

SEASON PREVIEW: RANDOLPH (SECTION 6)

Randolph, always a force in Section 6, won the NYSPHSAA Class C title in 2023 and lost in last season's Regional Final to finish 21-3. From the looks of things, Randolph is poised to make a serious run at another State title.

They lost starter Roan Kelly, a great shooter and defender, to graduation but return a solid nucleus to build on.

All-State PG Drew Hind returns, bringing his 23 ppg average with him, for his senior year.

G Griffin Nelson, a starter from the 2023 State Championship Team, broke his leg in 3 places in the 2023 State Semifinals against Moravia and battled through last season at $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ strength. Best Defender on the 2023 team, he is healthy and currently practicing at 100%. He was a varsity starter as a freshman, and we're looking for big things from Griffin in his Senior season.

Kevin McElwain – Junior – SG – was the second leading scorer and top 3-point shooter last year. He averaged 11 ppg and hit 67 three pointers last season.

Jaxson Morrison and Baker Huntington - split time as the 5th starter last year, and both will be significant contributors, especially on the defensive end.

Broden Brooks – Will replace Roan Kelly as 4th Starter – Played significant minutes off the bench last year as a sophomore, hitting 20 plus three pointers, great shooter.

Carter Conley – Sophomore – 6'4 - will give us the size and strength we missed a year ago. "I expect him to average double digits as a rebounder and hold down the 5th starting spot. He should be very, very good for us this season".

Randolph will be playing a tough schedule leading off with Otto Eldred (PA), State Ranked School. They bring back 4 of their 5 starters and will be a very good early test on Dec 13. Defending Sectional Champion Falconer has a strong squad back, losing only 1 starter, on Dec 17 at Randolph. On Feb. 1, a rematch of last year's sectional final with Westfield, who should be highly ranked, in the Centercourt Challenge.

Coach Kevin Hind is excited about this season; "I feel we are a legit contender in both section 6 and Class C in the State. We are definitely a better, bigger, stronger, and smarter team than a year ago with only the loss of Roan Kelly and the addition of a very promising big strong 5 man. Drew Hind will lead the way with 3 very good shooters around him and a solid 5 man. I have returning depth off the bench. Excited to kick off the 2024/2025 Season."

