

Observer rates area hoop talent

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Who are some of the top returning basketball players in the observerized?

The faces will be new to many as all seven first-team All-Area picks have graduated.

Where are they now?

Borgers's Parish Hickman scored six points for Michigan State in Monday's victory over Furman.

Da Juan Smith of Borgers is at Eastern Kentucky, while teammate Dwayne Kelly, a Proposition 48 victim, is spending a year in junior college in Florida before reporting next season to Central Michigan.

Of CC's All-Area contingent last year, Bill Vitti and Brian Dugas are members of the Saginaw Valley State team. Teammate Anthony Arrington attends Albion College.

Wayne Memorial's Shawn Wimberly attends Owens Tech in Toledo. He scored 19 points in a victory last weekend against Schoolcraft College, of all teams.

Here is a look at the area's preseason top 10:

PRESEASON TOP 10

1. Shawn Respect, junior guard, Bishop Borgers: The school has produced several outstanding players over the years including Lewie Scott (Eastern Michigan), Joe Gregory (Bowling Green) and Hickman. Respect will be the next. The 6-foot-3 guard is a sweet shooter with range and could be the school's all-time scoring leader before he's through.

2. Matt Hoffman, junior guard, N. Farmington: Only 5-10, but the point-guard led his team to the WLA title in 1988, averaging 18 points per game on the year. An adept ball-handler who can penetrate and find the open man. A decent three-point shooter as well. A basketball junkie who is a genuine floor leader. He will be loved early in the season by an ankle injury.

3. Chad Borgers, junior forward, Harrison: His job is to score as evidenced by his 19-point per game scoring average last season. He tallied a school-record 44 points last year against Claremont. At 6-3 he is a good leaper. If Borgers improves his ball-handling, he could attract interest among Division I college coaches.

4. Terry Boykin, senior guard, Redford OC: A good ball-handler who gained confidence running the point last year for the Shamrocks. Boykin, a 6-footer, can shoot off the dribble and create. He is an intense competitor who should come into his own this season.

5. Ray Richards, senior forward, Redford OC: At 6-5 he has a good touch around the hoop, but needs to toughen up on the boards as Vitti did for the Shamrocks a year ago. He could be the key to OC making a run at the Central Division crown.

6. Brian Pasporo, senior forward, Fly, Canton: At 6-5, the lefty can shoot with range, but like Richards, he needs to toughen up his game and be a force inside. Tends to float at times, but has the scoring touch to be a reckoned with in the WLA.

7. Bryan Wandross, senior forward, Farm. Harrison: We all know what he could do in football and he'll be a great to watch in basketball. His leaping ability is second to none. He dunks easily and will be a stopper on defense. He's worked on his shooting and should make him miserable for WLA opponents.

8. Mike Boyle, senior center, St. Agatha: A bruising center who averaged 14 points per game last year. He's a good athlete, making the All-Catholic League football team. The 6-7 returnee likes to rebound and mix it up inside.

9. Chris Poplin, senior forward, Westland Glenn: Maybe a surprise to some, but not to this writer. At 6-4, he's got an inside-outside body and will be the man the Rockets look to for scoring in the paint. A good touch for a big man. Came on strong last year and should complement Glenn's two outside shooters, Greg Anderson and Casey Killingbeck.

10. Jason Belaire, senior center, Liv. Chevrolet: The only returning starter from last year's team, Belaire is a 6-3 leaper who should get his points in the paint. His outside shooting and ball-handling is a question mark, but his inside game is solid.

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Junior guards complement height

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team at midseason. He averaged 13 points as a JV player and six on the varsity.

"We're looking for him to score a little more this year," Kaump said. "He was a little hesitant to shoot as a sophomore."

Kaump believes he has 13 players who can contribute at any given time, and 5-8 P.J. Green, 6-0 Chris Schmid and 6-0 Gene Tokraks are juniors who make Farmington deep at guard. All three averaged 10 points for a JV team that scored 50 per game.

"They're not huge, yet they're not shy about shooting," Kaump said.

Green is apt to start alongside Browne in the backcourt, and 5-10 senior Lamont Hargde will help back there, though he hasn't played since he was a freshman.

THE JV TEAM lost 10 to 12 points a game and its best ball handler, when Browne was elevated to varsity last year, "but it gave Green, Schmid and Tokraks a chance to im-

prove their games," Kaump said. "It's going to be hard to find playing time for all these kids, because they are so close in ability."

The Falcons also lost Drew McDougall, who played center at 6-1, and swingman Brandon London, but Farmington has some capable replacements in the middle.

Dennis Raini, 6-3 senior, is a hard-nosed player and good rebounder, according to Kaump. Raini was co-MVP on the JV team two years ago and will get the starting nod at center.

"He'll outbounce the other forwards," Kaump said. "He knows the other kids are going to throw the ball at the hole, and he'll have to go and get it."

Mike Williams, 6-4 senior, played in four games last year before his family moved to Texas. But he is back at Farmington and, though he won't be eligible until January because of the move, will give the Falcons added size and board strength.

In addition, Farmington can call on 6-2 jun-

ior Lawrence Stackhouse, a transfer from California, and 6-2 junior Greg Bjedov to spell Myers and Brown at forward. Bjedov averaged 10-plus rebounds on the JV.

THE VARSITY roster also includes 5-7 senior Jim Wharton, 6-3 senior Geoff Childress, 6-0 junior Keith Shorter and 5-11 junior Wes Brockman.

"I think we're going to be tough inside," Kaump said, "because we're tall and, overall, I believe the league is not as big as in the past. Also, the strongest part of our JV program was the guards."

Farmington was primarily a half-court team last year, but the Falcons will look to use the full court more often this year, according to Kaump.

"We're going to do a little of both," he said. "If we're playing a smaller team, we'll have (Brown and Myers) go down and post up. I don't believe opponents will be able to double down on us as much as they want, because the

guards can shoot.

"Also, we're going to try for an up-tempo game, even with the big kids. I feel they can rebound the ball and get it out on the break."

Farmington, however, will do as well as its young guards perform, Kaump added. But he likes what he sees in that group of players and is confident.

FURTHERMORE, the Falcons have worked hard in the off-season. Unlike past teams, Farmington was active all summer and shed the idea of trying to play the game just three months of the year.

Myers is an example of that dedication, Kaump said.

"Mike Myers couldn't start on the freshman team as a freshman," he said, "and now he's our captain and will probably be our leading scorer."

"He's the proverbial gym rat. The custodian have to tell him it's time to go home. And he still gets A's and B's."

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