

HIGH SCHOOLS

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOYS BASKETBALL OUTLOOKS

ANNAPOLIS

NICKNAME: Panthers
COACH: John Brady, 31st season
LAST SEASON: 19-6, advanced to Class 3A East Region semifinals
TOP RETURNEES: Sean Brice (Sr., 5-9, G); Teon Watson (Sr., 6-2, F); Brian Eng (Sr., 6-6, F); Garree Boston (Sr., 6-1, G)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Desmond Brown (Sr., 6-1, G); Chris Beck (Jr., 5-11, G); Marlon Mitchell (Jr., 6-1, G); Warren Holliday (Soph., 6-2, F); AJ Savoy (Sr., 6-7, F)
OUTLOOK: Brice, a quick point guard, is the only retraining starter for the Panthers but that doesn't mean it's a rebuilding year. "We're in the same boat as last year and that team won 19 games," said Brady, the winningest public school coach in the state. "We have guys that can and will step up to fill the voids."
 Watson and Eng will see time in the frontcourt and Boston is a capable scorer at the guard position.
 Brady praised the team for having several players that are in advanced placement courses in school. He said that makes them more versatile.
 "We have some intelligent guys," he said. "They're critical thinkers and that translates into basketball."
 The Panthers start the season with nine of their first 10 games at home.

ANNAPOLIS AREA CS

NICKNAME: Eagles
COACH: Doug Scheidt, 3rd year
LEAGUE: MIAA B Conference
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 17-9, lost to Glenelg in C Conference championship
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Christian Parker (Sr., 6-1, G); Matt Gierl (Jr., 6-3, G/F); Jimmy Day (Sr., 6-3, F); Ethan Cusimano (Sr., 5-11, G); Uzo Okwonko (Sr., 5-10, F); Sean Kelley (Sr., 6-1, F); Forest Williams (Sr., 5-10, G)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Andre Hilliard (So., 6-0, G); Pat Lipinski (Jr., 5-10, G); Zac Scantlin (So., 6-2, F); Will Poulakos (Jr., 6-1, F)
OUTLOOK: The Eagles have made the jump to the B Conference, and they couldn't be more excited to take on the new level of competition. They'll have to overcome more than just the shift of conference, though, as they lost four starters from last year's team that almost captured the C Conference title. "We've got a challenge ahead of us," Scheidt said. "We're a brand new team."
 One of the players that Scheidt was counting on, All-Conference 6-5 senior forward Mark Bennett, will miss the entire season, after a bodysurfing accident left him with a torn labrum.
 "We'll miss him more than anybody," Scheidt said. "He did everything for us, and he would've been a significant scorer."
 Kevin Newton, the team's leading scorer last season, transferred to a prep school in North Carolina.
 Scheidt dubbed Parker, Gierl and Lipinski as his "impact guys," and they should handle most of the scoring load. Each brings a different facet to the game. Parker is a slasher, while Gierl is more of a creative player with a good shoot. Lipinski, a transfer from Mount St. Joseph's, is a good outside shooter as well.

ARCHBISHOP SPALDING

NICKNAME: Cavaliers
COACH: Andy Bauer, 1st year
LEAGUE: MIAA A Conference
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 10-22, advanced to Baltimore Catholic League semifinals
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Franco Greco (Sr., 6-3, SG); Cliff Jones (Jr., 6-5, PF)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Chris Brice (So., 6-0, PG); Delmore Howard (So., 6-4, SF)
OUTLOOK: Bauer, previously the top assistant at Mount St. Joseph's in Baltimore, takes over a powerhouse program that is currently in rebuilding mode. The team's top six players transferred, and coach Dale Chambers was fired after last season, leaving the team with only four players with varsity experience.
 "We're at new beginnings," Bauer said. "We're not going to think about what happened last year."
 Greco, Jones, junior guard Andre Moore and senior center Nick Sals - who played varsity his sophomore year, but didn't play last year - will help Bauer guide the Cavs with their leadership.
 "Even though we are fairly young and inexperienced, our kids are going to play hard for 32 minutes and compete," Bauer said. "If we do that, we'll be able to give most teams in the league a run for their money."

ARUNDEL

NICKNAME: Wildcats
COACH: Jeff Starr, 1st season
LEAGUE: Class 4A
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 13-11
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Jordan Benson (Sr., G); Philip Brown (Sr., G); Brandon Johnson-Farrell (Sr., G); Nick Elko (Sr., F); Ben Hutchinson (Sr., F); Auram Nuiriankh (Jr., F); Greg Rich (Jr., G)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Julian Watson (Sr., G); Mandel Brown (Sr., G/F); Lewis Loatman (Sr., F); Sterling Harris (Sr., G/F); Brett Myers (Sr., G); Alec Lemon (Jr., G); Dererick Rhoades (Jr., G); Terrell Tullis (So., G)
OUTLOOK: The success of the Wildcats football team may haunt the basketball team, at least at the beginning of the season, as Starr is waiting on six players to transition between the sports before he can coach with this full deck.
 "With a good mixture of newcomers and returning players, it might take us a little while to get a good chemistry together," Starr said. "We'll have a majority of seniors on the roster, and hopefully that experience will pay off."
 The Wildcats won't wow anybody with their size, but their speed will allow them to force an up-tempo pace and run the fast break.

TOP 5

Top 5 Capital-Gazette Newspapers' boys basketball teams with last year's record:

- 1. GLEN BURNIE (20-5)**
Defending Class 4A East Region champs are on top until someone knocks them off
- 2. BROADNECK (22-3)**
County champs stumbled in region tourney but return three solid starters
- 3. ST. MARY'S (23-7)**
Under-sized, speedy crew will vye for second straight MIAA B Conf. crown
- 4. SEVERNA PARK (18-8)**
Last year's 3A East Region finalist acquired three primetime transfers
- 5. ANNAPOLIS (19-6)**
Desimated by graduation but legendary coach always finds a way to win

BROADNECK

NICKNAME: Bruins
COACH: John Williams, 5th season
LEAGUE: Class 4A
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 22-3, lost in region quarterfinals
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: J.J. Hicks (Sr., G/F); Kevin Hunt (Sr., F); Mike Atkins (Sr., F); Dan Heffernan (Sr., G)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Trae Byes (Fr., G); Russell Jacobsen (Jr., F); Terran Lovett (Jr., F); Todd Lyles (Jr., G/F); Derek McGee (Jr., F); Sam Moore (Jr., G); C.J. Ricker (Jr., F)
OUTLOOK: Williams returns three starters from his county championship squad of a year ago, in Hicks, Hunt and Atkins. The three of them will anchor the Bruins, a team prepped for another successful season. Transfers Lovett and McGee will add depth to the frontcourt, as well as contribute to the team's versatility.

CHESAPEAKE

NICKNAME: Cougars
COACH: Andrew Lazzor, 3rd year
LEAGUE: Class 4A
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 1-22
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: T.J. Richards (Sr., 6-1, F); Jordan Biggs (Jr., 6-1, F); Zack Bailey (Jr., 6-3, F)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Jake Bell (Jr., 5-10, G); Jordan Emge (Jr., 6-5, C); Jason Tauber (Jr., 6-4, C)
OUTLOOK: The Cougars lacked experience and leadership last year, only featuring two players with varsity experience, but that problem has been rectified. The team returns eight letterwinners, including Richards, the top returning scorer (seven points per game). Lazzor said that Richards has worked on his jumpshot in the offseason and has become more aggressive offensively. Richards' role should expand more as both a scorer and a rebounder.
 Deon Queen, the team's leading scorer from last season, transferred to Long Reach.
 The guard positions will be manned by junior Alex Everett and senior Josh Nichols, who, in the preseason, battled it out for the point, but both earned significant playing time. Senior guard Corey Kepner has potential to be a scoring threat from the outside, Lazzor added.
 Lazzor is excited about the prospects for this season. "I've already seen a lot of changes in their confidence," he said. "Already we're more enthusiastic in practice, which we didn't have last year at this time."

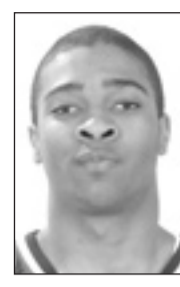
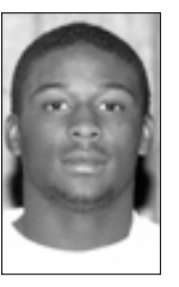
GLEN BURNIE

NICKNAME: Gophers
COACH: Michael Rudd, 12th season
LEAGUE: Class 4A
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 20-5, East Region Champions
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Jarvez Pierce (Sr., G); Antione Wekpe (Sr., C); Terry Oliver (Sr., G/F); Danny Murphy (Jr., F/C); Tyler Rudd (Jr., F); Stan Williams (Sr., F); Marcus Johnson (Sr., G)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Chayse Walker (Sr., F); Derrick Jefferson (Sr., F/C); C.J. Elgridge (Jr., G); Travis Curtis (Jr., F); Shaun Noble (Jr., C); Dave Clyde (So., G); Dave Deavers (So., G)
OUTLOOK: Although Rudd lost some key parts to graduation, he returns a wealth of experience and talent, and he holds high aspirations for this squad. "I like how hard we are working in the preseason. We lost a great group of guys to graduation, but we have a solid nucleus back and quite honestly it's their turn to step up. I think we are going to surprise a lot of people."
 Some of those players that will likely step up include Murphy, who averaged six points and five boards per game last season; Pierce, who dished out 4.5 assists per game; Wekpe, who grabbed six rebounds per game; and Rudd, who sizzled from beyond the arc, shooting at almost 50 percent.

INDIAN CREEK

NICKNAME: Eagles
COACH: Will Bartz, 3rd Season
LEAGUE: MIAA C Conference
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 9-10, lost in CAC quarterfinals
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Mike Hanley (Sr., C); Aaron Han (Sr., G); TJ Barber (Sr., G/F); Justin Bengel (Jr., F); Jack Brennan (So., F); Steven Van Vranken (Sr., F); Jon Hanson (Sr., G); Roy Littlefield (Jr., G)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Miles Ripley (Jr., G); Sam Papavasiliak (So., G) Usman Chaudhry (So., G/F); Wes Anderson (Sr., F/C); Jennings Lundvall (Fr., F)
OUTLOOK: Bartz and his squad face their first year in the MIAA, and they enter this challenge in a good position. The Eagles return every player from last year's team, and they'll hold an advantage in experience and leadership. Hanley, Han and Barber will do the majority of the scoring, while Brennan, Van Vranken, and Hanson will fill in as "the

PLAYERS TO WATCH

MORGAN-GREEN **HICKS**

Below are 10 boys basketball players to keep an eye on this season. Statistics are from the 2006-2007 season.

JOSH MORGAN-GREEN
 Senior, St. Mary's
 Sparked MIAA B champs and was second in the county with 20.1 ppg

J.J. HICKS
 Senior, Broadneck
 Versatile player with great size led county champs with 17.4 ppg, 6.2 rpg

BRAD BALD
 Senior, Severna Park
 Div. I signee transferred from Spalding, will have huge impact for Park

JARVEZ PIERCE
 Senior, Glen Burnie
 Will pick up scoring load for Gophers from guard spot, averaged 3.9 app

MARVIN SMITH
 Senior, Severn
 Three-year starter averaged 15.9 ppg and 6.9 rpg and should control frontcourt

ANDREW BISHOP
 Junior, Southern
 Physical center will help Bulldogs rebound from disappointing season

DEMETRIO FLEET
 Senior, North County
 Savvy guard will bring experience; Knights' top returner scored 12.7 ppg

SEAN BRICE
 Senior, Annapolis
 Only returning starter has good speed and vision, averaged county-best 5.3 app

KEVIN HUNT
 Senior, Broadneck
 Rebounding machine pulled down 11.9 boards a game, second best in county

MANDEL BROWN
 Senior, Arundel
 Meade transfer is a sharp shooter from beyond the arc and will spark Wildcats

role players that keep a team together," Bartz said. The arrival of junior point guard Miles Ripley excites Bartz, as Ripley brings "a new level of intensity and effort" to the table.

KEY SCHOOL

NICKNAME: Obezags
COACH: Darryl Scott, 2nd year
LEAGUE: MIAA C Conference
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 13-12, lost to Glenelg in C Conference semi-finals
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Jake Wechsler (Sr., 5-8, G); Fahmy El-Said (Sr., 5-10, G); Steven Sligh (Sr., 6-1, F); Jake Maldonado (Jr., 5-10, G); Joe Iagulli (Sr., 6-3, F); Theo Anthony (Sr., 6-3, F); Colin Casey (Sr., 6-3, G/F)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Desmond Blackstone (Sr., 6-0, F); Charlie Flanagan (Jr., 6-2, G/F); Ben Ricketts (Jr., 5-10, G); Yosh Chopra (Sr., 5-7, G)
OUTLOOK: The Obezags will try to compensate for the loss of the graduated Julian Maldonado, who now plays lacrosse at Penn. Maldonado, who averaged about 13 points per game last season, was a strong shooter who commanded the attention of the defense and opened up opportunities for other players. Now with that threat gone, Scott will rely on the two-guard attack of Wechsler and El-Said for the bulk of the scoring.
 "We're looking for our new leader, and I can't say one has emerged just yet," Scott said. Other candidates to fill Maldonado's void include his younger brother, Jake. While he is more of a tough and physical guard than he is a finesse shooter, Jake has the ability to provide an offensive lift, Scott said.

MEADE

NICKNAME: Mustangs
COACH: Darryl Adams, 5th year
LEAGUE: Class 3A
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 10-12, advanced to second round of region playoffs
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Antonio Wright (Fr. 5-11, G); Trey Smith (Sr., 5-8, G); Ryan Davis (Sr., 5-10, G); Jonathan Johnson (Sr., 5-10, G); D'Triche Allen (Jr., 6-3, F); Dwight Salmon (Jr., 6-4, C); Travis Roberson (Sr., 6-0, G)
OUTLOOK: Adams lost his starting backcourt from a year ago, and will look to numerous bodies to replenish the void on this senior-laden team. Mandell Brown, who transferred to Arundel, and Jeff Gaston both averaged upwards of 20 points per game last season, and their slack will be picked up by a nucleus of eager players led by starting guards Wright and Smith.
 "It's the year of the opportunity," Adams said. "We'll have a larger rotation than normal, but now a bunch of gifted kids will be able to shine. We look for them all to have very important roles throughout the season and it's a matter of them taking advantage of their opportunities."
 The Mustangs will extend the defense to apply pressure, and, although they don't feature a tall squared, they will try use their speed to force turnovers and to create fast break opportunities.

NORTH COUNTY

NICKNAME: Knights
COACH: Mike Francis, 10th year
LEAGUE: Class 4A
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 13-10, lost in first round of region playoffs to Old Mill
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Davis Ford (Sr., F); Demetrio Fleet (Sr., G); Rob Benney (Sr., F); Nich Bach (Sr., G); Josh Lewis (Sr., G)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Reginald McCintire (Sr., F); Ronald Fisher (Jr., G); Mike Davis (Jr., G); Steadman Beatty (Jr., G) Ben Sprague (Sr., G)
OUTLOOK: The Knights started last year with three returning players who had varsity experience. This year's group has five, four of which have started 10 games or more. Francis hopes this group will call upon their experience and put it all together, with high hopes of advancing further than last year's group did. "Some guys have to step up, and we will be OK," Francis said.

NORTHEAST

NICKNAME: Eagles
COACH: Kevin Gast, 6th year
LEAGUE: Class 3A
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 6-14, lost in second round of region playoffs
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Anthony Miller (Sr., 5-10, PG); John Johnson (Sr., 5-10, G); Mike Riesett (Jr., 6-2, F); Ray McCombs (Sr., 6-3, F)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Avery Artis (Jr., 5-10, G); Joe Bedell (Jr., 5-10, G); Glynn Davis (Jr., 6-2, G); Chris Biederman (Jr., 6-1, G); Shane Gerben (So., 6-0 G); Gibrill Prescod (Sr., 5-11, G); Kyle Blake (Sr., 6-2, F); Tyler Kress (So., 6-2, F); John Hodges (Sr., 6-1, G)
OUTLOOK: Two of last year's top players migrated to the West, leaving Gast with a number of able, yet inexperienced, bodies. Would-be junior guard Brandon Cain and senior guard Donnie Cage moved to Colorado and Arizona, respectively, and the Eagles return only one starter in Miller.
 Despite the losses, Gast is confident that his guard-laden squad can be successful. "In the past we've never had both guys who can penetrate and shoot," Gast said. "This year we're lucky that we have guys that can shoot and go to the rack."
 Davis, Hodges, Biederman and Gerben figure to get the looks from the outside, while Miller will be the floor general leading the charge.
 Down low, the Eagles lack size, but will rely on Glen Burnie-transfer Prescod, Riesett, and McCombs to clean up the boards and put home the easy looks.

OLD MILL

NICKNAME: Patriots
COACH: Greg Smith, 8th year
LEAGUE: Class 4A
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 12-11, lost to Thomas Stone in 4A East semifinals
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Brandon Riley (Sr., 5-8, G); Willie Wolfendale (Sr., 6-4, F); Deonte Puller (Jr., 6-1, G)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Eric Savage (Fr., 5-11, G); Chris Day (So., 5-10, G); Marvin Pinkney (Jr., 6-1, F); Mike Holley (So., 5-10, G); A.J. Mann (Sr., 5-8, G); Anthony Smith (Jr., 6-3, F); Kadeem Joseph (Jr., 6-3, F); Chris Shaw (So., 6-4, C); Tre Summers (So., 6-1, G); Dwayne Spriggs (Sr., 5-11, G)
OUTLOOK: Smith has a talented, yet inexperienced, pool of youngsters, which he'll combine with a star-studded backcourt in hopes of bringing the Patriots back to the state tournament after a one-year hiatus.
 Mann, a transfer from Severn, who Smith says is "fitting in great and is a very intelligent player," has earned the starting point guard spot, and he, along with Puller create one of the more dynamic 1-2 backcourt punches in the county. Smith expects Puller, a team captain, to be the team's leading scorer and an all-around great player this season. "We could ask him to play any position from the point to the 5 and be absolutely comfortable doing that," Smith said.
 The Patriots don't feature a lot of size, so Smith says they will have to be feisty on the defensive end and will try to frustrate defenses into turnovers as a way of producing points. Spriggs, a transfer from South River, is extremely quick and has the potential to be a defensive stopper, Smith said.

SEVERNA PARK

NICKNAME: Falcons
COACH: Paul Pellicani, 15th year
LEAGUE: Class 4A
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 18-8, lost in Class 3A East region finals
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Dan Godio (Sr., G); Alex Alvarado (Sr., F); Mason Mundell (Sr., G); Mike Dixon (Sr., G); Jeremy Carr (Sr., G); Jay An (Sr., G)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Aaron Nutter (So., G); Adam Senholzi (Jr., F); Brad Bald (Sr., C); Brendan Bald (Jr., G); Kevin Marshall (Jr., G); Marques Lowe (Jr., F)
OUTLOOK: The Falcons have gone through an overhaul in personnel, and will have to re-bond their team chemistry to be as successful as last year's regional finalists. "We have a great deal of work to do to get back to the defensive team we have been the last several seasons," Pellicani said. "With lots of new personnel, we are behind where we should be at this point. There are a number of talented, well coached teams in our conference and region. We have to learn to compete on a regular basis if we are to be in the mix come March."
 The top returning scorer is Godio, and he averaged just 4.4 points per game last season. His scoring role will largely be expanded this season. The Falcons will also heavily rely on two Spalding-transfers, the Bald brothers. Brad, who has already signed a letter of intent to play at UNC-Wilmington, should be the predominant force in the low post throughout the county, and he will be the key behind another Severna Park postseason push, should it happen.

SOUTH RIVER

NICKNAME: Seahawks
COACH: Tim Poole, 1st season
LEAGUE: Class 4A
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 7-15, lost to Glen Burnie in 4A East region quarterfinals
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Dewey Smith (Sr., G); Troy Barney (Sr., G); Alvin Carr (Jr., F); Nick Levendusky (Jr., F)
TOP NEWCOMERS: John Friend (Sr., G); David Balinsky (Jr., F); Chris Dunn (Jr., G); Taylor Giordano (Jr., F); Ben Kovalick (Jr., G); Chris Roby (So., G); Tim Jones (So., G); Bryan Williams (So., G)
OUTLOOK: The Seahawks are in rebuilding mode, from the head coach all the way down through the roster. There is reason for excitement in South River, though, as Poole brings a fresh and enthused attitude to the helm. He has inherited a rather inexperienced group, but he's already seen positive signs that make him believe he can put out a winning product.
 "I'm really looking forward to teaching and working with this group," Poole said. "I have already seen marked improvement in the first week of practice. We are a relatively inexperienced team, but these guys have a great attitude. They want to learn and be coached, which is encouraging."

SEVERN SCHOOL

NICKNAME: Admirals
COACH: Charles "Tank" Duckett, 10th season
LEAGUE: MIAA B Conference
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 12-12, lost to Mt. Carmel in first round of B Conference Playoffs
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Marvin Smith (Sr., F/C); Ben Montgomery (Jr., C); Tyler Thurston (Jr., G); Alex Testoff (Jr., G); Clay Palmer (Jr., F); Will Smith (Sr., F/C); Mike Roe (Sr., G/F)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Andrew Adams (So., G); Cortez Duncan (Fr., G/F); Pat O'Malley (Jr., G) Matt McKetney (Jr., F)
OUTLOOK: The Admirals return several starters, highlighted by three-year varsity player and All-County honorable mention forward Marvin Smith and the 6-8 Montgomery. Together they should form the top frontcourt in the B Conference.
 Last season Severn returned to the postseason after a two-year layoff. "Optimism is high for us right now," Duckett said. "A lot of hard work went in during the offseason. We had several close battles last year, and we feel that the experience from last year has prepared us to move forward in these situations this year."

SOUTHERN

NICKNAME: Bulldogs
COACH: Ray Bowen, 4th season
LEAGUE: Class 2A
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 1-22, lost to Kent Island in 2nd round of the 2A East region playoffs
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Brandon Belt (So., G); Jimmy Gibbons (Jr., G); Jack Rogers (Jr., G); Kory Johnson (Jr., F); Durrelle Evans (Sr., F); Chris Gray (Sr., F); Andrew Bishop (Jr., C); Nico Wallace (Sr., F)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Dream Reed (Jr., G); Kenneth O'Neill (Jr., G); Jordan Brown (Jr., G); Andrew Gibson (Jr., G); Eddie Jenkins (Jr., F); Warren Johnson (Jr., G) Andrew Jones (Jr., F); Ryan Joyce (Jr., C); Cory Cronin (Jr., F)
OUTLOOK: The Bulldogs, who moved from the East region back to the South, are looking to rebound after a difficult season last year. Part of the reason for all of the troubles was inexperience -- the team featured three juniors, four sophomores, and a freshman. The experience they gained last year was invaluable, and should translate into more success this season. Bishop, an All-County football player, looked strong over the summer and could be a force inside to reckon with throughout the county. "Bowen brings toughness back to the team," Andrew said.
 Another Bulldog to watch is Belt, who was brought up from JV for the last seven games of last season and led the team in scoring in each of those seven games. Belt and Bishop give Southern a formidable inside-outside punch. The starting point guard spot has yet to be decided, but Gibbons, Rogers and Reed are battling it out, and Bowen said that each one brings a different look to the table.

ST. MARY'S

NICKNAME: Saints
COACH: Brian Konik, 3rd year
LEAGUE: MIAA B Conference
LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 23-7, MIAA B Conference champions
TOP RETURNING PLAYERS: Josh Morgan-Green (Sr., 5-11, G); Ed Galligan (Sr., 6-2, F); Nick Groce (Jr., 5-10, G); Trey Quinn (Jr., 6-3, F)
TOP NEWCOMERS: Marcus Snipes (Soph., 6-1, G); Kam Tower (Soph., 6-4, G); Mark McNeill (Soph., 6-4, F); Ronnie Hoffman (Jr., 6-2, G); Jonathon Akpapunam (Jr., 6-2, G); Dinko Mijlkovic (Jr., 5-9, G); Nick Doub (Jr., 5-9, G); Othneil Hercules (Soph., 6-3, F)
OUTLOOK: The defending MIAA B Conference champions return one of the county's top players in Morgan-Green. The Div. I prospect is seriously considering Navy for his college basketball future and is only one of two seniors back for the Saints.
 "We're a different team from last year but that doesn't mean we're not as good," said Konik, who also returns three other varsity players. "We're more skilled than last year and we have more quickness."
 Groce can score and Quinn is a 6-3 player that can dribble, which creates mismatches. "We're like five point guards out there," Konik said.
 McNeill and Snipes were standouts for the conference champion football team and Hoffman will also see serious time. The Saints will be playing in three national tournaments and have several county public school powerhouses on this year's slate.