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# BRINK OF GREATNESS

## Charlotte women's basketball looks to take next step

by Bryson Foster Asst. Sports Editor

After a season of growth, the Charlotte 49ers women's basketball team comes into the 2021-22 season with high expectations and thoughts of championship gold. The team looks to build toward the future by putting the program on the map.

The 49ers are coming off a season of uncertainty filled with ups and downs. The team finished 10-12 and 9-5 in conference a year ago and will look to add to that total this season. Head Coach Cara Consuegra has high expectations for the team that looks to take the next step.

"We are confident in who we are," said head coach Cara Consuegra. "We know that the roster is deep, and I feel like we have some of the best talent, but our approach doesn't change because we are focused on the process."

Charlotte brings back many vital parts of their rotation for the upcoming season. The team is also reloaded with multiple transfers who will bring leadership and expertise to a squad on the brink of greatness. The 49ers are excited to get back on the court as they look to pick up where they left off.

#### **Building off last season:**

The 49ers played well in a hectic season for the team but are ready to take it to the next level in 2021. The team had some big wins a year ago and got to test themselves against top-notch competition in North Carolina and Clemson. The team will look to build off last season by bringing the intensity on both sides of the ball.

"We grew a ton from last year," said Consuegra. "We had our fair share of adversity last year, but we had to grow and embrace that adversity. We have learned that no matter what happens, we are capable and confident."

The team turned the corner in conference play last season, going 9-5 and earning the second seed in the East division. Old Dominion defeated the 49ers in the

quarterfinals of the Conference USA tournament, and the team is ready to avenge that loss this season. The 49ers played in the WNIT and gained some much-needed post-season experience.

The upcoming season is fast approaching, and the 49ers are ready to cut down on mistakes to produce at a high level. Charlotte got the sweet-tasting of playing into late March in the WNIT, but the team wants to go further by making it to the NCAA tournament. Keep an eye on this team to take lessons learned into the new year to accomplish great things.

#### **Key Matchups:**

The 49ers schedule has a great mix of intriguing matchups that will challenge the squad. Charlotte will start their season on Nov. 9 against the Richmond Spiders in Richmond, VA. The long season is right around the corner, and the team will hope to start the year off right.

Charlotte will get to test themselves against some tough competition. The schedule is highlighted by matchups against Wake Forest, West Virginia and Davidson. Circled on the

the showdown against the North Carolina Tarheels on Nov. 14 in Halton Arena.

#### **Veteran Leadership:**

The 49ers return their top two scorers from a year ago, and they will look to produce at a high level once again. Fifthyear senior Octavia Jett-Wilson and senior Jada McMillian will be the dynamic duo for the team. Jett-Wilson averaged 21 points per game last season, while McMillian averaged 16 points and five assists.

"They have already stepped up," said Consuegra. "The journey didn't come easy for them, but they have grown and learned. They have done an excellent job of playing to their strengths and being great teammates."

Both players racked up multiple prestigious awards in the off-season. In what should be a big season for her, Jett-Wilson was named to the C-USA preseason team and Preseason Co-Player of the year. McMillian was also named to the preseason team as she will also be critical to the team's success.

The future is

these two players, and they will look to leave their legacy on the program that has given them so much. The time is now, and

A group of Charlotte players in the huddle

Photo courtesy of Charlotte Athletics

both players are excited for what is to come.

#### **New Additions:**

The 49ers add a combination of transfers and first-year students to the team. The newcomers look to produce at a high level and help the team to get better.

"I do anticipate that a lot of the new faces will have an opportunity to have an impact on both sides of the floor," said Consuegra.

Through the transfer portal, the 49ers added three players that hail from top basketball programs. The team added two redshirt senior guards in Mikayla Boykin, who joins the team from Duke, and Kameron Roach, who comes from Kentucky. Charlotte also added fifth-year forward Keke McKinney from Kentucky as well.

Three freshmen will join the team in the brand new recruiting class. The addition of guards Aylesha Wade and Nia Young as well as forward Mya McGraw. These first-year players will look to make their mark early in their young careers.

#### Optimism for a new season:

There is a renewed optimism around the women's basketball program as the team looks to reach new heights. Charlotte is ranked first in the C-USA preseason poll, which has eyes on the program. The team has the target on their back, but they are ready to rise to the challenge.

"I want this team to grow and get better, but I want them to enjoy the process," said Consuegra. "I want us to be able to come together to compete at a high level."

In what should be a relatively "normal" season, the 49ers have their eyes set on the goal of reaching the conference championship game and the NCAA tournament.



# NO LOOKING BACK

Charlotte looks to use lessons learned from past in 2021-22

by Sam Perry Staff Writer

Last season didn't have the ending that the Charlotte men's basketball team had hoped for, losing the last nine games in a row.

Now in 2021, there's a 49er team that added talent in the transfer portal and gained valuable lessons and experiences from last season.

"There were so many lessons learned last season from injuries to emotional stuff," said head coach Ron Sanchez. "I'm embracing it and asking myself, what lessons did I personally learn as a head coach? So if I ever encounter something similar, I'm better prepared. I'm not sure any coach in the country was prepared to deal with how the season went last year."

Charlotte has vital players returning, such as Jahmir Young, Marvin Cannon and Jared Garcia, who all played valuable minutes last season. They have also added key pieces such as Clyde Trapp Jr. and Austin Butler from the transfer portal.

#### Returners

Junior guard Jahmir Young has been a major contributor for the Niners, leading the team in points each of the last two seasons, holding the leadership mantle of the team.

Sophomore forward Jared Garcia last season didn't get a ton of time on the court averaging 10 minutes per game in his 21 games played, but when he was on the court, he made his presence known on both sides of the court, making pivotal baskets and defensive plays.

"Just from last year, I'm bringing the things I learned. It was a big transition from high school to college, so I just have to build off of last year," said Garcia. "Keep learning and growing. We have a lot of older guys, so I learn from them. Anything they tell me I put in my head immediately."

The team's X-factor, according to Sanchez, is Redshirt Senior guard Marvin Cannon. The Coach expects him to make

significant strides this season and be the difference-maker for the team on the defensive side of the ball.

"I think that Marvin Cannon has really stepped up on the defensive side of the floor with his energy and his enthusiasm on the defensive side," said Sanchez.

#### **Transfers**

The transfer portal has been a controversial topic in collegiate basketball, but the 49ers can't complain because they utilized it to their advantage this off-season.

"For us, it was great we got to upgrade our talent and add some pieces that were needed," said Sac. In the past, some of the guys we brought would have to sit out and wait a year until they could play. Right now, I think it's one of those that you have to go with. You know, am I for or against it? I'm for the student-athletes, so if the student-athletes feel it's what they want, then I'm for it," said Sanchez.

Charlotte brought in Holy Cross star guard Austin Butler, a four-year starter averaging 12.1 points per game on 44% shooting with 5.2 rebounds per game in his career there.

The other primary transfer expected to get significant playing time is Clemson transfer Senior guard Clyde Trapp Jr. He is expected to make up the other half of the Niners backcourt duo with Young.

"They enjoy playing for and with each other. They also challenge each other in practice when they compete against each other every day. I think it's a really good combination," said Sanchez.

The Niners also added valuable experience with forward Robert Braswell IV, part of Syracuse Sweet 16 run in the NCAA tournament last year, guard Musa Jallow from Ohio State and forward Perry François from Texas A&M.

#### **Expectations**

In his fourth year as head coach, Sanchez hopes to utilize the lessons learned to mesh together a successful Niner team that can put the program back on the map.

"I really like our team. I think that the staff did a really good job of combining some of the young and inexperienced with some maturity and some experience. They seem to be gelling well together. I think when you have so many new faces, that's the key. How do they bond? How do they connect? I think that's the one piece that has been a pleasant surprise," said Sanchez.

Photo of Charlotte's Isaiah Folkes and Jackson Threadgill

courtsey of Chris Crews

According to Sanchez, he has a selfless team that wants to win for each other, which is a sign they have the proper pieces to make the best of the Princeton-style offense that Sanchez runs.

"We have a great team, and everybody works tremendously hard and the coaches even harder. I think that everybody has that will to get better and is willing to compete every day," said Cannon.

#### Return to normal

Charlotte is excited to see a return to normal with fans being allowed back in the arena to cheer on the 49ers.

"I don't know if I can ever say I want to play in an empty venue again," said Sanchez. "The energy in the building in a basketball game whether you are on the road or at home is such an important part of the game just from an emotional standpoint. I'm excited to have fans back in the building."

The players are also excited to be able to play in front of fans instead of empty seats

"Fans give us a tremendous boost, and I think without them, it's tough. I think it's going to be an exciting atmosphere... I'm pretty sure it will be electrifying," said Cannon.

"I believe it will be electrifying. It will definitely be different from last year since we didn't have any fans, so it will definitely be an energy boost," Garcia added.

Charlotte will open up at home in front of the crowd at Halton Arena hosting Monmouth on Nov. 9th.



# TAKING THE NIEXTEP

Charlotte's Jacee Busick looks to take the next step by contributing any way possible

by Sam Perry Staff Writer Photos of Jacee Busick courtesy of Charlotte Athletics

All good sports teams have that one special player, their Swiss Army knife, who they can put in anywhere and trust to get the job done. This player is typically the super-utility player; the 2016 World Series-winning Chicago Cubs had Ben Zobrist, the 2020 Los Angeles Dodgers had Kíke Hernandez, and the 2009-2010 championship-winning Los Angeles Lakers had Lamar Odom.

This season, the Charlotte 49ers women's basketball team will rely on sophomore guard Jacee Busick to fill that pivotal role.

"I expect her to be a glue player. Someone who can fill in wherever we need her," said Coach Cara Consuegra.

"So if we need her defensively to guard a certain player, if we need her to be able to knock down open shots, if we need her to play a post position or a guard position, if we need somebody to step in and take charge. She can affect the game in so many areas," she added.

#### Sophomore jump

Busick is coming off an impressive freshman season where she earned a place on the All-Conference USA Freshman Team and earned three Conference USA Freshman of the Week honors during the season. She is expected to make a big jump and build off the experiences she gained from her first season.

"I'm excited for her because last year, as a freshman, she was thrown into so much early, " said Consuegra. "She was thrown into that because she earned it with the way that she practices and the way that she approaches every day. I'm excited for her to have that year under her belt."

"Even though as good as she was, being an All-Freshman team member, so much becomes easier as a sophomore, and I think with all the minutes that she got and the situations that she played in, I expect her to take a big jump with that experience."

Busick, who averaged 6.6 points per game and four rebounds, will look to add to that total by taking the next step. She doesn't want to set her expectations too high. She wants to focus on being better and learning from last year to help the team in any way possible.

"I hope just to take some of the experiences and the lessons from last year and keep building on that and keep working on being more consistent," said Busick.

#### Successful past

Busick's freshman success wasn't new to her, as she was nominated to the prestigious McDonald's All-American Game in 2020. Being named a McDonald's All-American is one of the highest honors a graduating high school basketball player can achieve; it's the equivalent to the NBA all-star game for high school students.

She was also named to the 2020 All-North Carolina first team by the Associated Press and the 2020 North Carolina Coaches

Association second team. Busick was also named to the 2020 MaxPreps third team.

Add those accolades to the freshman awards she garnered from Conference USA in her first year; her trophy case is already getting full. The 49ers hope she builds on her prosperous past and receives a few more accolades in a potential run to the conference championship.

"Just her level of communication and understanding, she makes us a better team when she is on the court," said Consuegra.

#### Season expectations

The women's basketball team has high hopes for this upcoming season, with the goal being a conference championship. The team was voted to finish first in the conference based on the preseason conference polls.

"Our expectations are high, we are excited about our roster, and we are excited about the talent that we have and the experience that we have," said Consuegra. "Because of that, our expectations are high; we want to compete for a championship here at Charlotte, we want to do that every year, but I do think we have a lot of great pieces that can put us in a position to do that."

If the team is to reach their goal, it will require a significant contribution from their Swiss Army knife, Jacee Busick, who seems to be prepared to step into that role and contribute any way she can.

"Personally, I want to be better than I was last year, whether that is in leadership with knowing what to do. As a team, I think we have championship expectations, so just doing whatever it takes to get there," said Busick.



# DOUBLE TROUBLE

Young and Trapp look to be new duo for Charlotte basketball

by Cameron Williams Staff Writers

With the 2021-22 basketball season right around the corner, there are a lot of questions about the men's team after a disappointing end last season. One of the questions yet to be answered is who will be in the backcourt with Jahmir Young. That missing piece is transfer Clyde Trapp.

"Iron sharpens Iron," head coach Ron Sanchez said about the duo. "They are both very talented and challenge each other."

In his time at Clemson, Trapp averaged 7.3 points per game along with 5.3 assists per game. His production might not jump off the page, but he provides the 49ers with another quick guard who can score the ball well. With the loss of Jordan Shepard, the 49ers search for another starter at the shooting guard position. They have found that in Trapp.

"They will be the one and two on the floor, no question," Sanchez

The team can now gain newfound confidence knowing they have two players in the backcourt that can both score and distribute and play tough defense.

Young realizes last season did not end the way the team had hoped, but he is optimistic about this upcoming

"We were a little disappointed," Young said. "The Covid season was tough for sure, but we are trying to come back this year and turn things around.

Trapp's main goal this year is to come in and help out where needed, and Charlotte will likely need him

to produce in a big way if they want success this season. In addition, his experience playing against power-five opponents will be of great help to the team as a whole.

"I really just want to be able to help out where I can," Trapp said. "We have a lot of good guys here and serious talent here as well. So coming from a power-five, being able to spread my knowledge from those games will help a lot."

These two have challenged each other a lot in practice and are often matched up in situational practice. Having these two go one-on-one brings out the best in them as they inch closer to the season.

"When we are competing, it really makes both of us better," said Young. "We both have a lot of talent, so just pushing each other every day will make us better for games."

Trapp resembled those remarks. "Competing with a guy of the same talent level or maybe even better really makes you stay sharp," said

When he hit the transfer portal in the offseason, Trapp did not know where he wanted to go. A few schools wanted to talk with him, so it was a waiting game.

"I didn't really have a school in mind," Trapp said. "I was just weighing out my options. It was crazy at first for sure but having good conversations with coach Sanchez really made me feel like this is where I wanted to be."

These two, being incredibly talented, will likely both have the Photos of Young and Trapp courtsey of Chris Crews

ball in their hands a lot but will look forward to working with one another to achieve their long-term goals of hopefully winning a conference title.

As mentioned, the loss of Shepard meant a new backcourt member for Young. Basketball and many other sports are a game of chemistry, and Young focuses on building that with Trapp.

"I had a lot of chemistry with Jordan (Shepard), and I am really just working on building that same chemistry with Clyde," Young said.

Young is taking a humble approach to the season and not worrying about his own achievement but rather the team as a whole. "I try not to worry about personal accolades too much, but worry about my team's success," Young said. "I just want to win."

"I try to focus on the day-to-day," Trapp said. "Sometimes long-term goals can sometimes be unrealistic, so I try to focus on every day."

The team's success will be determined by how the chemistry is on the court, and both players feel good about how the team's chemistry has progressed.

"I feel like it has come a long way," Young said. "We've been here the whole summer, and I feel the chemistry is there."

"I feel like the chemistry is definitely getting there," said Trapp.

The season is quickly approaching, but be on the lookout for these two guys as their impact will be apparent every game. The season gets going on Nov. 9 against Monmouth at 7 p.m.



# A NEW PERSPECTIVE

## Charlotte's Austin Butler looks to use experience in only year with the 49ers

by Gabie Stanfield Staff Writer

Coming off of a rough season last year, the Charlotte men's basketball team looks to capitalize on this fresh start, and Austin Butler might just be a key piece to the puzzle.

Butler is a fifth-year transfer student at Charlotte after spending the last four years playing at Holy Cross in Massachusetts, where he started all but nine games as a four-year starter. He averaged 12.1 points, 5.2 rebounds, and 1.7 assists per game during his time with the Crusaders.

Butler was the team's second-highest scorer during the 2020-21 season, clocking in at 16.1 points a night and leading the team in rebounds, field goal percentage, 3-point percentage, minutes and steals.

The Latrobe, Pennsylvania native decided on Charlotte for his last year of eligibility back in April. For him, it was an easy call choosing the Queen City to close out his collegiate basketball career.

"I was very attracted from the start to Charlotte, just through the facilities and the coaches," said Butler. "The big thing for me was just the relationships that the coaches built with me during recruiting and trying to get me to come here. And it was real. You could tell it was real.

"So, that was kind of the selling point for me, the family atmosphere and that they really cared."

The 6-5 guard highlights that relationships are a big part of his career and who he is. The comfort he felt with the coaching staff and the environment made it easy for him to make that choice to join the team.

"I'm a big relationship guy, so you know with the one year, it's kind of weird, and it's not somewhere where you're going to stay for four years," said Butler. "...The relationship piece and the trust are very big, and I felt that with Coach

Sanchez and Vic Sfera who recruited me and with all the other guys on the staff it's the same way, so it's been great."

Coach Sanchez, who is beginning his fourth season as head coach with the team, speaks highly of Butler and his abilities to help the team succeed.

"I expect for him to dive on the floor 20 times a game," said Sanchez. "He is an energetic guy who is willing to sacrifice his body for a possession. I love him, and I love his commitment to trying to be the toughest guy on the floor."

Butler looks to use his veteran presence here on the team by utilizing his experience and building off of it.

With one year left, he plans to do whatever it takes to help his team win.

"Being a fifth-year guy, bringing my experience just to help win and whatever I have to do to win is important," said Butler. "Whatever I have to do to help the team win, you know, wherever they need me, I'm going to do that every day. That's my goal, just to win and do whatever you have to do to win, so that's what I'm here for."

Aside from putting the ball into the net, Butler has a grit about him that will be helpful for the team when it comes down to those tough battles. His stats show how talented he can be when it comes to the obvious parts of the game, but his overall physicality contributes greatly to his success on the court and the little things that may go unnoticed.

"Outside of scoring, I'd say my toughness [makes me different]," said Butler. "...I bring it every day, I do the little things, I'm always on the floor taking charges, and you know, just playing physical. I feel like I bring a physical nature that is needed and that helps me succeed. I take pride in doing the little things that not everyone loves to do. That's probably the best part of my game

is just the little things and being physical.

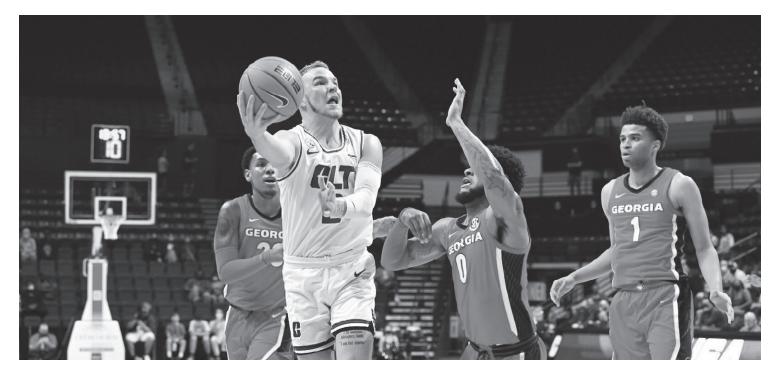
Photo of Austin Butler

by Chris Crews

When it comes to being a leader on a team with five fifth-year players, Butler notes that everyone has a role in leading the younger members and teaching them about their own past experiences.

"Everyone has to be a leader in their own way. There are no standout leaders," said Butler. "But, definitely using my experience and doing that by my actions and having a voice, you know, just trying to help these young guys in our program experience things that I've already experienced and just help them get the best out of their experience. I'm definitely trying to be a leader on and off the court whenever I can be."

The goal is set high for the 49ers this year, and with Butler and the rest of the talent-stacked roster, the possibilities are endless for what they will succeed this season.



# FAMILIAR DUO The duo of Jada McMillian and Octavia Jett-Wilson look to lead team deep into season

by Joey Ellsworth Staff Writer

A dynamic duo is two people paired together whose unique traits, when combined, result in success. The Charlotte 49ers women's basketball team has this duo with players Octavia Jett-Wilson and Jada McMillian. Both continue to rise to the occasion, and they look to lead the team deep into the season.

"They're our heart, and that word means a lot to us. There are probably no two players who demonstrate that better than Tay and J-Mac," said head coach Cara Consuegra. "The truth is we go how those two go."

The 49ers are heading into a new season, looking to build off a 10-12 campaign a year ago. A big part of the team's production comes from both guards, and Jett-Wilson and McMillian will take lessons learned to help the team reach new heights.

#### Octavia Jett-Wilson, Guard:

Jett-Wilson has made quite the name for herself during her time at Charlotte, collecting many accolades and helping to put the team on the map. She is entering her fifth season with Charlotte after deciding to stay for an extra year.

Jett-Wilson is coming off a historic season that saw her contribute 27% of Charlotte's point total. She led the team in two categories, points with 21 per game and rebounds with 6.4 while also being third in assists and steals. She earned several school records and became the 25th player in program history to join the 1,000-point club.

This historic season was highlighted by the multiple accolades that she racked up throughout the year. Jett-Wilson was named to the All-Conference USA First Team and Conference USA co-Player of the Week twice. She also received national recognition by being named

to the NCAA Starting Five and was the first Charlotte athlete to be ESPN.com National Player of the Week.

The honors continue to come in for Jett-Wilson as just a week ago. She was named to the conference preseason team and C-USA Co-Preseason Player of the year alongside North Texas' Quincy Noble. Even though Jett-Wilson has accomplished great things so far, she isn't done yet and is excited for what is to come this year.

"I'll take it, but it does not stop there," said Jett-Wilson. "I'm going for player of the year, of course, but I'm not thinking anything of it right now. I'm glad I got the congratulations for it, but I'm taking it out of my mind and going to keep working hard every day."

This offseason, Jett-Wilson has focused on taking the next step as a player by getting better. She has improved her leadership skills to become a more commanding presence on the court. Another thing she worked on was her three-point shooting which is a category she led the team in by shooting an impressive 36.2% from behind

"I expect more of the same from Tay," said Consuegra, "She really emerged as a scorer for us, she emerged as a key player, and her confidence grew so much in that role."

#### Jada McMillian, Guard:

Jada McMillian is entering her fourth season for the Niners and played a critical role for the squad last year. With being second in points per game for the 49ers, recording nearly half of the team's assists and the most steals, McMillian is indeed "the true definition of a point guard," as Jett-Wilson put it.

The work didn't stop there for McMillian. She has spent the offseason trying to be an example for her

Photos of McMillian and Jett-Wilson courtsey of Charlotte Athletics

teammates on and off the court. Despite her peers seeing her as the epitome of a point guard, McMillan still improves upon her role to help the team.

McMillian earned several accolades last season. These include All-Conference USA First Team, All-Conference USA Defensive Team, and the NCAA Starting Five. McMillian was also picked for the C-USA Preseason team alongside teammate Jett-Wilson.

Even with all she has accomplished, she feels that now is her time to reach new heights.

"It felt great," said McMillian, "As Tay said, it doesn't stop there, and it makes me want to work even harder. I'm going to keep that in the back of my mind but still want to get better."

Consuegra has watched McMillian grow and continues to push her to be the best version of herself. McMillian stepped out of her shell last season and made it hard on opposing defenses. Consuegra has poured into her and is ready to see her become a dual-threat for the squad.

"As far as J-Mac, she's been a joy to watch grow over the last couple of years. In some ways, I think last year was a breakout year for her," said Consuegra, "She stepped up and had some tremendous games for us and made it hard on defenses because she became such a dual-threat."

The one-two punch of McMillian and Jett-Wilson will be back in action on Nov. 9th for the season opener against Richmond. It has been an off-season full of accomplishment and growth for both players. Keep an eye out for both players to have great seasons fighting for championship gold.

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