

Laurel Knighthawks / LadyHawks

History

2008-09 Season

Boys Team (partial season)

Coach: Scott Wiggins

Scoutmaster Scott Wiggins had been leading Boy Scout Troop #38, which was started by the men of Audubon Drive Church in Laurel, MS. The boys in the troop enjoyed their scouting activities; however Scoutmaster Scott had a vision for these boys (especially his 3 young sons). Scott wanted to develop all aspects of these young men. He decided to start a Boy Scout Venture Troop for the purpose of allowing his Boys to also play basketball. For the most part, the team was composed of Troop 38 Boy Scouts; however, a few additional young men were determined to solely join the basketball team.

Obviously, spending so much time together would help these young men to form bonds and lasting friendships.

The team was formed immediately prior to the emerging homeschool basketball season with little time to prepare. Dennis Alldy, coach of the Hattiesburg Forerunners, was instrumental in advising Coach Scott in the formation of the team and helping determine next steps. The team held their practices in the Grace Covenant church gym and mostly played Away games.

The team did not have an official name at this time. Coach Scott affectionately called this band of brothers the "Bandits." Also, the uniform was simply matching t-shirts.

Players:

- Scouts: Andrew Wiggins, Ben Wiggins, Jeremiah Scott, Seth Houston, Jeremiah Marcellino
- Non-Scouts: Caleb Martin

2009-10 Season

VB, JVB - Coach: Scott Wiggins

The first official season of Coach Scott's team was the 2009-10 season. He was given the title "Coachmaster" as a hybrid of his two roles with these boys.

Coachmaster Scott decided it was time for the team to select a proper name. The boys submitted suggestions to the coach. Many of the names submitted came from the creative and illustrious minds of these young boys and a few dads. Coach Scott put two of the best recommendations 'Knights' and 'Hawks' together to create the official "Knighthawks" mascot name.

The team had their first official uniforms and played their home games in the Southeastern Baptist College Gym.

Players:

- Jordan Beasley, Ethan Kilpatrick, Ben Robertson, Sam Houston, Eli Kiplatrick, John Thomas Badley, Jacob Beasley, Ben Wiggins, Justin Beasley, Josiah Jones, Jeremiah Scott, Ben Holifield

The homeschool teams playing in this season included:

- Jackson Victors (blue/white),
- Hattiesburg Forerunners (blue/white)
- Meridian Flyers (navy/white)
- Vicksburg (green)
- Laurel Knighthawks (black/gold)

A homeschool basketball tournament was held in Hattiesburg at the old Oak Grove elementary school gymnasium. The Jackson Victors dominated the season and won the tournament.

2010-11 Season

Boys Teams (VB, JVB) - Coach: Scott Wiggins

Girls Team (VG) - Coach Beth Wiggins

**1st year for girls team

2011-12 Season - VB Champs!

The Laurel Knighthawks program continues to grow. This year would create a new threshold for the boys team. This group of boys proved that a “Cinderella team” can emerge to reach new heights, and the Jackson Victors can be defeated.

A sad note on this season was the illness incurred by one of our players, Ike Armor. Ike suffered from an unknown illness which ultimately halted his season and playing career. It was later determined that a staph infection had caused harm to his body. The KH boys presented the team championship trophy to their recovering teammate.

Boys Teams (VB, JVB) - Coach: Scott Wiggins

- VB Players - Walker Martin, Jonathan Jones, Stan Green (#24), Andrew Wiggins (#14), Ben Holifield (#33), Justin Beasley (#10), Seth Brownlee, Josiah Jones (#25), Ben Wiggins (#33)
- JVB Players - Ben Robertson (#35), Sam Houston, Caleb Brownlee, Eli Kilpatrick....



****VB State Champs Laurel Knighthawks defeated the Jackson Victors emerging from the loser's bracket.**

Girls Team (VG) - Coach Beth Wiggins

2012-13 Season - VB Champs Repeat!

Boys Coach: Jason Jones | Assistant: Joshua Jones

- **Players**
 - VB: front row: Seth Brownlee, Josiah Jones (#25), Ben Wiggins (#33), Stan Green, Jacob Reusch (#10), Ben Holifield (#22), Coach Jason Jones; back row: Assistant coach: Joshua Jones, Ben Robertson (#35), Walker Martin, Eric Hanberry



****VB State Champs Laurel Knight Hawks defeated Jackson Victors in the Hattiesburg hosted tournament.**

Girls Team (VG) - Coach Jimmy Houston

2013-14 Season

Boys Teams (VB, JVB) - Coach: Davy Fenton | Assistant: John Howard Robertson

The team experienced the beginning of its next coaching legacy with the addition of a new boy's Coach, Davy Fenton, to the program. Davy had returned to the area after planting a church in Texas. The Knighthawks board knew that the program needed someone with expertise but were cautious in turning over the lead to a relatively unknown person. They prayed for the Lord to provide. After "interviewing" this new prospect, the Board was unanimous in their decision to bring Davy Fenton on as the new boys coach.

Players

- VB: Seth Brownlee (sr), Ben Holified (sr), Sam Houston, Ben Robertson, Eli Kilpatrick, Caleb Browlee, Caleb Broadhead, Matthew Sexton, Brian Matthews, Jared Matthews
- JVB: Carter Fenton, Ben Floyd, Ilan Habersham, Noah Holifield, Michael Jenkins, Evan Kilpatrick, Samuel Mitchell

Girls Team (VG) - Coach Christen Leggett (former player)

State Tournament was hosted by Jackson Victors

2014-15 Season

Boys Teams (VB, JVB) - Coach: Davy Fenton | Assistant: John H Robertson

Players:

Carter Fenton, Ben Floyd, Ilan Habersham, Noah Holifield, Michael Jenkins, Evan Kilpatrick, Bryan Matthews, Jared Matthes, Samuel Mitchell, Tanner Robertson, Will Wheat, Caleb Broadhead, Caleb Brownlee, Seth Brownlee, Ben Holifield, Sam Houston, Eli Kiplatrick, Ben Robertson, Matthew Sexton

Girls Team (VG) - Coach: Brenda Broadhead

State tournament was hosted by the Hattiesburg Forerunners.

2015-16 Season

Boys Teams (VB, JVB) - Coach: Davy Fenton | Assistants: John Howard Robertson, [Cliff Jenkins](#)

Players

- VB: Ben Robertson, Caleb Brownlee, Caleb Broadhead, Matthew Sexton, Brian Matthews, Jared Matthews
- JVB: Carter Fenton, Ben Floyd, Ilan Habersham, Noah Holifield, Michael Jenkins, Evan Kilpatrick, Samuel Mitchell, Joseph Harris, Caleb Jenkins, Jacob Gordon, Mikquan Payton, Charlie Knox, Tanner Robertson, Joshua Sexton, Jonathan Townsend, Will Wheat

Girls Team (VG) - Coach: Brenda Broadhead

State Tournament was hosted by the Jackson Victors.

2016-17 Season

AD: Brad & Alicia Holified

Home Gym: Southeastern Baptist College

Boys Teams (VB, JVB) - Coach: Davy Fenton | Assistant: John Howard Robertson

JVB Team - Coach: Cliff Jenkins

Girls Team (VG, JVG) - Coach: Shon Spradley

State tournament was hosted by the Hattiesburg Forerunners

2017-18 Season - JVB Champs!

AD: Ray & Kristi Matthews

Home Gym: Southeastern Baptist College

Boys Teams (VB, JVB) - Coach: Davy Fenton | John Howard Robertson | Cliff Jenkins

JVB, JH - Cliff Jenkins

JHB - Bryson Haden

Girls Team (VG) - Coach: Shon Spradley

Jackson Victors hosted the state tournament:

- Champions:
 - VB:
 - VG:
 - JVB: Laurel beat PCA.
 - JVG:

Boys	Girls
Ezekial Wood Jadon Beard Ryan Wheat Wes Stewart Caleb Blankenship Jasper Haden Ollie Hammonds Jacob Moree Aaron Smith Silas Ensign Dalton Gibbs Skylar Haden Caleb Jenksin Cord Blakeney Jack Flynt Ben Floyd William Garrett Will Wheat Brandon Norris Tanner Robertson Michael Jenkins Daniel Breckenridge Ethan Harris Ryan Spears Carter Fenton Timothy Martin Jared Matthews Bryan Matthews	Olivia Spradley Anna Smith Micah Hill Sydney Starbuck Nora Pitts Trista Sims Rachel Robertson Danielle Fenton Ella Pitts Haley Gibbs Isabella Odom Kayla ensign Ruby Smith Lauren Thompson Faith Houston Grace Spradley Lauren Walters Bailey Phillips

2018-19 Season - JVB Champs!

AD: Ray & Kristi Matthews

Home Gym: Southeastern Baptist College

Boys Teams (VB, JVB) - Coach: Davy Fenton | Assistants: John Howard Robertson, Cliff Jenkins

JHB - Coach: Bryson Haden

Girls Team (VG) - Coach: Shon Spradley

Intramurals - (played at First Baptist Laurel)

Little Dribblers

Hattiesburg Forerunners hosted the state tournament

Banquet was held at Mt Vernon Methodist Church

2019-20 Season

AD: Cliff Jenkins (unofficial)

Home Gym: Southeastern Baptist College

Practice Gyms: Magnolia Baptist, Temple Baptist

Concessions: Robin Ensign

Boys Teams (VB, JVB) - Coach: Cliff Jenkins | Assistant: Ben Flynt

JHB - Coach: Bryson Haden | Assistant: Dwight Lindsey

Girls Team (VG, JVG, JHG) - Coach: Shon Spradley | Assistant: Michael Ensign

Intramurals - Tanda Pitts | Jada Beech

Little Dribblers

Laurel KH hosted a JH Tournament.

State tournament was hosted by the Jackson Victors

2020-21 Season - VB, JVG Champs!

The season was very complicated due to the COVID Pandemic. Scheduling games was difficult as many of the private and homeschool teams were uncertain how to maintain the safety of players as well as comply with the changing restrictions being mandated by the Governor. Several games were cancelled and others rescheduled.

AD: Cliff Jenkins (unofficial)

Scheduling: Davy Fenton

Home Gym: Salem Heights Baptist Church

Concessions: Sonya Cranford

Boys Teams (VB, JVB) - Coach: Cliff Jenkins | Assistant: Ben Flynt

JHB - Coach: Dwight Lindsey | Assistant: Michael Jenkins (former player)

- Players: Jack Flynt (sr), Isaac Housley (sr), Sllas Ensign (jr), Jacob Moree (jr), Caleb Jenkins (jr), Kai Welch (soph),

Girls Team (VG) - Coach: Shon Spradley | Assistant: Davy Fenton

JHG - Coach: Lindsay Lindsey | Assistant: Grace Spradley (former player and Lakelyn Flynt

- Players: Ella Pitts (sr), Danielle Fenton (sr), Haley Gibbs (sr), Rachel Robertson (jr), Olivia Spradley (soph), Moriah Pierce (soph), ...

Intramurals - Tanda Pitts | Jada Beech

Little Dribblers

State Tournament - Laurel Knighthawks hosted the state tournament with support from the Meridian Flyers:

- Teams: Laurel Knighthawks, Meridian Flyers, Scott County Flames, Hattiesburg Forerunners, Jackson Victors, Muddy River Counselors (Clinton, MS).
- Champions:
 - VB - Laurel defeated PCA in the final game. The KH were undefeated in the tournament.
 - VG - PCA defeated Jackson in the final game.
 - JVB - Muddy River defeated Laurel in the second elimination game of the championship.
 - JVG - Laurel defeated Hattiesburg in the final game. The Laurel JVG were undefeated in the tournament.

Banquet was held at Mt. Vernon Methodist Church.