

Jordan Yaney: The women's basketball team is gearing up to kick off another year of play, but this isn't just any season for the Ravens. After an abysmal 2017-18 season where the team failed to record a win, they will look to prove to everyone that they belong. Sophomore Hannah Hawkins, one of the bright spots for the Ravens a year ago, has already seen significant changes with this new team.

Hannah Hawkins: The energy is really good this year. We all work really good together, and it's not so much about winning and losing. It's a lot about the community and the chemistry between us all, and just the way we work together is really good so far.

Jordan Yaney: This year's team won't be without its own challenges as it will suit up 14 freshman and only seven returning players without any seniors on the roster.

Hannah Hawkins: I think that it'll be, it's going to be a struggle just because of that because I mean all these teams are so much older and they ... We're just young. That's going to be a downfall, but I think that the way that they're already progressing that I think that it'll be good in the long run just because they have a lot of room to grow, and as long as they stick with it, I think it could be good.

Hannah Hawkins: At first, it was really weird, but I think now for me it puts it like, "Okay, now I'm a leader." They're looking up to me, and it's kind of different because I remember looking up to the sophomores and they don't realize that they were such an impact on us. I think for me it's like, "Oh, these girls are looking up to me, so I have to be a role model."

Jordan Yaney: Hawkins truly believes this is change team, and they are ready to put the past behind them. She even believes this team has a real shot at competing in the HCAC.

Hannah Hawkins: My personal goals are to just be able to be a big help for my team and help them get to, maybe be a leader and, vocally and just on the court. But as a team, I think the goal would be to win conference or at least make it pretty far in the tournament.

Jordan Yaney: This is Jordan Yaney reporting for the Andersonian.