

MARYLAND

TOP PLAYERS

FAST BREAK

Anne Arundel

1. Arundel (21-5)
2. Old Mill (19-7)
3. Meade (13-11)

- C Sheronne Vails**, Arundel, 6-5, Sr.
- G/F Kamyiah Surgeon**, Annapolis, 5-9, Sr.
- G Talen Watson**, Arundel, 5-8, Sr.
- F Raquelle Jones**, Southern, 5-10, Sr.
- G Kourtney Salisbury**, Old Mill, 5-7, Sr.

With two Division I players in Sheronne Vails (Louisville) and Talen Watson (U-Mass.) and a strong supporting cast, **Arundel** is once again the runaway favorite. . . . On paper **Meade** appears to have all the ingredients to push possibly every team in the county. . . . **Annapolis's** Surgeon is arguably the most athletic player in the county but will need help if the Panthers are to take a step forward this year. . . . **Old Mill** adds 6-1 F Monet Nias, a transfer from Oakland Mills, to a roster anchored by Salisbury and F Carly Conley.

Howard

1. River Hill (27-1)
2. Atholton (22-6)
3. Centennial (16-7)

- G Shantrel Oliver**, River Hill, 5-6, Sr.
- G Nicole Hill**, Oakland Mills, 5-8, Sr.
- C Megan Schaaf**, Mount Hebron, 5-10, Sr.
- G/F Bridgette Snyder**, Atholton, 5-7, Jr.
- G Alex Vega**, River Hill, 5-7, Sr.

After capturing its seventh conference title in 10 years in 2009, **River Hill** is an early favorite again with key returners Oliver and Vega. . . . New Coach Anthony Bell could help Mount Hebron continue as a top team after 13-year coach Scott Robinson stepped down at the end of last season. **Atholton** has back five starters from last year's 3A semifinalist squad. **Centennial** will need to pick up the points after graduating all-time leading scorer Molly Speicher but has strong leaders in F Julia Benjamin and G Victoria Pino and added transfers Sarah Miller (Mount Hebron) and Kayla Kelly (Broadneck).

Montgomery

4A

1. Paint Branch (24-3)
2. Gaithersburg (20-4)
3. Wootton (19-5)

- C Gabby Flnchum**, Wootton, 6-3, Jr.
- G Kara Marshall**, Gaithersburg, 5-9, Jr.
- G Brene Moseley**, Paint Branch, 5-8, Jr.
- G-F Bria White**, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, 5-8, Sr.

One of the more competitive regions in the area just got a little tougher with the addition of **Paint Branch**, which moves up from 3A after not losing to a Montgomery opponent in nearly three years. . . . White (Longwood commit) averaged 16.4 ppg last year as she developed more of a perimeter game. This season, she'll have to show her leadership skills with a very young supporting cast. . . . Flnchum was the top scorer last year for **Wootton**, which has gone 73-22 the past four seasons but is still looking for its first region title. . . . **Gaithersburg** rode a young team to the 4A West semifinals last season before losing to state runner-up Blake.

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3A/2A/1A

1. Blake (20-6)
2. Seneca Valley (16-6)
3. Poolesville (16-9)

- F Nicole Cunningham**, Clarksburg, 6-1, Sr.
- G Alicia Hall**, Kennedy, 5-9, Sr.
- G Jasmine McRoy**, Watkins Mill, 5-8, Jr.
- G Christine Weithman**, Blake, 5-9, Sr.
- G Kelsey Wolfe**, Seneca Valley, 5-9, Sr.

After reaching the 4A semifinals the past three years (including the final in 2007 and '09), **Blake** dropped down to 3A. The Bengals will look to **Weithman**, a four-year starter with a nice outside touch. . . . Led by Wolfe, who signed with Virginia, all five of **Seneca Valley's** starters are back from the Eagles' winningest team in at least a decade. . . . As a freshman last year, Lindsay Poss was the leading scorer for **Poolesville**, which reached the 1A West final last year. The Falcons moved up to 2A this season. . . . After consecutive winless seasons, **Watkins Mill** won four games in 2007-08 and nine last year. . . . Senior F Jessie Kaufman is back after leading **Damascus** (16-9) with 13.5 ppg last year.

MVAL

- G Kashay Barnes**, Frederick, 5-7, Sr.
- F Krysten Green**, Mount Airy, 5-7, Sr.

Urbana graduated its top scorer, Ashleigh Fossett, but junior Madi Kendall