

# HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PREVIEW

## SCHEDULES

### SNOHOMISH

#### Boys Schedule

Dec. 4 vs. Lake Stevens	Jan. 14 @ Monroe
Dec. 6 vs. Eastlake	Jan. 16 @ Everett at 8 p.m.
Dec. 8 @ Glacier Peak	Jan. 21 vs. Marysville-Getchell
Dec. 10 @ Lynnwood	Jan. 23 @ Marysville-Pilchuck at 8 p.m.
Dec. 12 @ Meadowdale	Jan. 28 vs. Monroe
Dec. 15 @ Issaquah	Jan. 30 vs. Stanwood at 8 p.m.
Dec. 19 vs. Everett at 8 p.m.	Feb. 4 @ Marysville-Getchell at 7 p.m.
Jan. 2 vs. Marysville-Pilchuck at 8 p.m.	
Jan. 9 @ Stanwood at 8 p.m.	

#### Girls Schedule

Dec. 3 vs. Archbishop Murphy	Jan. 13 vs. Monroe
Dec. 9 @ Lake Stevens	Jan. 16 @ Everett at 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 11 at Glacier Peak	Jan. 20 vs. Marysville-Getchell
Dec. 15 vs. Issaquah	Jan. 22 @ Jackson
Dec. 19 vs. Everett at 6:30 p.m.	Jan. 23 @ Marysville-Pilchuck at 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 20 vs. Woodinville at 6 p.m.	Jan. 27 @ Monroe
Dec. 29 vs. River Ridge at 6:30 p.m.	Jan. 30 vs. Stanwood at 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 2 vs. Marysville-Pilchuck at 6:30 p.m.	Feb. 2 @ Marysville-Getchell
Jan. 9 @ Stanwood at 6:30 p.m.	



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### GLACIER PEAK

#### Boys Schedule

Dec. 8 vs. Snohomish	Jan. 7 @ Kamiak
Dec. 12 vs. Puyallup	Jan. 9 vs. Mariner at 8 p.m.
Dec. 13 vs. White River at 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 14 @ Cascade
Dec. 19 vs. Lake Stevens at 8 p.m.	Jan. 15 vs. Arlington at 8 p.m.
Dec. 20 vs. Mount Spokane at 3 p.m.	Jan. 23 @ Lake Stevens at 8:30 p.m.
Dec. 29 @ West Valley at 8 p.m.	Jan. 28 @ Jackson at 8 p.m.
Dec. 30 vs. Davis at 3 p.m.	Feb. 4 vs. Cascade
Jan. 3 vs. Jackson at 5 p.m.	Feb. 6 @ Mariner at 8 p.m.
	Feb. 10 @ Arlington

#### Girls Schedule

Dec. 3 @ Everett	Jan. 6 @ Kamiak
Dec. 9 vs. Shorewood	Jan. 9 vs. Mariner at 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 11 vs. Snohomish	Jan. 13 @ Cascade
Dec. 12 @ Arlington	Jan. 16 vs. Arlington at 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 16 @ Monroe	Jan. 23 @ Lake Stevens at 7 p.m.
Dec. 19 vs. Lake Stevens at 6:30 p.m.	Jan. 27 vs. Kamiak
Dec. 29 @ Olympia at 3:45 p.m.	Jan. 30 @ Jackson at 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 3 vs. Jackson at 3:30 p.m.	Feb. 3 vs. Cascade
	Feb. 6 @ Mariner at 6:30 p.m.



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## Snohomish boys an experienced squad

By ADAM WORCESTER  
contributing writer

SNOHOMISH — Snohomish High Coach Jeff Larson welcomes back an experienced squad for the 2025-26 boys' basketball season.

The Panthers lost only one player to graduation — all-league guard Bryson Wheat — from last year's 8-15 team. They have just two seniors on the roster.

"The kids have come in with a great attitude," Larson said. "They're willing to be coached, they're willing to work hard. I really love going to practice every day with these guys."

Snohomish has size on its front line, with 6-foot-6 senior Luke Davis, 6-foot-4 senior Hudson Smith, 6-foot-5 junior Dayton Wheat and 6-foot-3 junior Jack Rotondo.

New addition Grady Rohrich, a 6-foot-1 junior guard, was an all-league player at Kamiak High School last year. His

father is a new Snohomish assistant principal.

Last season the Panthers won their first playoff game in 11 years with 49-43 victory over Mountlake Terrace. Larson hopes to build on that success, but he's unsure how it will translate to win-loss record.

"Our goal is to have great practices every day and perform the best we can every day," he said. "If we can live in the present and everyone focuses on getting better and working hard, things will work out the way they're supposed to."

"Our No. 1 goal is to represent Snohomish High School and the Snohomish community as best we can," Larson said.

The Panthers opened their season with road games Dec. 1 and 2 at Mercer Island and Ferndale after press time. They have home games at 7:15 p.m. Dec. 4 and 6 versus Lake Stevens and Eastlake before traveling to hometown rival Glacier Peak for a 7:15 p.m. showdown on Dec. 8.

## Snohomish girls look to excel at fast play

By ADAM WORCESTER, contributing writer

SNOHOMISH — The Panthers are looking to pick up the pace as they race into the 2025-26 girls' basketball season.

"We're trying to play a little bit faster," Snohomish head coach Ken Roberts said. "We hope to press a little, to get out and go."

His squad has "a lot of guards," Roberts said, which allows him to move senior Sienna Capelli from point guard to shooting guard.

"We lost our post, so we won't be the same type of team with inside-out basketball," Roberts said.

Instead, the state Hall of Fame coach envisions a smaller, quicker team that relies more on drives and outside shooting.

He isn't sure if the Panthers will be as good as last season's 15-8 crew that fell a game short of reaching the state play-

offs, "but we're a really good team," he said.

Capelli and freshman point guard Alaina Daclison will both miss early season games with injuries, so Snohomish won't be at full strength until after New Year's.

Roberts will use non-league games to tinker with his starting line-up as he implements the new style of play.

"We need to get healthy," he said. "The first part of the year is establishing an identity. It should take some time. I'm not sure who we'll start after Christmas, when the games count."

Snohomish opened its season Dec. 1 against Arlington. It hosts Archbishop Murphy Dec. 3, then travels to Lake Stevens on Dec. 9 and to rival Glacier Peak on Dec. 11. All games start at 7:15 p.m.

League play begins Jan. 2 with a 6:30 p.m. home game against Marysville-Pilchuck.

## Glacier Peak girls may again rise to the top

By MICHAEL WHITNEY

SNOHOMISH — Look out: The already strong Glacier Peak Grizzlies' true potency may become clear within the next two months.

The team lost some of its star players to graduation. But it still has hard-driving teammates who bolstered last year's 21-9 season and are returning to play, plus a few new faces.

Head Coach Brian Hill is optimistic. The team's deeper this year, he said, and the play will adjust to that.

"Our goal is to be playing our best basketball by the middle or end of January and hopefully ride that into districts," Hill said.

Hill believes players such as senior guard Zoey Ritter and sophomore post wing Lily Riechelson will help underpin the team. Ritter's in her fourth year of varsity.

Players such as sophomore guard Taya Baines, sophomore

wing Faith Gamble, freshman guard Aliyah Jazmin and junior post Sydney Moriset will be right there.

New to the Grizzlies' court are Skylar Giacomini, a junior from Woodinville who played varsity; senior guard Jordan Johnson, from Mariner; and sophomore post Layla King from the Snohomish Panthers.

Last year, the Grizzlies went deep in the State tournament, taking fifth and trouncing some higher-ranked teams.

This year, it's all looking up. "I really like our length and athleticism so there might be time where we decide to turn up the pressure on teams," the coach said. "It's going to take us a while to get it all figured out but I really like the upside of our squad and at the end of the day I hope we can build a solid team that competes with everyone."

Hill identified Lake Stevens, Arlington, Jackson and Kamiak as tough opponents for this year.

Overall, this year's league should be fun, he said.

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## Bearcat boys build off breakthrough season

By MERRICK PARNELL  
contributing writer

MONROE — The Monroe High boys basketball team is eager to get to work this season, using last year's success as a motivator. The Bearcats last year had a 22-4 campaign that showcased consistency and dominance from start to finish. In district play, they were unbeatable, finishing 10-0 and they took the top spot in 3A Wesco North. Their performance laid the foundation for one of the program's most successful seasons in recent history.

"We made it to Tacoma for the State championship tournament for the first time in 30 years," said head coach Justin Prohn, now in his seventh year leading Monroe and 17th year coaching after previously working at Overlake High. "This year is a new year, and we know we have a target on our backs."

According to Prohn, the program saw nearly 60 athletes try out for around 30 spots across the varsity and sub-varsity levels. This year's varsity group will feature six seniors, five juniors and one sophomore.

A deep and experienced senior core anchors the team. Leading the way is 6-foot-4 senior Caleb Campbell, a Gonzaga basketball commit and first-team all-league selection who remains one of Monroe's top two-way threats. Senior guard Wyatt Prohn, a veteran varsity presence and fellow first-team all-league honoree, brings scoring ability and perimeter leadership. In the post, 6-foot-3 senior Dominic Castillo provides energy and physicality, while senior Caden Ganashamoorthy adds athleticism and comes from a strong sports background, with a brother currently playing football at Washington State University. Senior post player Carson Moen and senior point guard Tate Hammerquist—a fourth-generation MHS basketball player known for his work ethic—add valuable depth and experience. Seniors Isaiah Kiehl and Chris Britt,



Jim Scolman photo

The Monroe Bearcats hosted the 2025 Monroe Basketball Jamboree on Wednesday, Nov. 26, winning their 10-minute match 27 - 13 over Juanita in hard, physical play. Above, Bearcats senior Caden Ganashamoorthy drives the net for 2, brushing aside the Ravens Defense.

and sophomore point guard Liam Reed, an emerging young playmaker, will also contribute.

"This is a different team than we were last year," Coach Prohn said. "We're trying to build on what we did, one game at a time. We set a standard and want to meet it. We try to play our best basketball in February."

The Bearcats opened their season with games hosting Cedarcrest and Jackson. Conference play starts early with a 5 p.m. game hosting Stanwood on Dec. 6. The early slate offers Monroe an opportunity to establish momentum quickly as they begin their push for the top.

## Monroe girls ready for new season

By MERRICK PARNELL, contributing writer

MONROE — Monroe's girls basketball team is ready to hit the hardwood for another campaign in the Wesco 3A Conference.

Last season, Monroe finished 12-12 overall and 9-7 in league play, placing sixth in the district standings.

The Bearcats, coached by Tyson Horner, will feature an 11-player roster with three seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and one freshman.

"We graduated eight seniors last year who set a high standard on and off the court by making a state tournament appearance in back-to-back seasons with thrilling wins in the playoffs, and by creating a culture in the Monroe community that young women want to be part of," Horner said. "We are challenging our young players to build on that foundation while also balancing a mindset that does not live in the fear of comparison to other players or teams in the present or the past."

Horner expects the Wesco 3A Conference to be a juggernaut this season across both divisions.

"The Wesco 3A North and South divisions are filled with strong programs and excellent coaches. Snohomish and Stanwood return very solid teams in the North division," he said.

On the floor, the Bearcats are preparing to challenge every opponent.

"We expect to find success playing an up-tempo style with scrappy defense and an unselfish attitude on offense," Horner said.

The coach has also set clear goals for his team.

"We want our players to continue to thrive by trusting themselves, their teammates, and the coaching staff. Understanding their role and how that contributes to the overall success of the team is our number one priority," he said.

The Bearcats tipped off their season on the road against Shorecrest on Dec. 3. Their first home game is hosting Stanwood on Dec. 6.

## SCHEDULES

### MONROE Boys Schedule

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| Dec. 6 vs. Stanwood at 5 p.m.     | Jan. 9 vs. Marysville-Getchell at 8 p.m.  |
| Dec. 10 vs. Meadowdale            | Jan. 14 vs. Snohomish                     |
| Dec. 12 @ Lake Stevens            | Jan. 16 @ Stanwood at 8 p.m.              |
| Dec. 18 vs. Woodinville           | Jan. 21 vs. Marysville-Pilchuck at 8 p.m. |
| Dec. 20 @ Sedro Woolley at 1 p.m. | Jan. 23 vs. Everett at 8 p.m.             |
| Dec. 29 @ Bethel at 7 p.m.        | Jan. 28 @ Snohomish                       |
| Dec. 30 vs. Issaquah              | Jan. 30 @ Marysville-Getchell at 8 p.m.   |
| Jan. 2 @ Everett at 8 p.m.        | Feb. 4 vs. Marysville-Pilchuck            |
| Jan. 5 vs. Bear Creek             |   |
| Jan. 7 @ Kentlake                 |   |

### Girls Schedule

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|--------------------------------|---|
| Dec. 3 @ Shorecrest            | Jan. 9 vs. Marysville-Getchell at 6:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 6 vs. Stanwood at 3 p.m.  | Jan. 13 @ Snohomish                         |
| Dec. 8 vs. Jackson             | Jan. 16 @ Stanwood at 6:30 p.m.             |
| Dec. 15 @ Mariner              | Jan. 20 @ Marysville-Pilchuck               |
| Dec. 16 vs. Glacier Peak       | Jan. 23 vs. Everett at 6:30 p.m.            |
| Dec. 19 vs. Sultan             | Jan. 27 vs. Snohomish                       |
| Dec. 22 vs. Eastlake at 5 p.m. | Jan. 30 @ Marysville-Getchell at 6:30 p.m.  |
| Dec. 27 vs. Lakewood at 3 p.m. | Feb. 2 vs. Marysville-Pilchuck              |
| Jan. 2 @ Everett at 6:30 p.m.  |   |
| Jan. 5 @ Shorewood             |   |



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### EVERETT Boys Schedule

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| Dec. 6 @ Oak Harbor at 5 p.m.          | Jan. 12 vs. Gig Harbor                    |
| Dec. 8 vs. Woodinville                 | Jan. 14 @ Marysville-Getchell             |
| Dec. 10 @ Shorecrest                   | Jan. 16 vs. Snohomish at 8 p.m.           |
| Dec. 13 @ Cascade at 6 p.m.            | Jan. 21 @ Stanwood (Time TBA)             |
| Dec. 19 @ Snohomish at 8 p.m.          | Jan. 23 @ Monroe at 8 p.m.                |
| Dec. 22 vs. Meadowdale                 | Jan. 27 vs. Marysville-Getchell           |
| Jan. 2 vs. Monroe at 8 p.m.            | Jan. 30 vs. Marysville-Pilchuck at 8 p.m. |
| Jan. 5 vs. Sedro Woolley               | Feb. 3 vs. Stanwood at 8 p.m.             |
| Jan. 9 @ Marysville-Pilchuck at 8 p.m. |   |

### Girls Schedule

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Dec. 3 vs. Glacier Peak          | Jan. 9 @ Marysville-Pilchuck at 6:30 p.m.    |
| Dec. 6 @ Oak Harbor at 3:15 p.m. | Jan. 13 @ Marysville-Getchell                |
| Dec. 9 vs. Lynnwood              | Jan. 16 vs. Snohomish at 6:30 p.m.           |
| Dec. 11 @ Meadowdale             | Jan. 26 vs. Marysville-Getchell              |
| Dec. 13 @ Cascade at 4:30 p.m.   | Jan. 29 @ Shorecrest                         |
| Dec. 19 @ Snohomish at 6:30 p.m. | Jan. 30 vs. Marysville-Pilchuck at 6:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 22 @ Kamiak                 | Feb. 2 vs. Stanwood                          |
| Dec. 30 vs. Anacortes            |  |
| Jan. 2 vs. Monroe at 6:30 p.m.   |  |
| Jan. 6 vs. Ferndale              |  |



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