

Dragons look to bounce back with veteran group

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The South Oldham Dragons made their fifth consecutive Eighth Region Tournament appearance in 2024 but couldn't break through last year to the state tournament. However, the Dragons will have most of their roster back to reload and hope to break through in 2025.

South Oldham head coach John Cantrell will have the most seniors he's had at any point in his 10 years at South Oldham with 12. He believes the 2023 regional final appearance will help motivate the players to return to that point.

"We're going to have a lot of returners coming back, which is good," Cantrell said. "A lot of them have played and started for two or three years, so they definitely have some taste of being in the region final and semifinals. We can take the feeling from the last game last year and motivate us for the season coming up."

The seniors on the team this year are Keegan Anderson, Quin Brice, Brennan Cavnor, Dylan Ehret, Jonathon Farmer, Justin Farmer, Luke Hayden, Jacobi Hinkle, Levi Reagan, Ryder Roberson, Ethan Spurlock and Corbin Whitley. Cantrell has seen his seniors take leadership of the team.

"We've had some seniors step up," Cantrell said. "The captains are Quin Brice, Ryder Roberson and Ethan Spurlock,



South Oldham junior Jacobi Hinkle chases the ball down in a 3-1 shootout win over Oldham County in the first round of the 29th District Tournament.

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son and Ethan Spurlock, and they've been kind of leading in the offseason, getting the boys together and playing. They've just been kind of leading by example throughout the preseason."

Brice, Roberson and Spurlock have been playing crucial minutes since

they were freshmen. Cantrell has seen them grow into their leadership roles.

"They've really stepped up and taken on those leadership roles and have been very vocal and leading by example and just doing the little things right that we need

our leaders to do in the program," Cantrell said.

Cantrell will return all of his back line and most of his midfielders for 2025. Two of those key contributors are Roberson and Anderson. Anderson scored five goals while Roberson scored three last season.

"[Anderson and Roberson] have shown real maturity and being smart on the field," Cantrell said. "We're returning our whole back line and midfield for the most part. We're kind of looking to sharpen up some mistakes from last year and not give up a lot of goals, and hopefully, find some people to score some."

Along with Anderson, Brice and Spurlock, Cavnor and Ehret will make up the back line again. Cantrell has seen great leadership from them and buying into their roles.

"We have good size. They all have experience as seniors, and we're looking to be super sharp in the defensive third and not give up a lot of goals this year," Cantrell said.

Sophomore Ethan Briscoe will come in as the team's goalie in 2025. Cantrell has been impressed by him and saw a lot of good things from him while he played junior varsity.

"[Briscoe] has looked good, definitely has some growth to do being so young," Cantrell said. "He's a really good shot stopper, good with his feet. We're looking for him to step in and take that role and run with it."

South will lose its top three goal scorers from last year. Cantrell has been moving Spurlock around to get him more touches around the goal. He's also seen Elijah Walker improve a lot going into his junior season after scoring six goals last year. Cantrell has been impressed with freshman Judah Walker and his ability to help lead the attack.

Cantrell has seen sophomores Liam Hayden and Brennan Whitley come into their own over the offseason and expects them to help the team out this season.

"I have a couple of young guys that are good and will be fighting for some time and will swing both JV and varsity to start but could see themselves get more minutes, possibly starting and being intact on the varsity squad," Cantrell said.

Cantrell hasn't moved the goal over the last few seasons. He wants his team to be the top team in the district and make a postseason push.

"We really would like to get that number one district seed and set ourselves up," Cantrell said. "We want to go to the regional tournament, and we want to win it."

Light It Up memorial tournament

Light It Up Memorial Basketball Tournament was held on Aug. 2. The memorial tournament is helped run by Julie Fuson. The tournament is a memorial of her husband Jeff Fuson, a pastor who passed away from COVID-19 in 2020.



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Chris Morgan, from the FCA of Louisville, speaks at the Light It Up Memorial Basketball Tournament.



Left: A youth basketball player shoots a floater at the fourth annual Light It Up Memorial Basketball Tournament.



Right: A player at the 2025 Light It Up Memorial Basketball Tournament drives towards the basket for a layup.



Left: Two young players play in the youth bracket as South Oldham head coach Steve Simpson looks on.



Heavy Equipment Operator (Water) CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE

The City of Taylorsville is accepting applications for the full-time position of Heavy Equipment Operator (Water). The successful applicant shall be exceptionally knowledgeable of heavy equipment operations and understand the mechanics and methods of operation.

The preferable candidate would have one year of hands-on experience and 2 years of hands-on experience of water & wastewater operations.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a graduate of an accredited high school or equivalent.
- Experience in semi-skilled and skilled labor in construction, including experience in light to heavy equipment operations.
- Must possess a valid Kentucky driver's license, CDL-A
- Must pass a background check and drug screening
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and perform on-call duties as required
- Ability to obtain (and maintain) a Class II Distribution Certification within 2 years of employment

Standard scheduled hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-4:30 PM. Additional on-call duties are required.

Starting Salary based upon qualifications

Full-time benefits include Health, Dental, Vision, and Life insurance options; Paid Holidays, Sick and Vacation Leave; and participation in CERS non-hazardous state retirement.

Application deadline: August 21, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Applications are available at Taylorsville City Hall or online at www.cityoftaylorsville.com.

Applications and inquiries should be addressed to Marcia Finley, City Clerk, P.O. Box 279, Taylorsville, KY 40071. Phone: (502)477-3235. Fax: (502)477-1310. Email: mfinley@taylorsvillewater.org.

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Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the above conditions will be reviewed per the guidelines outlined in the RFP.

The work to be bid upon is described as follows:

- EAST PEAK ROAD SEWER EXTENSION: including but not limited to 900' 10" Sanitary Sewer, 4 Manholes, rock removal, and all other incidentals.
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Oldham LaGrange Development Authority will review and award per the method outlined in the RFP.

Refer to the [LaGrange Utilities Commissions and Oldham County Water District Specifications and Details](#) for ALL governing specifications and details.

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