



Old Mill boys basketball preview

Patriots won't be satisfied until they get back to Class 4A state tournament

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Old Mill Patriots

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Conference:

Anne Arundel County

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Schedule

Head Coach:

Greg Smith

Key Players:

Mike Holley, Jr., G
Marvin Pinkney, Sr., F
Chris Day, Jr., G
Anthony Smith, Sr., C
Eric Savage, Soph., F
Daniel Gregory, Fr., C

Breakdown:

The Patriots advanced to the Class 4A East Region championship and were just a few free throws away from a state tournament berth last season. Eighth-year coach Greg Smith said the bad memory is still on the minds of many returning players because it happened on their home court.

"Expectations are high because these guys want to get back there," said Smith, whose team went 23-3 and are the defending county champs. "We lost four seniors (three starters) but we have plenty of guys that came off the bench and got lots of experience."

Senior forward Marvin Pinkney, a three-year varsity player, will be counted on to pull down the rebounds but Smith said he's playing out of position at only 6-foot-3. He will be aided down low by sophomore Eric Savage, who started games last season as a freshman.

Junior guards Mike Holley and Chris Day make up one of the most potent backcourts in the county. Both players possess plenty of speed and will headline the Patriots' up-tempo offense.

"I don't think it's a secret, we like to run the court," Pinkney said.

As soon as he gets healthy, 6-foot-8 freshman Daniel Gregory, brother of former Mount St. Joseph standout Dino Gregory (Maryland), should balance out Old Mill's roster.