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Members of the 2024-2025 Rocket Basketball team are (seated from left) seniors Tyree McLean, Chase Conyer, Kaiden Travis, CamRon Belcher, Andrew Candelario, Klayton Murray, Ethan Rhodes, managers Addie Morris and Erin Korzenborn, (second row) Caden Howard, manager Caden Blazina, Ethan Thomas, manager Aiden Fralix, Colton McLean, assistant coaches Coley Rogers and Devin Belt, head coach Matt Fralix, assistant coach Earl Fralix, Logan Martin, Brady Dayberry, Brayden Poindexter, (back) Conner Poindexter, Junior Cowsert, Hudson Stokes, Emmitt Ellington, Coby Larue, Shane Fricke, Jack Porter, Jayden Jones and Drake Young.

Rocket depth will be an asset

STAFF REPORT

After a challenging 3-25 campaign last year in Matt Fralix's first season as head coach, Crittenden County is looking to turn the page with a revamped roster, newfound depth and a fast-paced style of play that aligns with the team's athleticism.

Fralix has generated a great deal of renewed interest in the program by recruiting a deep roster and the Rockets are focused on long-term improvement starting this winter and building toward a brighter future.

"We've revamped the playbook and shifted our style to maximize our speed and athleticism," Fralix said. "Last year, we slowed things down, but this season, we'll push the tempo to create opportunities when we can."

Some injury and illness could slow progress out of the chute, however. Still, the likely starting five right now exemplifies the coach's new approach. Senior CamRon Belcher, the team's engine, will run the point and spearhead the defensive effort by guarding opposing teams' best players on most nights. His quickness makes him a threat to be among the area's best in steals and assists, while his ability to attack the basket will keep defenses honest.

Joining him in the backcourt is senior Andrew Candelario, who spent the off-season building strength and confidence. Candelario has transformed into a reliable offensive weapon, capable of hitting key shots from long range.

Junior Brayden Poindexter will be a versatile presence in the lineup, filling whatever role the team needs. With the loss of several seniors, Poindexter has stepped up as a leader and will be counted on for his ability to play multiple positions and contribute inside and out.

In the frontcourt, senior Kaiden Travis brings physicality and experience. Known for his tough defense and rebounding ability, Travis is looking to expand his role this year and become a consistent offensive contributor in the post.

Rounding out the likely early-season starters is senior Chase Conyer, a newcomer with a unique skill set. At 6-foot-5, he's a gifted athlete who can pass, sees the floor well and could stretch defenses with his developing outside shot.

The Rockets' bench is loaded with young upstarts, particularly from the ninth-grade class. Freshman Coby LaRue, likely the first man off the bench, has shown flashes of brilliance that could elevate him into a starting role. Standing at 6-foot-3, LaRue has become a confident scorer with the ability to score from outside, drive to the basket and finish at the rim.

Freshman Jack Porter is another key piece off the bench. He is a multi-positional guard who plays with intensity. Porter's ability to handle the point

ROCKET ROSTER

CamRon Belcher	3	Sr	G
Jonah Reddick	31	Sr	C
Ethan Rhodes	25	Sr	F
Chase Conyer	32	Sr	C
Andrew Candelario	14	Sr	G
Tyree McLean	4	Sr	G
Kaiden Travis	24	Sr	F
Klayton Murray	23	Sr	F
Jay Stevenson	12	Jr	F
Caden Howard	5	Jr	G
Brayden Poindexter	30	Jr	F
Colton McLean	-	Jr	-
Logan Martin	20	So	F
Brady Dayberry	10	So	G
Hudson Stokes	11	Fr	G
Coby Larue	1	Fr	G
Junior Cowsert	-	Fr	F
Drake Young	13	Fr	G
Conner Poindexter	21	Fr	F
Jayden Jones	-	Fr	F
Jack Porter	2	Fr	G
Ethan Thomas	15	Jr	F
Emmitt Ellington	-	Fr	F

against varsity competition over the summer impressed the coaching staff, and his continued development will provide valuable depth at the guard spots.

Freshman Drake Young has emerged as a sharpshooter, capable of knocking down shots from beyond the arc. His outside scoring touch will be essential in stretching defenses, and his rebounding ability adds value despite his size.

Freshman Hudson Stokes is learning on the fly but already fits seamlessly into the team's uptempo style. His speed and athleticism make him a natural for the fast-paced system, and as he gains experience, he's expected to become a key contributor and is learning the point guard position.

"Our depth is much better this year," Fralix said. "It gives us flexibility with lineups, and it means guys like (Belcher) don't always have to handle point guard duties. We can adapt to different matchups and situations."

Despite the excitement around this team, injuries remain an early hurdle. Senior Jonah Reddick, who grew to 6-7 and is the leading returning scorer, is sidelined for at least a month as he recovers from an illness. Over the summer, he added significant muscle, but will miss the start of the season. He averaged five points a year ago.

Meanwhile, athletic forward Tyree McLean, senior, is working his way back from a knee scope (football injury) and is expected to return in a few weeks. His ability to rebound, defend and push the tempo will further bolster the team's versatility. Junior Jay Stevenson, another tough and gritty player, is sidelined until mid-to-late December after recovering

CCHS SCHEDULE

Dec 2 WEBSTER COUNTY
Dec 6 UNION COUNTY
Dec 10 at Trigg County
Dec 13 LIVINGSTON CENTRAL
Dec 14 at Apollo
Dec 17 at Lyon County
Dec 19 HOPKINS COUNTY CENTRAL at St. Mary (St. Mary Christmas Classic)
Dec 28 SOUTH PANOLA (Batesville), MS
at Caldwell County (Western Kentucky Hoops Classic Boys)
Jan 2 MAYFIELD
Jan 3 at Heritage Christian Academy
Jan 7 LYON COUNTY
Jan 14 TRIGG COUNTY
Jan 17 at Livingston Central
Jan 21 at Union County
Jan 25 at Hopkinsville
Jan 27 at Paducah Tilghman
Jan 28 CALDWELL COUNTY
Jan 31 LYON COUNTY
Feb 4 HERITAGE CHRISTIAN
Feb 7 DAWSON SPRINGS
Feb 8 HICKMAN COUNTY
Feb 11 at Caldwell County
Feb 14 at Webster County
Feb 18 HOPKINSVILLE

from a torn labrum (football injury) but is expected to bring strength and physicality upon his return.

Another guy coming off a record-setting football season is Caden Howard, who is a top-notch receiver, and was injured in the season's final game. He will bring remarkable athleticism to the lineup once he's cleared to play.

Senior Ethan Rhodes and freshman Conner Poindexter are scrappy players and could work themselves into some varsity minutes.

Crittenden will face stiff competition in the district, with Lyon and Livingston County returning experienced rosters and Trigg County emerging as a dark horse. However, Coach Fralix remains optimistic about his team's potential.

"Our goal is to win the district and grow every single night," he said. "This team is versatile, and the starting lineup may change depending on matchups. We're focused on improvement."

The Rockets will rely on their experienced core, led by Belcher, Travis and Poindexter, to set the tone early. Scoring will be the first place the team will want to improve as Belcher and Poindexter averaged a combined six points last season, but will need to be in double digits right away to improve the team's hopes of winning.

Younger players like LaRue and Porter will play pivotal roles as the season progresses. The return of Reddick in January along with others nursing injuries will bolster both ends of the floor.