook: Whole lotta winning

Head Coach Quote: All the shots you don't make, you miss all of em



NATIONAL CLUB
BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION

850 Ridge Avenue
Suite 301
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Office: (412) 321-8440
Fax: (412) 321-4088

2026-27 NCBBA TEAM PREVIEW GUIDE

Team Name: Wake Forest

Mascot: Demon Deacons

Location: Winston Salem, NC

Captain(s)/Coach(s): Zach Epp, Reed Rzasnicki, Charlie Shevick

2025-2026 Performance (If applicable):

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

Number of Returning Players (Include starters): 15

Players to Watch: Zach Epp, Charlie Shevick, Reed Rzasnicki (Lethal Trio)

New additions: 10 guys

Biggest Rival: UNC Wilmington

Best Player Nickname: Max “Big Freaky” Jacobsen

2026-27 Season Outlook: Road to Nationals

Head Coach Quote: It’s not who I am underneath, but what I do that defines me”
-Batman