Meet the Lions

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Lions Enter Season With New Leadership, Young Roster

A new head coach, a youthful roster and the task of replacing a significant portion of last season's offensive production highlight the upcoming 2026-27 boys basketball season for the Garrard County Golden Lions.

Noah Young takes over the Garrard County boys basketball program following several season that saw the Golden Lions finish with a 12-19 overall record, including a 7-10 mark against 12th Region opponents and a 5-5 record against 45th District competition.

Young will be joined on the sidelines by assistant coaches Azrey Crisp, Cody Ives and Michael Noe as the Golden Lions look to develop a new identity, improve their regular-season record and return to the 12th Region Tournament.

Garrard County enters the season with a 15-player roster consisting of three seniors, four juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen. With more than half of the roster made up of underclassmen, the development of younger players will be particularly important as the season progresses.

The Golden Lions will have to replace six of their seven leading scorers from last season, leaving several opportunities for players to assume expanded roles within the program.

Samuel Montgomery led Garrard County last season with 396 points, averaging 13.2 points and 7.3 rebounds per game while shooting 46.8 percent from the field. Hunter Caldwell followed with 356 points, averaging 11.9 points and 2.4 rebounds while shooting 49.3 percent from the floor and 74.8 percent from the free-throw line.

David Grubbs contributed 9.5 points and three rebounds per game, while Zacharee Stacy averaged 7.2 points and 2.5 rebounds. B.J. Faulkner averaged four points per contest, and Mason Agee contributed 2.3 points and 2.5 rebounds per game.

Those six players, none of whom appear on the current roster, accounted for 1,397 points, or approximately 80.7 percent of Garrard County's total scoring last season. They also combined for 556 rebounds, representing more than 71 percent of the team's rebounding production.

Sophomore shooting guard Ryan Noe enters the season as Garrard County's leading returning scorer and most experienced returning player based on last season's varsity statistics.

Noe appeared in 29 games during the 2025-26 campaign, recording 239 points and 139 rebounds for averages of 8.2 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. He shot 52.6 percent from the field and connected on 30 of his 73 three-point attempts for a 41.1 percent shooting percentage from beyond the arc.

Noe tied Stacy for the team lead in made three-pointers last season and provides the Golden Lions with an established perimeter scoring threat. His efficiency from the field and ability to contribute on the boards could make him a central component of Garrard County's offense this winter.

Junior small forward Gavin Noe also returns after appearing in five games last season. He recorded 10 points and 13 rebounds, averaging two points and 2.6 rebounds per contest while connecting on five of his eight field-goal attempts.

Sophomores Grant Whitworth and Duke Gaffney and freshman Asher Noe also recorded varsity statistics last season, although each appeared in only one game.

Whitworth scored 16 points and collected four rebounds in his lone reported appearance, connecting on four of eight three-point attempts. Gaffney recorded seven points and seven rebounds, while Asher Noe finished with nine points and 10 rebounds, making three of his five attempts from beyond the arc.

Although those performances came in a limited sample of varsity competition, all three players could have opportunities to become more consistent contributors this season.

The five returning players with recorded varsity statistics combined for 281 points and 173 rebounds last season, accounting for approximately 16.2 percent of the team's scoring and 22.3 percent of its rebounding.

The senior class consists of Stephen Morris, Cole Boyd and Porter Simpson, who will provide an upperclassman presence on a roster otherwise dominated by younger players.

Joining Gavin Noe in the junior class are shooting guard Nate Dodson, Mason Parker and Syler Skeens.

The sophomore class includes Ryan Noe, Whitworth, Gaffney, Davis Ashcraft, Parker Barnes and center Will Hopkins. Isaiah Long joins Asher Noe in the freshman class.

Finding consistent scoring options, establishing a dependable rotation and replacing the rebounding production of last season's roster will be among the primary challenges facing Garrard County under its new coaching staff.

The Golden Lions averaged 55.8 points and 25.1 rebounds per game last season while allowing 57.7 points per contest. Garrard County shot 44.7 percent from the field, 31 percent from three-point range and 65.2 percent from the free-throw line.

Despite finishing seven games below .500, Garrard County remained competitive in numerous contests throughout the season. Nine of the Golden Lions' 19 losses came by six points or fewer, including a pair of overtime defeats.

Garrard County opened last season with a 57-56 victory over Thomas Nelson before recording additional December victories over Bourbon County, Model, Estill County and Frankfort.

The Golden Lions endured a seven-game losing streak spanning late December and the first half of January before returning to the win column with a 51-42 victory over Mercer County.

Garrard County showed improvement during the latter portion of the regular season, highlighted by consecutive road victories over Danville, Boyle County and Lincoln County in February.

They opened postseason play with a 65-36 victory over the Kentucky School for the Deaf in the 45th District Tournament before suffering a season-ending 58-48 loss to Boyle County in the district semifinals.

The Golden Lions will face another challenging schedule during the 2026-27 campaign, with numerous games against 12th Region opponents and several matchups against teams from outside the region.

Following November dates with Casey County and Pulaski County, Garrard County's December schedule begins with three consecutive road games. The Golden Lions will travel to Washington County on Dec. 1, Wayne County on Dec. 4 and Somerset Christian on Dec. 8.

Garrard County's first scheduled home game is set for Dec. 10 against Mercer County, a team the Golden Lions defeated by nine points last season.

The Golden Lions will close out the calendar year by hosting the Garrard County 4 Bank Christmas Classic from Dec. 28-30. Garrard County is scheduled to face Mason County at 7 p.m. on Dec. 28, Meade County at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 29 and West Jessamine at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 30.

Garrard County went 1-2 in its home holiday tournament last season, defeating Frankfort 68-66 before falling to Paul Laurence Dunbar 65-55 and Anderson County 38-35 in overtime.

With a new coaching staff and limited returning varsity production, the Golden Lions face a transitional season in which player development and consistency will be critical.

Ryan Noe's established scoring ability provides Garrard County with a foundation on which to build, while the senior class and several younger players will have opportunities to establish themselves as regular contributors.

While the schedule presents numerous challenges for an inexperienced roster, it also provides opportunities for Garrard County to measure its progress against some of the 12th Region's strongest programs.

For Young and the Golden Lions, the 2026-27 season represents an opportunity to establish a foundation for the future while pursuing a return to the 12th Region Tournament and renewed competitiveness within the 45th District.

Lady Lions return wealth of experience basketball season

With their eight leading scorers and rebounders returning from a season ago, the Garrard County Lady Lions will enter the 2026-27 basketball season with considerable varsity experience despite fielding a roster featuring just one senior.

Head coach Cassandra McWhorter returns to lead a program looking to improve upon last season's 12-18 overall record and become more competitive within the 45th District and 12th Region. McWhorter will be joined on the sidelines by assistant coaches Ashley Meadows, Carolina Gonzalez and Madison Leigh.

The Lady Lions return 12 of the 14 players who appeared in games last season, accounting for approximately 92 percent of the team's scoring and 87 percent of its rebounding production. The returning personnel should provide Garrard County with an opportunity to improve upon last season's results without having to replace any of its primary offensive contributors.

Garrard County's 18-player roster consists of one senior, five juniors, five sophomores, three freshmen and four eighth-graders, positioning the program to retain much of its varsity talent beyond the upcoming season.

Junior shooting guard Bristol Powell returns after leading the Lady Lions in total scoring last season with 328 points, averaging 10.9 points and 2.6 rebounds while appearing in all 30 games. Powell connected on 26 three-pointers and was the team's most productive free-throw shooter, converting 128 of 180 attempts for 71.1 percent.

Sophomore shooting guard Karsten Powell returns after posting a team-high scoring average of 12 points per game. Despite appearing in only 23 contests last season, Powell finished with 277 points and 137 rebounds, averaging six rebounds per game. She also led the Lady Lions with 37 three-pointers, connecting on 34.3 percent of her attempts from beyond the arc.

Together, Bristol and Karsten Powell accounted for 605 points, or approximately 43.5 percent of Garrard County's total offensive production last season.

Freshman shooting guard Kyndall Clark returns after establishing herself as one of the team's leading offensive contributors as an eighth-grader. Clark averaged 9.3 points and 4.2 rebounds in 20 appearances, finishing the season with 187 points, 83 rebounds and 22 three-pointers.

Sophomore guard Keziah McWhorter provides additional experience in the backcourt after appearing in all 30 games last season. McWhorter averaged 6.2 points and 2.7 rebounds while finishing with 186 points and 27 three-pointers. Listed at both shooting guard and point guard, McWhorter offers versatility alongside the returning perimeter players.

Junior forward Austyn Bolton returns as the team's leading rebounder after collecting 251 rebounds last season, averaging 8.4 per contest. Bolton also contributed 126 points, averaging 4.2 points per game while shooting 34.6 percent from the field.

Junior center Sadie Agee provides another experienced presence in the frontcourt. Agee appeared in all 30 games last season, averaging 3.2 points and four rebounds while finishing with 119 rebounds. Her 40.2 percent field-goal percentage was the highest among Garrard County players who attempted at least 100 shots.

Junior shooting guard Braylei Wade returns after appearing in 29 games and averaging 2.9 points and 2.1 rebounds. Wade connected on 32.3 percent of her three-point attempts, finishing the season with 83 points and 62 rebounds.

Sophomore forward Stella Bolton also appeared in all 30 games last season, contributing 67 points and 83 rebounds while averaging 2.2 points and 2.8 rebounds per contest.

Hollee Coleman, the lone senior on this season's roster, returns at power forward after appearing in five games last season. Junior Bentley Cooper, who is listed at power forward and center, appeared in 18 games and provides additional varsity experience in the frontcourt.

Sophomores Lily Cornelius and Aubree Vanwinkle and eighth-grader Kyah Coffey also return after seeing varsity action last season.

Freshmen Anna Anderson and Maddie Ellis and eighth-graders Kiarih Graves, Lexi Robinson and Zoey Robinson round out the roster.

The abundance of returning talent should benefit a Garrard County offense that struggled with shooting efficiency at times last season. The Lady Lions averaged 46.4 points per game while allowing 53.2 points, shooting 29.1 percent from the field, 24.4 percent from three-point range and 60.4 percent from the free-throw line.

Garrard County averaged 30.9 rebounds per game, with Austyn Bolton and Karsten Powell combining for nearly 42 percent of the team's total rebounds.

The Lady Lions showed considerable promise during the first half of the 2025-26 campaign, winning 10 of their first 16 games. Garrard County won five of six contests between Dec. 19 and Jan. 6 before defeating Harrison County 44-39 in the opening round of the 2A Section 5 Tournament.

The Lady Lions encountered greater difficulty during the second half of the season, however, winning just two of their final 14 games. Those victories included a season-high offensive output in a 77-59 road win over Danville and a convincing 63-25 victory over Trinity Christian.

Garrard County finished 4-12 against 12th Region opponents and 1-8 against fellow 45th District programs, including postseason play. The Lady Lions' season concluded with a 56-43 loss to Danville in the opening round of the 45th District Tournament.

District competition will again present a significant challenge, with Boyle County coming off a 26-4 campaign in which it went undefeated against fellow district opponents. Danville Christian Academy and Lincoln County also finished with winning records last season, going 17-12 and 17-13, respectively.

The Lady Lions demonstrated their ability to compete with several district opponents last season, suffering a one-point loss to Danville and a three-point loss to Lincoln County in consecutive January contests. Turning similarly competitive games into victories could make a substantial difference in Garrard County's district standing this season.

Following November preseason dates against Clay County and Lexington Catholic, the Lady Lions are scheduled to begin their December slate on Tuesday, Dec. 1, with a road contest against Thomas Nelson, which defeated Garrard County 55-48 in last season's opener.

Garrard County will then host Bryan Station on Dec. 4 and McCreary Central on Dec. 5 before traveling to Somerset on Dec. 8. The Lady Lions will return home for games against East Jessamine on Dec. 11 and Berea on Dec. 15.

The Lady Lions will close out December by hosting the Garrard County 4 Bank Christmas Classic from Dec. 28-30. Garrard County is scheduled to face Bell County at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 28, Casey County at 7 p.m. on Dec. 29 and Estill County at 1 p.m. on Dec. 30.

The Lady Lions went 2-1 in last season's edition of the holiday tournament, including a 49-42 victory over Estill County.

For Garrard County, the 2026-27 campaign represents an opportunity to translate the varsity experience accumulated by an exceptionally young roster into more consistent results.

With its four leading scorers, top rebounders and primary perimeter shooters all returning, the Lady Lions possess the personnel continuity to improve upon last season's 12-win campaign.

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Week of November 26th - December 4th, 2026

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Dec. 4	Bryan Station High School	H	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	McCreary Central High School	H	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	Somerset High School	A	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	East Jessamine High School	H	7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dec. 1	Washington County High School	A	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	Wayne County High School	A	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	Somerset Christian School	A	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	Mercer County High School	H	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	Clinton County High School	A	2:30 p.m.

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All claims against the estate of Kenton Edward Allen, deceased, must be presented to Satica S. Allen, 815 Richmond Road Loop 2, Lancaster, KY, 40444, Executor of the Estate of Kenton Edward Allen or to the Attorney Chris A. Whitworth, P.O. Box 363, Lancaster, KY 40444 within 6 months after November 23, 2026.

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