

# Tipping off with a new coach

Coach Jason Harrell begins his new coaching career with a new team

Basketball talks in southern Indiana. With a new boys varsity basketball coach the talk is even louder.

Coach Jason Harrell is originally from Pekin and he was looking to get closer to home. Paoli was a perfect fit.

“The job here at Paoli was exactly what I’ve always wanted to

people,” said Harrell.

Harrell lived in Fulton, Missouri for four years before moving to Paoli.

Harrell not only is working the boys on the basketball court but many students in the classroom too.

“I expected to teach as well as coach great kids and expected

the people of the community and school system to be exactly what they are and that is nice, supporting and comforting,” said Harrell.

Although Harrell is new to this community he has quite a bit of experience teaching and coaching.

“This is my ninth year of teaching and this is my eleventh year of coaching. I began coaching while still in college and was a youth counselor before my first teaching job,” said Harrell.

Not only does Harrell have experience with his career but also as a player.

“I played for Eastern Pekin from 1992-1996, then for Blackburn College from 1996-2000. Since then it has been all YMCA men’s leagues or church league basketball,” said Harrell.

Harrell has a lot of responsibility as a coach, but that does not stop him from playing.

“I still like to hoop

it up in open gyms with my high school players. They can’t stop me,” said Harrell.

With fun also comes goals, and Harrell plans to meet them.

“My goals here are simple, become a great educator first, and to rebuild the basketball program to its standards of a rich, winning tradition. We need more banners in the gym,” exclaimed Harrell.

While keeping these goals in mind Harrell looks forward to becoming closer to his students and players.

“This school is blessed with great students and student-athletes,” said Harrell.

The future of PHS basketball is looking bright to Harrell; the kids are putting in the time.

“I like the future here at Paoli in terms of basketball. We have really worked hard with our elementary players and developing that continuity from lower grades all the way through the high school,” said Harrell.

Harrell is looking forward to the rest of the season and seasons to come.

“Go Rams,” said Harrell.



Photo by Sierra Powers



*The numbers we think you need to know to really know sports.*

By Tyson Bostock  
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Coach Aaron Hannon number of years coaching wrestling:

**5**



Coach Jason Harrell number of teams coached:

**9**



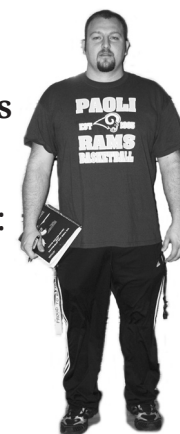
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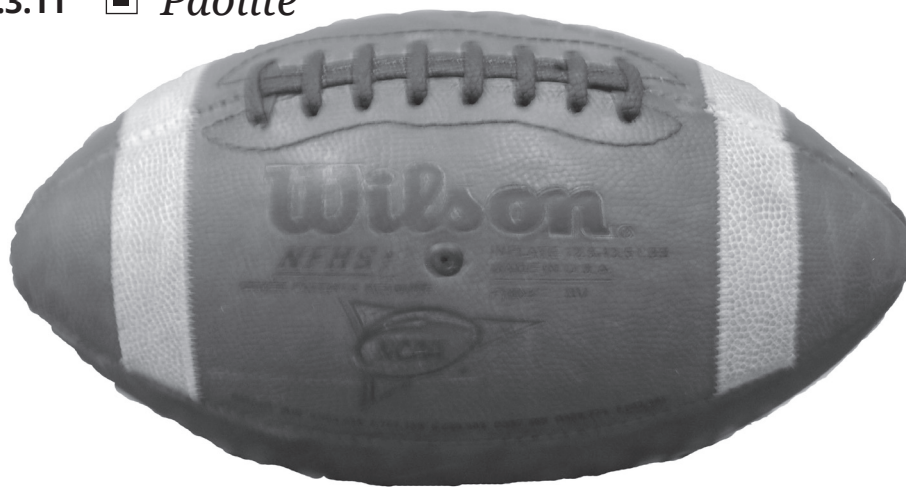
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Coach Dusty Cole's basketball number in high school:

**8**





# Bowl or Bust

**How do college football teams get their spot in BCS bowl games?**

With only a month left of college football, the College Football Bowls are almost here.

Most hear about the upcoming football bowls and do not understand what they are.

The bowls are kind of like the playoffs in the NFL. There are 32 bowls in NCAA football.

Not all teams get to participate in a bowl.

Under current regulations, a team must have a winning record, which may include one win against a team in their division, or win their conference, and the team must not be on probation.

Teams with seven or more wins have a high chance of being in a bowl game. A team could have a losing record and still be selected to play in a bowl.

Certain conferences have certain bowls they play in. For example,

the Gator Bowl held in Jacksonville Florida, is a Big 10 school versus a SEC conference. So a team from each conference will be entered in the bowl. The top team in the conference is the team that gets to play in their division's bowl.

There are also smaller bowls for each division.


Teams that have automatic bids for the BCS Bowl games are ACC, Big 12, Big East, Big 10, PAC-10 and the SEC conferences. They automatically get to play in the BCS Bowl for their division.

There are also smaller bowls for each division. The team that is ranked second in their division gets to play in this bowl. So just because a team is not first in their division, that does not mean they do not get to play in a bowl.



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<b>Mabel Laswell</b> <b>Senior</b>		
<b>Height:</b> 5' 7"	<b>Weight:</b> 160 lbs.	<b>Position:</b> Guard
		<b>Type of shooter:</b> Long range
		<b>Number of years playing:</b> 11 years
		<b>Favorite type of Shoe:</b> Nike
		<b>Shoe Size:</b> 10.5
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