

Scottsburg Warriors and Coach Winchester preparing for basketball season

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This season brings a lot of changes to the Scottsburg Warriors' basketball team. Many of the key players from a year ago are no longer with the team. In addition to these losses, the Warriors lost a team leader in former coach Brent Keck whom accepted a coaching job at another school. However, the Warriors have found hope in a new leader. Anthony Winchester was a three time all-state performer at rival Austin High School, graduate from Western Kentucky University, a professional player in Spain for two years and is now the new head coach for the Scottsburg Warriors.

"It's a great feeling coming home and back to the community that I grew up in," said Winchester, "Coaching high school was something I always wanted to do and was fortunate enough to have the opportunity this year."

Winchester knows that as a first year coach he is going to have to face adversity. Currently there are about 20 members coming out for the team in the first week of practice and they are all learning how to adjust to a new coach, and many a new style of play.

"He's a lot more laid back," said returning senior Brad Bowling, "we're just getting started so we've just been putting in new plays and stuff so far."

So far it is too early in the season to tell the major strengths and weaknesses of the team. However, Winchester has noted the dedication of his players and thinks this will help immensely down the road.

"The kids are great listeners and would probably run through a brick wall if I asked them. I think their willingness to listen and want to get better will go a long way this year," said Winchester.

On the flip side of this, Winchester is "throwing a lot at them," in a short amount of time and it is quite a bit to absorb. In addition to this the team returns no starters and only two players who saw significant varsity time last season, making the Warriors a very inexperienced group.

Only time will tell how the team grows and evolves as the season progresses but there are high hopes for such an inexperienced team.

According to several players, they hope to begin to bring Scottsburg back to prominence. Their road will begin Nov. 24 at Austin in the Scott County Shootout.

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