

Mackinaw City Comets

Adam Stefanski Takes Over as Girls Coach at Mackinaw City



The Mackinaw City 2009-2010 girls varsity basketball team includes (front, from left) Taelar Steward-22, Jessica Sefton-40, manager-Lauren Bell, Kristina Heilman-32, Amber Wallis-12; (back) Sarah Rogala-30, Ashley McArthur-20, Kimberly Jaenicke-34, Coach Adam Stefanski, Jennifer Kaenicke-10, Hannah Morse-24, and Kathleen LaLonde-25. Missing from photograph is Molly Frye.

Adam Stefanski, a graduate of DeTour High School in 2002 and Alma College in 2006, will take over coaching the Mackinaw City girls basketball varsity team from veteran coach Paul Wallin for the 2009-2010 season.

Stefanski is in his third year as a teacher in the Mackinaw City school system. He is the athletic director, teaches K-12

physical education and seventh, eighth, and ninth grade health class, and previously coached junior varsity boys and was the varsity assistant coach. He was a Special Olympics basketball coach while living in Alma.

The Comets will have 11 players on the varsity and 10 on the junior varsity squad, coached by Aaron Grant.

Seniors returning for their

fourth varsity season are Molly Frye (forward/guard), Kathleen LaLonde (guard), and Jessica Sefton (guard). Juniors Taelar Steward (forward/center) and Hannah Morse (forward/guard) are returning for their fourth year after competing as eighth grade athletes.

Junior Ashley McArthur (forward/center) returns for her third year. Second year players

include juniors Jennifer Jaenicke (guard/forward) and sophomore Sarah Rogala (forward/guard). First-year players are seniors Kristina Heilman (guard) and Amber Wallis (guard).

"I am excited about the upcoming season and look forward to working with this group of girls," said Coach Stefanski.

"The girls have worked hard and are looking forward to the upcoming season."

The Comets compete in the Northern Lakes Conference with Ellsworth, Harbor Light Christian, Boyne Falls, Alba, Alanson, Vanderbilt, and Wolverine and have a non-league schedule against Pellston, Engadine, Pickford, DeTour, and Harbor Springs.

Comets Boys Team Sees Strong Interest for 2009-2010 Season

Eighteen potential players showed up for the Mackinaw City Comets boys basketball team this season, surprising the coaches, who had anticipated roughly half that number of interested players.

After taking into account not only this season but the future interests of the basketball program, Coach Garth Law and Athletic Director Adam Stefanski decided not to make cuts but to keep everyone who wanted to play on the varsity team.

"I want to make the correct decision for the benefit of everyone and the interest of our program for the upcoming years," said Coach Law, in his fourth year at Mackinaw City. He is a graduate of LaSalle High School in St. Ignace.

Coach Law had taken a count at the end of the last school year and at the time, only eight high school athletes signed up for the Comets 2009-2010 team, meaning that Mackinaw City would not have an junior varsity squad for this year.

Four players returning from last year are senior Adam Alexander (forward/center) in his third varsity season, seniors Tate Paquet (guard) and Michael Dery (guard/forward) in and sophomore James Omey (guard) in their second year.

First-year players are seniors



The Mackinaw City 2009-2010 boys varsity basketball team includes (front, from left) Daniel Malcolm, Noah Reimer, Carson McArthur; (middle) Tate Paquet-32, Tim Vieau-12, Dakota Withey-34, Chandler Lawson-10, Michael Dery-44; (back) Noah Morse-20, James Omey-54, Peter Strojny-42, Coach Garth Law, Adam Alexander-24, Josh Anderson-52, and Stephen Heilman-50.

Peter Strojny (center) and Tim Vieau (guard), freshmen Noah Morse (forward), Josh Anderson (forward/center), Stephen Heilman (forward/center), and

Chandler Lawson (guard), and eighth grade student Dakota Withey (forward). Omar Spaulding, Noah Reimer, Carson McArthur, Daniel Malcolm and

Chris Vieau will round out the first year players.

The Comets will be prepared for the Northern Lakes Conference schedule that includes

Harbor Light Christian, Vanderbilt, Wolverine, Boyne Falls, Ellsworth, Alba, and Alanson and non-league contests against Pellston, Pickford, and DeTour.