



North Douglas Boys Basketball



Team Rundown:

After taking fourth place at the state tournament last season, and losing to the eventual state champions in the first round, the Warriors are going to look a little different this season.

This year North Douglas has a new leader in first year coach Tyle Vancil, in addition to four open starting spots. But Vancil, a 2008 North Douglas graduate and a current police officer and school resource officer in Roseburg, is excited for the opportunity to lead this group.

“My wife has been asking me every day, ‘How did practice go?’ And I said, ‘It’s been awesome.’ I didn’t know how much fun I would have just being on the court and coaching kids,” said Vancil.

“This is a great group of kids and they are so coachable. You know, you

hear that all the time growing up. You guys are coachable, you’re coachable, but I didn’t quite grasp it. I mean, I knew what they were saying but when you switch roles that’s when I really realized what they mean.”

The goal for this team will be to build off of the success of the lone returning starter, junior Caleb Parks, and see if the team can get back to the level of success that they experienced last season.

“It’s going to be through effort,” said Vancil. “We have a lot of younger guys that are stepping up and filling those roles and that’s what you need... Your hope is that the next guys coming up that played JV last year and maybe swung, step up into those starting roles and are ready to go.”

Team Perspective with Caleb Parks:

On his new role:

It kind of is a little different because last year we had so many seniors on the squad that I was kind of, not necessarily an outcast, but not necessarily a leader as all of them are. And now taking all of their roles kind of and having put together and keep the team strong and together is going to be a big difference.

On teammates stepping up:

I feel there were quite a few guys on the JV squad last season that if we didn’t have so many varsity guys could have played some significant minutes for the varsity. I’m extremely hopeful for the guys that could have played a bubble slash

swing or even started some varsity games. To come in and take those spots that were left behind by those seniors and the now seniors, they’re going to get some more minutes that they got more at the end of games last year when they still performed extremely well and to be able to play 32 minutes of their basketball.

On how they can succeed:

I think if we keep strong and not compare ourselves to last year’s team but build our own team from what we have, then we can go on and make another big run like we did last year. As long as we try to stay away from some of the mistakes we made last year and learn from our own this year I think we can have a good, solid team.

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