



Freed-Hardeman University

Lady Lion Basketball

2009-10 Quick Facts

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
5	Hannah Parsley	G	5-8	So.	Rector, Ark. (Rector HS)
12	Brittney Williams	G	5-6	Fr.	Jackson, Tenn. (Trinity Christian Acad.)
15	Tara Deatheridge	G	5-6	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Ezell Harding Christian)
20	Leslie Morgan	G	5-10	Fr.	Philadelphia, Miss. (Neshoba Central HS)
22	Kristal Edney	G	5-8	Jr.	Linden, Tenn. (Perry Co. HS)
24	Jessica Light	G	5-7	Fr.	Dyersburg, Tenn. (Dyersburg HS)
33	Whitney Johnson	G	5-4	Jr.	Lexington, Tenn. (Lexington HS)
35	Natalie Shumpert	G	5-4	Fr.	Paducah, Ky. (Paducah Tilghman HS)
40	Summer Waggoner	F	5-10	Fr.	Chapel Hill, Tenn. (Forrest HS)
41	Jana Cross	F	5-10	Sr.	Loretto, Tenn. (Loretto HS)
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Year-by-Year Records

Year	Record	Year	Record
1979-80	12-12	1995-96	15-16
1980-81	18-14	1996-97	26-11
1981-82	16-10	1997-98	24-13
1982-83	8-17	1998-99	26-10
1983-84	10-18	1999-00	28-8
1984-85	7-22	2000-01	27-10
1985-86	13-15	2001-02	25-9
1986-87	12-17	2002-03	30-6
1987-88	12-17	2003-04	31-5
1988-89	13-13	2004-05	30-7
1989-90	11-15	2005-06	32-3
1990-91	12-15	2006-07	21-11
1991-92	17-16	2007-08	29-8
1992-93	11-19	2008-09	25-9
1993-94	9-21		
1994-95	21-9		

School Facts

Location	Henderson, Tenn.
Founded	1869
Enrollment	2,043
Nickname	Lions, Lady Lions
School Colors	Maroon, Gold, White
Affiliation	NAIA
Conference	TranSouth Athletic Conference
President	Dr. Joe Wiley
Website	www.fhu.edu
Athletics Website	www.gofhulions.com

Program Facts

Head Coach	Dale Neal (16th season) Harding (Ark.), '69
Record at FHU	390-135
Career Record	624-231
Office Phone	731.989.6903
Email	dneal@fhu.edu
Assistant Coach	Lain Hinson Freed-Hardeman, '07
2008-09 Record	25-9
Conf. Record	13-3
Post-season	NAIA Sweet 16
Home Floor	Smith-Kirk Court
Starters Ret./Lost	4/1
All-Time Record	571-356

Staff Directory

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Returning Starters (4)

Player	Pos.	Cl.	PPG	RPG	APG
Meribeth Boehler	C	Jr.	11.2	6.6	2.2
Jana Cross	F	Sr.	19.2	6.5	1.7
Tara Deatheridge	G	Sr.	13.4	5.3	3.1
Whitney Johnson	G	Jr.	8.9	4.3	3.3

Starters Lost (1)

Player	Pos.	Cl.	PPG	RPG	APG
Chelsie Alsup	G	Jr.	8.3	3.0	2.8

Returning Reserves (2)

Player	Pos.	Cl.	PPG	RPG	APG
Kristal Edney	G	Jr.	DNP - Medical Redshirt		
Hannah Parsley	G	Soph.	8.9	2.7	1.2

Other Players Lost (5)

Player	Pos.	Cl.	PPG	RPG	APG
Jessica Doran	F	Jr.	4.0	2.0	0.5
Nicole Duncan	C	Jr.	4.0	2.7	0.7
Rachel Melson	G	Fr.	1.0	1.0	0.7
Julia Myers	G	Fr.	2.6	1.5	1.0
Rakeshia Perry	F	Fr.	6.9	4.7	0.8

Newcomers (6)

Player	Pos.	Cl.	Hometown (Previous School)
Maria Bagwell	G/F	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Hume Fogg HS)
Jessica Light	G	Fr.	Dyersburg, Tenn. (Dyersburg HS)
Leslie Morgan	G/F	Fr.	Philadelphia, Miss. (Neshoba HS)
Natalie Shumpert	G	Fr.	Paducah, Ky. (Tilghman HS)
Summer Waggoner	F	Fr.	Chapel Hill, Tenn. (Forrest HS)
Brittney Williams	G	Fr.	Jackson, Tenn. (Trinity Christian Acad.)

All-time records against 2009-10 opponents

Auburn-Montgomery	1-2	The Master's College	0-2
Bethel University	42-7	Mid-Continent Univ.	6-0
Biola University	1-0	Midway College	0-0
Blue Mountain College	46-12	Pacific University	0-0
Central Baptist	2-0	Spring Hill College	4-2
Columbia College	0-0	Tennessee Temple	0-0
Cumberland Univ.	31-22	Trevecca Nazarene	19-11
Lambuth University	28-36	Union University	13-60
Lane College	21-4	Westminster	0-0
Lyon College	23-7	William Carey College	3-0
Martin Methodist	31-3		

2009-10 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

Fri. 6	Midway College <i>LionBacker Classic</i>	6:00 PM
Sat. 7	Auburn-Montgomery <i>LionBacker Classic</i>	2:00 PM
Tues. 10	Lipscomb Univ. (exhib.)	7:00 PM
Thurs. 12	Lambuth University	6:00 PM
Sat. 14	Spring Hill College	1:00 PM
Thurs. 19	The Master's College <i>Rotary Classic</i>	7:00 PM
Fri. 20	Biola University <i>Rotary Classic</i>	9:00 PM
Sat. 21	Westminster College <i>Rotary Classic</i>	5:00 PM
Tues. 24	Columbia College	6:00 PM

DECEMBER

Tues. 1	Lambuth University	6:00 PM
Sat. 5	Tennessee Temple Univ.	TBD
Fri. 11	Lane College <i>Bethel University Classic</i>	2:00 PM
Sat. 12	Central Baptist College <i>Bethel University Classic</i>	12:00 PM
Sun. 20	Pacific University <i>Hoop U Surf Classic</i>	4:00 PM
Mon. 21	William Carey College <i>Hoop U Surf Classic</i>	8:00 PM

JANUARY

Thu. 7	Blue Mountain (TS)	6:00 PM
Sat. 9	Cumberland Univ. (TS)	2:00 PM
Sat. 16	Union University (TS)	2:00 PM
Mon. 18	Trevecca Nazarene (TS)	6:00 PM
Thurs. 21	Martin Methodist (TS)	6:00 PM
Sat. 23	Mid-Continent (TS)	2:00 PM
Thurs. 28	Lyon College (TS)	6:00 PM
Sat. 30	Bethel University (TS)	2:00 PM

FEBRUARY

Thurs. 4	Blue Mountain (TS)	6:00 PM
Sat. 6	Cumberland Univ. (TS)	2:00 PM
Sat. 13	Union University (TS)	2:00 PM
Mon. 15	Martin Methodist (TS)	6:00 PM
Thurs. 18	Trevecca Nazarene (TS)	6:00 PM
Sat. 20	Mid-Continent (TS)	2:00 PM
Thurs. 25	Lyon College (TS)	6:00 PM
Sat. 27	Bethel University (TS)	2:00 PM

MARCH

Wed. 3	TSAC Quarterfinals	7:00 PM
Fri. 5	TSAC Semifinals	7:00 PM
Mon. 8	TSAC Finals	7:00 PM
17-23	NAIA National Tournament <i>Oman Arena; Jackson, Tenn.</i>	TBA

2009-10 Season Preview

FOR A TEAM THAT HAD no seniors last season, there will be a lot of new faces on the floor for the 2009-10 version of the Freed-Hardeman University Lady Lions. The roster of 12 will be split half-and-half with returnees and newcomers as FHU brings back six players while welcoming six freshmen to the squad.

Last season continued a long stretch of excellence for Lady Lion basketball. Freed-Hardeman notched its 13th straight season with at least 20 victories after finishing the year with a record of 25-9. The team also made its 13th consecutive appearance in the NAIA National Tournament, advancing to the Sweet 16 where they lost in double overtime to the University of the Columbians (Ky.) and maintaining the third-longest streak of its kind in the nation behind Oklahoma Baptist University and conference foe Union (Tenn.) University.

The Lady Lions will be led into the new season by a pair of returning All-Americans in Jana Cross and Tara Deatheridge. Cross also made Freed-Hardeman history by becoming the



program's first player to win the WBCA/State Farm NAIA Player of the Year award. Neal will look to his two seniors for leadership both on and off the floor.

As it has for two seasons before, the Lady Lion offense will revolve around three-time All-American Jana Cross. Despite missing 12 games last season, Cross was still a first-team all-conference and first-team NAIA All-American selection. She was also named the WBCA/State Farm NAIA Player of the Year after averaging 19.2

points and 6.3 rebounds per game while shooting 55.4 percent from the field.

A first-team all-conference and second-team All-American selection in 2009, Tara Deatheridge will again be looked to as the leader in the backcourt for the Lady Lions in her senior season. Deatheridge, who set a school record by making nine 3-pointers in a win over Bryan (Tenn.) College on Dec. 13, ranked second on the team in scoring (13.4 ppg), assists (3.1 apg) and steals (2.5 spg) while also making a team-high 70 3-pointers. In addition to her threat behind the arc, she can also score from mid-range and is an excellent rebounder from her guard position.

Meribeth Boehler also returns after a breakout sophomore season that saw her lead the team in field goal percentage while averaging 11.2 and 6.6 rebounds per game. Her physical play along with her length provides an important counterpart to Cross on the blocks.

Junior Whitney Johnson and sophomore Hannah Parsley also return in the backcourt. Johnson started all 34 games last year and was second on the team in minutes played, while Parsley averaged over 20 minutes per game in a reserve role. The team is also hopeful for the early-season return of junior guard Kristal Edney, one of the best perimeter shooters in the NAIA. As a sophomore, Edney averaged 13.1 points per game and shot 38.4 percent from 3-point range.

After a solid freshman campaign that saw her make the all-conference freshman team, Hannah Parsley will bring more experience into the Lady Lion backcourt. Parsley scored 31 points against Cumberland (Tenn.) on Jan. 31 last season and averaged 8.9 points per game.

Freshmen Natalie Shumpert and Jessica Light could both make immediate contributions. Both are super-quick players with the ability to break down a defense off the dribble. Shumpert averaged over 20 points per game as a senior at Paducah Tilghman HS, while Light was rated as one of the top 35 high school girls' basketball players in the state of Tennessee.

Another freshman, Brittney Williams, could figure into the mix in the backcourt. Williams was the starting point guard as a sophomore for a Jackson North Side HS team that advanced to the TSSAA State Tournament, averaging nearly 10 points per game that season.

While Cross is definitely at her best playing back-to-basket, she will get balance at the forward spots from newcomers Leslie Morgan and Maria Bagwell, both of whom can face up to the basket and do damage from mid-range. Summer Waggoner, another freshman, adds depth in the low post.

As usual, the Lady Lions will not shy away from tough competition as they prepare for another trip to the NAIA National Tournament. FHU will participate in the Rotary Classic, which has become the most prestigious in-season classic in the NAIA. Opponents in the classic, which is played at Union (Tenn.) University, are The Master's (Calif.) College, Biola (Calif.) University, and Westminster (Utah) College. Biola and Westminster both advanced to the NAIA Sweet 16 last season.

The Lady Lions will host Auburn University at Montgomery (Ala.), which finished the 2008-09 season in the NAIA's top 25, during the LionBacker Classic and will travel to face off with Columbia (Mo.) College, another team that advanced to the Sweet 16, in December. FHU will also play its traditional home-and-home series with last year's national runner-up, Lambuth (Tenn.) University.

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All Games	(25-9)	(14-2)	(6-3)	(5-4)
Conference	(13-3)	(7-1)	(6-2)	(0-0)
Non-Conference	(12-6)	(7-1)	(0-1)	(5-4)

#	Player	TOTAL					3-PT			REBOUNDS																
		GP	GS	MIN	AVG	FG	FGA	PCT	FG	FGA	PCT	FT	FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF	TOT	R/G	PF	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS	P/G	
5	Hannah Parsley	34	2	853	25.1	100	257	.389	43	129	.333	59	74	.797	33	59	92	2.7	47	42	58	2	23	302	8.9	
10	Julia Myers	22	0	238	10.8	23	46	.500	3	9	.333	8	13	.615	11	23	34	1.5	23	23	12	1	12	57	2.6	
13	Chelsie Alsup	34	32	866	25.5	107	247	.433	41	101	.406	27	34	.794	32	71	103	3.0	52	94	55	10	45	282	8.3	
15	Tara Deatheridge	32	30	1155	36.1	134	382	.351	70	207	.338	91	116	.784	22	149	171	5.3	59	100	85	2	79	429	13.4	
22	Kristal Edney	4	0	28	7.0	2	14	.143	2	9	.222	0	0	.000	1	4	5	1.3	7	3	2	0	0	6	1.5	
32	Rachel Melson	10	0	77	7.7	4	17	.235	1	5	.200	1	4	.250	4	6	10	1.0	3	7	8	0	3	10	1.0	
33	Whitney Johnson	34	32	1166	34.3	107	258	.415	27	91	.297	62	86	.721	37	109	146	4.3	41	112	82	2	85	303	8.9	
34	Jessica Doran	21	0	231	11.0	29	59	.492	6	20	.300	20	23	.870	21	22	43	2.0	9	11	9	1	4	84	4.0	
41	Jana Cross	22	20	684	31.1	159	287	.554	0	0	.000	105	139	.755	51	93	144	6.5	35	37	59	7	25	423	19.2	
44	Nicole Duncan	33	12	426	12.9	50	111	.450	0	1	.000	31	45	.689	35	53	88	2.7	61	24	27	27	6	131	4.0	
45	Rakeshia Perry	19	0	284	15.0	47	96	.490	0	0	.000	37	55	.673	34	55	89	4.7	40	16	20	6	14	131	6.9	
51	Meribeth Boehler	34	32	841	24.7	155	284	.546	2	19	.105	70	94	.745	88	136	224	6.6	106	76	83	21	34	382	11.2	
TEAM															92	109	201				17					
Freed-Hardeman University		34		6850			917	2058	.446	195	591	.330	511	683	.748	461	889	1350	39.7	483	545	517	79	330	2540	74.7
Opponents		34		6857			784	1979	.396	188	601	.313	324	478	.678	388	774	1162	34.2	623	369	629	102	265	2080	61.2

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Opponents	985	1067	10	18	2080
Freed-Hardeman University	1240	1278	10	12	2540

DeadBall Rebounds: Freed-Hardeman University 81 Opponents 71

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