



Crittenden County Lady Rockets basketball team for the 2025-26 season includes (front from left) Georgia Holeman, Elliot Evans, Anna Boone, Bristyn Rushing, Chloe Hunt, Andrea Federico, (back) head coach Shannon Hodge, coach Bristyn Prowell, manager Brianna Walker, Sarah Grau, Abigail Champion, Adri Berry, Morgan Stewart, Jordyn Hodge, Brenna Kemmer, Brodi Rich, managers Erin Korzenborn and Kiley Hunt and coach Jessie Johnson.

Stellar crew seeks immortal destiny for Lady Rockets

STAFF REPORT

For the last several years it has felt as though the Lady Rocket basketball team has spent more time reloading than rebuilding. Its credentials speak volumes as to the heralded leadership of 33-year skipper Shannon Hodge, who has built something of a small-school dynasty amid Goliaths like Henderson and Christian counties.

One of the very few small, rural schools to earn a trip to the Sweet 16 over the past quarter of a century (back in 2011), Hodge's Lady Rockets seek some measure of immortality this season. Ranked No. 2 in the Courier-Journal's preseason poll, it would be meteoric if Crittenden County could pull off another magical march to March by running the gamut and getting to the KHSAA Girls' Basketball State Tournament again – 14 years beyond its last modern miracle. But that's the goal.

Whether manifest destiny is prescribable for this year's Lady Rockets remains to be seen, but one thing is for certain – Coach Hodge believes she has the stuff to do it.

The team is led by former Second Region player of the year Anna Boone, who has a legitimate shot to become the school's career scoring leader. She's flanked by backcourt bracermates senior Elliot Evans and sophomore Jordyn Hodge (the coach's daughter). Senior forward Andrea Federico is a special athlete with strenth of a bull (she will play collegiate softball next fall) and deft 5-11 senior Bristyn Rushing at the pivot. Behind her is junior Morgan Stewart who can move mountains in the paint.

Also, off the bench on the perimeter are guards senior Georgia Holeman, who has been clutch at times in her career, and freshman Abigail Champion, whose basketball pedigree is as firm as it gets. Adri Berry, a newcomer last year, has found her way and is expected to be a key contributor at forward.

"We have high expectations and don't want any regrets," Coach Hodge said. "This team could win a lot of basketball

games. We have a chance to get back to the All "A" and a legitimate shot at the region at the end of the year. If we keep everyone healthy and improve in certain areas we can be pretty good."

Hodge wants her team to set the tone when it takes the floor.

"The pace at which we play has to be determined by us, not our opponent. I think we are going to be tested right off the bat this season with a challenging schedule and be able to see if we can meet our high expectations," she said.

The Lady Rockets will play Marshall County, McCracken County and Calloway County in December – the top three teams in the First Region based on preseason polling. They also will face Breckinridge County, Henderson County, Christian County and Madisonville on the non-district schedule.

"We want to reach the next-level, not where we finished last year, and we are capable of doing that."

Here are some vignettes from Coach Hodge's comments on players who will fill key roles this season.

Anna Boone

She has become so versatile on both ends of the floor, able to guard the perimeter or bigs. She can play 1 through 5. She's a veteran who knows how to take over a game. She is such a great passer and sees the floor so well. "We are expecting huge things from her on both ends in every category," Hodge said.

Jordyn Hodge

The point guard has grown taller and stronger, and her confidence has increased because of that. She has improved her ball-handling and become a better shooter. "We have to have her at her A-game defensively," Coach Hodge said. "She has the potential to put up big numbers for us offensively."

Elliot Evans

"She is the dawg – D.A.W.G. Elliot makes things happen on both ends of the floor," the coach said. Evans is the energy for the team's defense. "She's our spark plug. She is the point of our press

and rebounds the ball well, coming out of nowhere to get on the boards." Evans is playing a lot stronger this year and has confidence with the ball, her coach said.

Andrea Federico

She is stout as an ox," the coach said, and operates as the "enforcer" around the bucket. She is the team's best communicator and is the quarterback from the back of the zone. "I think we'll see some bigger numbers out of her offensively," Hodge said. "We need her to have 10 or 12 points every night."

Bristyn Rushing

Hodge says Rushing can be an elite rebounder. Her confidence is growing offensively and she can shoot the three. "She is more aggressive," Hodge said, and has been getting a number of deflections during preseason games.

Morgan Stewart

"She's a banger and so strong," said the coach. Stewart has a nose for the ball and piles up offensive boards. Early off the bench, the coach calls Stewart the team's "sixth starter."

Georgia Holeman

"When she comes in, she's always around the ball and makes positive things happen," the coach said. Holeman shoots well all the way out to beyond the three-point line and adds speed on the defensive end.

Adri Berry

A soccer injury hampered her start, but she's pickup up steam, the coach explains. "She has great instincts, is quick and she will mix it up with the biggest bear anywhere. She makes things happen," Hodge said.

Abigail Champion

An explosive player off the bench, Champion can score off the bounce and is capable of getting to the rim. "Her 15-foot and 3-point shots have improved greatly from last year," the coach said.

Chloe Hunt

A senior, Hunt has undergone three surgeries on her knees and despite major challenges is holding out hope for some type of return this season.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY LADY ROCKET BASKETBALL ROSTER 2025-2026				
Anna Boone	2	Sr	5-10	G
Elliot Evans	22	Sr	5-7	G
Andrea Federico	20	Sr	5-7	F
Georgia Holeman	15	Sr	5-5	G
Chloe Hunt	34	Sr	5-6	G
Bristyn Rushing	25	Sr	5-11	F
Morgan Stewart	4	Jr	5-9	F
Adri Berry	14	So	5-5	G
Jordyn Hodge	11	So	5-6	G
Abigail Champion	12	Fr	5-6	G
Sarah Grau	32	Fr	5-3	G
Brenna Kemmer	24	Fr	5-5	F
Brodi Rich	40	Fr	5-3	G

Head Coach: Shannon Hodge. Assistant Coaches: Bristyn Prowell, Jessie Johnson. Managers: Brianna Walker, Kiley Hunt, Erin Korzenborn.

LADY ROCKETS SCHEDULE	
Dec. 2	Caldwell County
Dec. 4	at Marshall County
Dec. 6	at Breckinridge County
Dec. 9	McCracken County
Dec. 12	at Livingston Central
Dec. 13	vs Calloway Co. at McCracken
Dec. 16	Lyon County
Dec. 18	at Carlisle County
Dec. 23	at Union County
Jan. 3	Mayfield
Jan. 5	at Dawson Springs
Jan. 13	Trigg County
Jan. 16	Livingston Central
Jan. 20	St. Mary
Jan. 22	at Hopkins Central
Jan. 24	at Caldwell County
Jan. 30	at Lyon County
Feb. 3	at Trigg County
Feb. 5	Christian County
Feb. 7	Union County
Feb. 10	Hopkins Central
Feb. 12	at Henderson County
Feb. 14	Hopkinsville
Feb. 17	at Madisonville
Feb. 20	McLean County



Lady Rockets chasing scoring history

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's girls' basketball program could make history this season, not just with wins, but with points. The Lady Rockets have their sights set on becoming the winningest team in history, and they're well primed and loaded under 33-year head coach Shannon Hodge.

Seniors Anna Boone and Elliot Evans and sophomore Jordyn Hodge are all climbing the Lady Rockets' all-time scoring list. Boone currently ranks third with 1,754 points, Evans sits at 932, and Hodge, in just her third varsity season, already has 654.

Taylor Guess, now playing at Lindsey Wilson University, is the all-time scoring leader with 2,643 points.

If Evans and Hodge each reach the 1,000-point milestone this winter, it would mark the first time in school history three active players on the same team have scored 1,000 or more career points.

Boone, a starter since middle school, continues to close in on former standout Cassidy Moss, who is second on the all-time list with 1,829 points.

Meanwhile, Evans is within striking distance of the top 10, and Hodge – younger sister of Jessi Hodge, a 2011 senior – is poised to continue the family legacy. That 2011 season was also the only time Crittenden won a regional championship, a goal this year's squad has firmly set in its sights.

With three potential 1,000-point scorers leading the charge, the Lady Rockets may be on the verge of another special run.

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