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The Advance Hornets are your No. 2 seed for the 2012 SCAA Tournament. The Hornets have put together a 10-6 record under coach Andrew Halford so far this season.

The Hornets are a perfect 4-0 in SCAA play, with wins over Richland, Bernie, Puxico, and Bell City.

Halford was quick to point out the grit and determination of his players, as well as the fast-paced style of play his team favors on both ends of the floor.

“Our team is continuing to improve as the season goes on. We have kids that are dedicated to working hard, and our team benefits from this,” he said. “We look to push in transition and play a fast paced game. Also, try to put a lot of pressure on opposing teams defensively.”

The Hornets will have a tough task in the paint during their opening matchup: stopping 6’11” Richard Forshee of the Richland Rebels. Ethan Barr, Advance’s 6’4” junior post, will most likely be matched up with Forshee.

“We are looking to come out strong for the tournament,” Halford said. “Our team expects to play hard and continue to improve.”

“No matter where you are seeded in any tournament throughout the year, your team has to be ready to come out, play hard, and play smart,” he continued. “We simply [need to] do the things we work on daily to come out with positive results.”

The Hornets also picked up the No. 2 seed in the JV bracket, where they open against the No. 7 Bell City Cubs.

Advance won’t open the tournament until Tuesday (Jan. 24) night; the JV contest is set to tip at 4:00 p.m., while the Varsity will hit the court at 7:00.

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