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And that experience could help the Mountaineers exceed those not-so-great expectations.

"We have guys back who have played in a lot of games for us. We feel really good with those guys," Newton said. "Plus, I think we have one of the best post players in the league — and that's what it takes to be successful in this league."

Zavian Douglass (6-foot-6, Gainesville, Fla.) jumped right into the starting line-up in his first season at Berea College.

He averaged 7.7 points and 4.7 rebounds a game and shot 48.5 percent from the field.

"He was our most improved player over the summer and played really well in our closed scrimmage," Newton said of the sophomore, who started 19 games in 2025-26. "We are expecting big things from him. He's the only post player we have got with any experience. We are going to need him to be great."

The Mountaineers have plenty of experience, though, at other positions.

Jae'dyn Gist has started 53 games in the past three seasons, playing almost 1,600 minutes. The 6-foot-2 senior wing from Harlan averaged a career-best 10.0 points and 6.2 rebounds a game last season.

"He is just a leader. He is not very tall, but he rebounds like crazy," Newton said of Gist. "He plays hard. He is a guy you've got to have on the court."

Nathaniel Barrow has also been at Berea College for four season. The senior point guard started 14 games in 2025-26 and averaged 8.5 points and 2.5 rebounds with 39 assists.

"He played JV his first two years," Newton said of Barrow. "Last year, he was a starter, but at the end of the season he had an injury and missed the final couple of weeks."

Zach Hudson had surgery on his ankle two seasons ago. He started 20 games in 2025-26 and was the team's third-leading scorer (9.0 points a game) and had a team-best 81 assists — despite still battling through his recovery.

"He just never really found his flow. He started a lot of games because I trusted him," Newton said of Hudson. "He is moving a lot better."

Casen Nobbe suffered a serious knee injury as a senior at Madison Southern. The speedy guard was able to battle back and play in the final two games last season.

The sophomore recently sustained a stress fracture and will be out for three to four weeks.

"We are hoping to get him back as soon as possible," Newton said of Nobbe.

Cobi Commodore, a senior forward from Lexington, has also been in the program for four years. In 2025-26, he made one start and averaged 8.7 minutes a game.

"He has been a great piece to our program," Newton said of Commodore. "He's an energy guy. He makes winning plays."

Seniors Tyler Moss (26 games, seven starts — 2.1 points a game in 2025-26), Jack Ngog (14 games — 2.1 points a game in 2025-26) and Alpha Diop (two games in 2025-26) have also been an asset to the program in their college careers.

Juniors Peyton Dixon (6-foot-2, forward from Whitesburg) and Trent Wilson (6-foot-2 forward) could also make an impact this season.

"He is probably the best shooter on the team," Newton said of Wilson.

The Mountaineers signed 10 freshman — and a couple of those newcomers might getting playing time in their first season at the school.

Jarrett Simpson (6-foot-7, Somerset) and gives Berea some much needed size on the inside, while Dominique Anthony (6-foot-1, Bowling Green) can help run the offense.

"He will also be competing for time at the point," Newton said of Anthony.

The guard is one of four players Newton signed out of Warren Central — Jeremiah McCombs, Kaleb Prince and Ryan Hulbert.

"They were exactly what we looking for. There is a winning tradition at Warren Central. I have a lot of respect for the program and it feel like they are at Rupp Arena every year," Newton said. "Those guys are going to be good."

Berea is set to open the season on Sunday at DePauw University. Tip-off is scheduled for 3 p.m.

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Herbst has accounted for 29 touchdown this year — 23 rushing, five passing and one on defense. The senior quarterback has rushed for 1,044 yards on 73 carries (14.3 yards an attempt), while completing 19-of-28 passes for 565 yards and just one interception.

On defense, the safety has 45 tackles, two fumble recoveries, two tackles-for-loss and one sack.

Snell, a linebacker, has 43 tackles, including a team-best nine tackles-for-loss and four sacks.

Dailey leads the Indians in tackles (102 — 71 solo). The senior also has a team-best two interceptions, including one he returned for a touchdown.

Hairston has been a threat in multiple roles. The senior has five rushing TDs, is tied for the team lead in receptions (six catches — one TD), has made big plays on kick returns and also has 24 tackles on the season.

Barnes is the leading rusher for a team which is averaging 317.5 yards a game on the ground.

The senior has 1,134 yards with 10 touchdowns. He also leads the team in carries (137) while averaging 8.3 yards an attempt.

Johnson, a linebacker, has been a leader for the Central defense. The senior has a team-best six sacks, with 6.5 tackles-for-loss and 51 total tackles.

He has also forced a fumble and recovered a fumble.

Heyer has been a big-play maker on defense as well. The senior linebacker has 35 tackles, one sack, a forced fumble and an interception. He also has three catches for 147 yards, including a touchdown.

Parker — also a linebacker — has 30 tackles, three tackles-for loss and has forced a fumble. The junior has 110 yards rushing on 15 carries with one touchdown.

Mathis has four rushing touchdowns (fourth-most on team) and 410 yards on the ground (third-most on team). He also has one TD catch and three tackles on the season.

Kinley has three rushing TDs and is averaging 17.8 yards a carry. The junior also has one reception and one pass completion (25 yards). On defense, Kinley has 24 tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery, which he returned for a TD.

Enciu — a defensive end — has 32 tackles, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, three sacks and 4.5 tackles-for-loss. The junior also has one catch for 19 yards.

Hollingsworth, a senior, has 24 tackles, 4.5 sacks and four tackles-for-loss, in addition to a fumble recovery.

COLONELS

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Burke's kill made it set-point at 24-18. An ace from Audrey Hudson on the next series ended it.

EKU seized control much earlier in the second set, racing out to an 11-3 lead. Cooper Abney's ace finished off a 4-0 run and put the home team ahead by eight. Emma Closurdo's kill and a block from Alexis Bull pushed the margin to 19-9. Emilee Hill's kill ended the set, 25-11, and gave her squad a 2-0 lead.

EKU took the lead for good in the third set on a kill from Hudson that put the Colonels up 9-8. A block by Bull and Hill extended the lead to three, 11-8. Burke's kill sent the home team to the media time out in front 15-11. Six straight handed EKU a 23-13 advantage. A kill from Hill ended the match.

Burke finished with a match-best 12 kills to go along with a .360 attack percentage. Hill had seven kills, 14 assists, 14 digs and three blocks. Bull had five blocks.

EKU hit .287 as a team while holding West Georgia (4-21, 0-13 UAC) to a -.029 attack percentage.

Grace-Blythe Cornett had a team-high seven kills for the Wolves.

EKU will wrap up the regular season with a pair of road matches next week, starting Thursday at Tarleton State. The match will begin at 7 p.m.

Colonels top Morehead State again

SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER

Kirsten Lewis-Williams scored 18 points, Kenleigh Woods added 17 as the Colonels (1-1) held off a late Morehead State rally to earn a 63-58 victory Thursday night at Johnson Arena.

EKU forced 24 turnovers and recorded 17 steals and extended the program's winning streak over the Eagles to eight games.

Lewis-Williams and Woods each pulled down seven rebounds, while Woods added three assists and two blocks without committing a turnover in 37 minutes. Liz Freihofer finished with 12 points on four three-pointers and blocked two shots in the final minute to help preserve the victory.

Luna Ueda contributed nine points, three assists and three steals. Michelle Ugwah led EKU with five steals and added two blocks, while Kailani Lindsey finished with six points, four steals, and two blocks.

The Colonels are set to return to action Saturday at home vs. Radford.

EKU turned Morehead State's turnovers into 20 points and finished with nine blocks. The Colonels held the Eagles (0-2) to 32.7 percent shooting while committing 13 turnovers of their own.

Kensley Feltner led Morehead State with 22 points, and Heidi Smith added 18 points and 10 rebounds.

After falling behind 11-5 midway through the opening quarter, EKU scored 16-straight points to take control. Lindsey and Ueda started the run with layups before consecutive three-pointers from Freihofer and Lewis-Williams put the Colonels ahead. Freihofer capped the surge with another three-pointer at the buzzer for a 21-11 advantage after the first quarter.

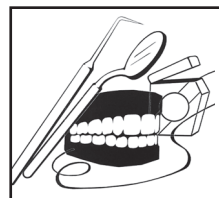
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