



Marshall Lions

Defending league champ Marshall (25-3) is led by Coach Tom Brannon (308-117). Twin brothers Lucas and Logan Eitel (32 p.p.g. between the two) trigger a Lions club that lost to St. Anthony in the Class 2A Robinson Regional, 59-51, last season in heartbreaking fashion. Despite this coaches' success at the school - the Lions are in search of their first regional title since 1994 - Brannon's second year at the helm.



Flora Wolves

Flora graduated 50 p.p.g. collectively and must regroup. The Wolves sent away 6-foot-6 senior guard Ian Ridge (McKendree College, 16 p.p.g.) after last season and head coach Phil Leib will turn to one returning starter to help improve on a 19-11 season in which they were runner-up to Marshall in both the conference standings and in the league tourney. Jeremy Wallace - a 5-foot-9 guard (eight points, four assists a game) is back from a team that lost to eventual third place finisher Olney East Richland at the Newton 2A Regional.



Casey-Westfield Warriors

Casey-Westfield (14-12) coach Chris Seaton is in the same postseason football boat as Southern Illinois' Du Quoin as he will have to wait until after the title game before he gets a lot of his team on the basketball floor. Six returning starters including 6-foot-3 senior (17.3 p.p.g.) Mitch Snyder return from a club that posted a win over St. Anthony in the regular finale and lost a tough game to Marshall in the regional semis.



Cumberland County Pirates

New coach Justin Roedl at Cumberland takes over a team that finished 8-19 in 2007-08. The Pirates have four returning starters with Dalton Sowers a 6-foot-4 senior - leading the way with 13.9 p.p.g. back. Jeremy Jansen (10.9 p.p.g.) is another double-digit scorer back from a club that lost to Teutopolis 68-60 in the regional semifinal at Newton.



Red Hill Salukis

Head coach Bryan Havill at Red Hill (13-15) is one of two LIC teams that heads south (as of last season) in the Class 1A tournament. The Salukis made it to the Wayne City Regional title game before losing to Grayville. They upset South Central in overtime to reach that title game.



Edwards County Lions

Coach Havill has back three returning starters in 6-foot-3 junior Matt Wirth (8.8 p.p.g.) 5-foot-9 senior Josh Hawkins (4.2 p.p.g.) and 6-foot junior Trevor Albertson (4.8 p.p.g.).

The other South team in 1A from the LIC is Edwards County (5-17) who has three returning starters back from the club that also lost to Grayville at Wayne City.

Six-foot-two junior Chad Smith, 5-foot-9 senior Stephen Vallette and 5-foot-9 junior Michael Aaron all played during the season last winter. Coach Nick Toothman mentioned senior Jacob Columbia - a 6-foot-2 guard - and 5-foot-10 Craig Harris as senior leaders.



Lawrenceville Indians

Lawrenceville lost just three players and only 11 total points from the 5-24 club that dropped a first round regional game to Casey-Westfield at Robinson last winter.

Three starters: 5-foot-11 senior guard Josh Potts, 6-foot-2 forward Nathan Waldroup and 6-foot-1 senior guard Zach Manley.

Those were the only LIC coaches that sent me info.



Oblong Panthers



Hutsonville/Palestine Pioneers