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## TUCKER COUNTY BOYS' BASKETBALL OPEN SEASON THIS FRIDAY

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The Tucker County High School Boys' Basketball program will welcome back Jim Ambrose for season 2 as the Mt. Lions Boys' Head Coach. Coach Ambrose looks to improve this season after a 13-11 record last season. Tucker County will return some experience and will be mixing in some inexperience to fill some reserve roles.

Coach Ambrose has 19 total players out this season with 10 of those players being varsity players. There are 5 seniors on the team this year in Corrick Ambrose, Jeffrey Snyder, Cameron Wamsley, Owen Poling and Raheim Lamb. Ambrose and Snyder return from starting last season. Cameron Wamsley and Owen Poling seen varsity action last season, but they will be asked to play valuable minutes this season. Others that look to make an impact on this team this season are Senior Raheim Lamb; Juniors Holden Young, Wyatt White, Rudy Pennington; Sophomores Gus Mullennex and Wyatt Betler. Coach Ambrose had this to say about his team, "Corrick will be playing more of a guard role this season, Jeffrey will be asked to contribute more points this season." Ambrose also added, "It is going to take us 8-10 games to get use to playing together, we are playing to get better for February."

The schedule for the Mt. Lions is once again tough. Tucker County will open the season with 6 of their first 7 games against "AA" or "AAA" teams. Coach Ambrose mentioned the schedule as he said, "Our schedule is front loaded as we will be in the "AA" division of the IOGA Classic at Glenville St with a first round game against Bridgeport." The Mt. Lions will open the season with a home game against rival Southern, MD this Friday December 7th. Then Tucker County will then travel to Glenville St on December 12th for a matchup with Bridgeport. The Mt. Lions will then play on December 14th in the IOGA consolation game or December 15th in the IOGA Championship game depending on the December 12th result. Tucker County will then have road games at Notre Dame on December 21st and at Preston on December 22nd. After Christmas Tucker County will travel to Keyser on December 28th and then host Elkins on December 29th. The new year will start with a home game against PVC rival Moorefield on January 4th and then the Mt. Lions will travel to Cumberland, MD to face a tough Bishop-Walsh team on January 5th. Other games of interest the rest of the season are as follows: Notre Dame at Home January 25th, at Southern, MD February 1st, at Elkins February 9th, Lincoln at home February 15th and Trinity at home on February 19th.

For a full season schedule go to TuckerCountySports.Com. A number of TCHS Boys' Basketball games will be broadcast by Chris George on 94.7 FM WELK and online also at TuckerCountySports.Com.



Tucker County Boys' Varsity Basketball Team – (L-R): Jeffrey Snyder, Wyatt Betler, Holden Young, Wyatt White, Rudy Pennington, Raheim Lamb, Corrick Ambrose, Cameron Wamsley, Owen Poling. Not pictured Gus Mullennex. Photo by Dave Helmick