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Lady Skins Look to Topeka for New Coach

The Lady Redskins have a new head basketball coach just in time for the all important summer season. Bill Baird has been named the new girls basketball coach at Liberal High School. Coach Baird comes to Liberal aftet he was head girls coach at Highland Park High School in Topeka the past two years. Baird led the Lady Scots to a 13-9 season which was their first winning season in about 20 years. They made the state tournament in 2011 and lost in the first round to undefeated state champion Aquinas. Baird was 8-14 his first year as head coach at Highland Park and the Lady Scots were 5-16 the season before he arrive. Liberal athletic director Scott Hinkle says Baird is a high energy coach.

"Coach Baird has an unbelievable passion for the game of basketball, and an unsurpassed level of excitement and enthusiasm that will spill over to all levels of basketball in Liberal. Coach Baird is the type of coach who is not going to be out worked."

Liberal suffered their first losing season since 2005 last season going 9-12. Shane Stout left Liberal to take the head coaching job at Kansas City Piper after going 65-43 in five seasons at head coach of the Lady Skins.

Baird will inherit a talented but inconsistent bunch. Justice Norah is a returning all state player who averaged 23 points and six rebounds per game as a junior. Marisol Regalado is 6'2" and averaged five points and four rebounds per game as a sophomore. Freshman Jain Chapman averaged four a game as a freshman. The Lady Skins also return varsity experience in Emily Bayouth (sr. 2012), Amanda Collins (sr. 2012), Shaquill Bond (sr. 2012), Ramey Petty (sr. 2012), and juniors to be Riley Hay, Shelby Hay, and Lyric Robinson.

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