

STATE BOUND ROUND 2?

Can The Chargers Make a Run to State Behind the Leadership of Senior Lim Chuol?

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Do the Chariton boys basketball team have what it takes to make it back to the state tournament behind the leadership of Senior Lim Chuol? In the last three years, Chariton has made the tournament twice and one of them was with the help of Chuol. Chuol is a six foot three point guard with lots of talent and a goal to make his last year at CHS a good one.

“He has made us a better basketball team and is a pleasure to coach” said Head Coach Ben Schooley.

Chuol moved to Chariton in 2014 his sophomore year, living with former Chariton basketball player Daric Laing. Chuol and Laing both used to play on the same Kingdom Hoops team and have known each other for several years. His first season playing, Chuol had to sit out ninety days and eight basketball games of varsity because of the transfer rule. He worked hard on those days and his first game he could play, he became a starter.

Chuol has got a lot better since then and this past year he helped his team get to the state tournament. The two years he played here he was playing with about the same play-

ers and this year, it will be a little different. Chariton lost a total of eight seniors of which four of them started.

This year’s team will have five returning varsity players with Chuol being the only returning starter. “Some guys are going to have step up and play larger roles than they thought they would this year, said Chuol. He goes on explaining how he can’t wait to get back on the court and how his team goal is to be back to back state contenders, while his personal goal is to be the 3A player of the year.

With a new team, Chuol’s roles will change a little while trying to get used to a different team. “I’m going

to have to step up and become a bigger scoring threat and a better leader,” explains Chuol.

The team is filled with a lot of new players and not a lot of experience with great leadership, anything can happen. The Chariton boys basketball team has been working hard all year long for one goal which is state and they will anything it takes to get there.” We want to be the best team we can be and to get better everyday,” said Schooley.

Nov. 21 Meet the Chargers Night
Nov. 29 Davis County
Dec. 2 @Clarke, Osceola
Dec. 6 @Albia
Dec. 9 Knoxville
Dec. 13 Centerville
Dec. 19 Creston
Jan. 3 @EBF
Jan. 6 @ Davis County
Jan. 7 @Pleasantville
Jan. 10 Clarke, Osceola
Jan. 13 Albia
Jan. 17 @I-35
Jan. 20 @Centerville

Jan. 23 @Central Decatur, Leon
Jan. 24 @Mount Pleasant
Jan. 27 EBF
Jan. 30 Newton (Senior Night)
Feb. 2 @Knoxville
Feb. 4 Saydel
Feb. 7 Fairfield
Feb. 14 Oskaloosa

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