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POST-BASKETBALL SEASON OVERVIEW: HEMINGWAY TIGERS BOYS BASKETBALL

This season marked Coach Mark Brailsford's first year as head coach of the Hemingway Tigers Boys Basketball Team. From the beginning, the team focused on teamwork, discipline, and skill development. They responded well, overcoming challenges and making a successful playoff push. The players experienced significant growth on and off the court, refining their offensive and defensive strategies. They improved under pressure, demonstrating resilience in close games. Their end-of-season playoff berth highlighted the hard work and dedication of each player.

Off-Season Preparation for Next Season: 1. Player Development: - Skill Refinement: Focus on shooting, ball-handling, passing, and defensive positioning. - Conditioning: Prioritize strength training, agility drills, and endurance exercises. 2. Team Chemistry Building: - Teamwork and Communication: Organize team-building exercises. - Film Study: Review game footage to identify areas for improvement. 3. Tactical Preparation: - Playbook Updates: Adjust the playbook to enhance offensive and defensive strategies. - Opponent Analysis: Research potential opponents and prepare game plans. The overall goal for the offseason is to ensure that players return next season not only as a more skilled and cohesive unit but also with the mindset and preparation needed to elevate their performance and achieve greater success. The foundation has been laid, and the team is ready to build on it as they move forward. Blue Blood always!

POST-BASKETBALL SEASON OVERVIEW: KINGSTREE BLAZERS BOYS BASKETBALL

Head Coach Shawn Evans explained that his team is young and currently in a rebuilding phase. He aims to foster a strong team culture and recognizes that building a successful program takes time. Coach Evans believes his players are still learning how to play basketball the right way as a cohesive unit, but he is encouraged by their drive to improve. This drive is crucial for their development. The past season did not end as they had hoped, and the team understood that each game would be a challenge. In Coach Evans' opinion, Kingstree's current region is one of the toughest, if not the toughest, in 2A basketball.

His players are hungry and eager to learn. Unlike last year, the majority of the team will be returning for the upcoming season. Evans is excited to see who will step up and take on the roles necessary for the team and program's success.

From last season's roster, they will be losing four seniors—Mal'aki Matthews, ChiQuan Giles, Kyheem Reed, and Dawnovin Keels—who were all vital in developing the program. Coach Evans wishes them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Summer Plan

Since the Kingstree Blazers compete in a challenging region, the team's primary focus will be on individual development and building team chemistry. The goal is to keep the players together as much as possible. Coach Evans hopes to participate in a tournament or two to gauge the team's improvement. They take pride in their community, and initiatives such as highway clean-up projects and summer camps will continue to strengthen the support from fans and the local community.