



"Shooting for Brighter Futures"

December 27th to 30th 2015, Wilmington, Delaware Team Profile

Head Coach's Name: Charles "Chez" Williams

School Name: Bishop Loughlin Memorial
High School

Nickname: Lady Lions

City: Brooklyn

State: NY - New York

Team Record: 19-7

About Us:

Bishop Loughlin came out of the gate hot last season, surprising a number of teams and starting out the season 17-2. They closed 2-5 though to finish out the year, a year that could be characterized as a season of gaining more experience, and a season of learning to how to play and understand the game.

This season, with 4 of the teams 5 starters from last year back, expectations are now even higher for head coach Chez Williams and his Lady Lions. They have



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been playing together as a group for much of the summer and fall, shining in such tournaments like the No Boyz Allowed league that features some of New Jersey's top teams, showing that they can compete on an extremely high level against anyone.

If they want to be among the best in New York this season though, they will need to play together according to Williams. They cannot depend on just one player this season, it has to be a team effort if they want to achieve the ultimate goal of a CHSAA State Championship.

"All the players are going to have the same amount of pressure and responsibility. It can fluctuate from game to game," Williams said about who will be the teams star this season. "It can be Mimi one game, then it could be Zaria, then it could be Sky, then it could be Lynette. It doesn't matter who it is, and they all should be willing to accept that. I believe there will be a lot of sacrificing that will be done this season."



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- Bishop Loughlin plays in the CHSAA Class "AA" and is a part of the Brooklyn/Queens Diocese

Bishop Loughlin Lady Lions

It will take a team effort for the Lady Lions to succeed

PLAYERS TO WATCH

- Milicia Reid Guard
- Lynette Taitt Guard
- Ellease Billings Guard



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- Skydajah Patterson Forward
- Zaria Dorsey Center

Backcourt

Milicia Reid '17 is a 5'8" guard who has the ability to be among the elite scorers in New York. She has a great feel for where to go with the ball in her hands, and her playmaking skills are equally as impressive as in the open floor she keeps defenses guessing and can do any number of things to hurt her opponents. A tough defender, Reid should be considered the favorite to be the Lady Lions leading scorer this season as she is a very solid perimeter shooter as well to go along with her toughness and grit to attack driving lanes and finish going inside.



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Lynette Taitt '17 is a 5'8" guard who will be counted on to be a part of the ball handling team that really will keep opposing defenses confused because all three of the Lady Lions in the backcourt can more than sufficiently handle the ball and beat pressures and traps, allowing them to push the ball up the court and be a dangerous and quick offensive team. Taitt is equally as strong using her left hand as she is her right, and is probably the most adept at freeing herself up for good perimeter looks, stretching out defenses and allowing more looks for dribble drives going to the rim.

Ellease Billings '16 is a 5'8" guard who much like her backcourt teammates, has a wide variety of skills, but is most thought of as the tough and hardnosed defender who will more than likely be up in the face of the oppositions best player, ready to pressure and harass her in hopes of taking her out of the game. She will also be asked to share point guard responsibilities, though with all 3 guards at roughly



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the same height, and with many of the same skill sets, all can do a variety of things, with Billings being best going one on one and attacking defenders.

Frontcourt

Skydajah Patterson '16 is a 5'10" forward, but don't be fooled by her high. She is as rough and tough as they come, garnering the nickname the "strongest woman in the building" at the prestigious Rose Classic tournament in Brooklyn. Patterson doesn't let her lack of ideal size for a true 4 get to her as she just out hustled, outworks, and does what she has to do to get offensive rebounds, loose balls, and putbacks around the rim. A physical presence inside who is willing to throw her body around, Patterson can also step out and knock down the midrange jumper when you leave her open, a skill she has had for a number of years that allows her to be one of the most unique



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and versatile forwards around.

Zaria Dorsey '18 is a 6'2" center who has been hampered by injuries for a good portion of the summer and fall, but she is expected to be back at 100% for the start of the season, and her contributions will be extremely important to the success of the Lady Lions. She is a premier shotblocker as she has an incredibly long wingspan, and when she gets her hands on the ball, it's usually a fastbreak going the other way. Dorsey also has a very gifted offensive skill set as she can put the ball on the floor and do things many girls her age cannot, she just needs at times to be reined in and not try and do too much that could get her team in trouble.

Bench

Ahyana Green (5'11", Sr.), Laisha de los Santos (5'5" Fr.)



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Coaching

One of the more dedicated coaches you will find, Williams is a 365 day a year coach as he is always doing something for his girls. As the head coach at Bishop Loughlin, along with being the 16u head coach with the New Heights AAU program, Williams is always coaching, working hard, and fine tuning his craft. Apart of Williams style is being able to run all day. His kids are always well conditioned and ready to play any style of game that is brought upon them. He has been with his Loughlin girls for most of the summer and fall as he coaches many of them with New Heights, and coached the team in a number of fall leagues as well to prepare them for the season. A pressure defense with lots of trapping is always employed, and with the number of gritty guards Williams can throw out, you should always expect new wrinkles being thrown into the game plan by one



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of the hardest working guys you will find.

Season Prediction

The one thing you can say about Bishop Loughlin this season is that they will be prepared come playoff time for anything. The schedule that Williams has lined up for his team could be called tough or crazy, depending on how you want to look at things. Playing in tournaments such as the She Got Game Classic in Washington D.C., the Diamond State Classic in Delaware, the New Year's Resolution in New Jersey, and the Francis Lewis Winter Ball Showcase, the Lady Lions will be challenged in the non-league by some of the top teams from around the country during the regular season, all in anticipation of before ready for the playoffs this time around. They were 2-5 to close the season last year with a younger team that was inexperienced, but with everyone now a year more prepared and a year more experienced, you should not expect another 2-5 last 7 games for Loughlin. The Lady Lions have the toughness, the experience, and



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the talent from top to bottom to match them in the hunt for a CHSAA title.