The 2012-2013 Cabrillo College Seahawks will be a much different looking team than the 2011-2012 team that went 24-4 overall and 12-0 in the South Division of the Coast Conference. This year's team returns no starters from last year and none of the returners from last year played major minutes. However, the Seahawks have won four of the last six Coast Conference South Championships and have to be the odds on favorite to win it again. Still, this year's group has much to prove and many challenges ahead of them.

The lack of experience is a concern but not the lack of leadership as returning sophomore Joe Saarem (6’3”, 190, G, Reno, NV), CJ Grigg (6’7”, 230, C/F, Reno, NV), Dalton Noble (6’1”, 175, G, Salt Lake City, UT), and Robert Myles (5’11”, 165, G, Las Vegas, NV) will be counted on to help navigate this inexperienced group through the schedule. The Seahawks will also have Redshirt freshman Sean Filley (6’3”, 180, G, El Paso, TX) and Cody Love (6’1”, 170, G, Santa Cruz, CA) available to help lead this team with their experience from last year's Championship team.

Newcomers Colin Gruber (6’5”, 190, G/F, Aptos, CA), Phoenix Bills (6’4”, 180, G/F, Edmond, OK), DK White (6’8”, 230, C, Reno, NV), Warren Jackson (6’, 185, G, Detroit, MI), Tim Acquaye (6’8”, 220, C, Oklahoma City, OK), Giovonni Gordon (6’5”, 200, F, Detroit, MI), Korey Harris (5’10”, 150, G, Powder Springs, GA) and Jake Harrell (6’4”, 210, F/C, Aptos, CA) will all be fighting for playing time.

Newcomers Colin Gruber who transferred to the Seahawks from Northern Arizona University. Gruber started for the Lumberjacks as a true freshman and will likely be counted on to contribute heavily right away. Bills had an excellent prep career at Santa Fe HS in Edmond, OK and should be a valuable addition to the Seahawks. Jackson was also an outstanding performer in HS and will likely be a major part of the Seahawks run for three consecutive Championships.

Returners Grigg, Saarem and Noble will need to adjust to a much more significant role on this year's team as their production must improve if the Seahawks are to be competitive. Myles is coming off recent knee surgery and will need time to get ready but could be in the mix in December. Filley and Love will be fighting for playing time as there are minutes with Myles being injured. Harris and Gordon have also had nothing but trouble with injuries thus far but could play a role as they get their health back.

Tony Marcopulos enters his 13 year as Head Coach at Cabrillo College and his 25 overall as a collegiate coach. In a recent interview Marcopulos was asked the following: “What concerns do you have with this group given that you lost your entire starting five from last year's Championship team?” Marcopulos said, “I have a lot of concerns, most of which are keeping me from sleeping right now. First, most of our returners are relatively inexperienced and while I have confidence they will be able to do the job there is always a little apprehension until they prove they can do it. The newcomers with the exception of Colin are freshman and will go through the transition of playing at this level and we all know that transition in anything in life can be difficult. They all will struggle at times. Colin is in a little different situation in that he has already made much of the transition after having been away from home at NAU and playing Div. 1 college basketball. He has played at Arizona in front of 15,000 people. He understands that even at Cabrillo he will need to adjust and work his way through the transition of playing at our level too. One would think that his playing on the road for us in front of 100 people who are mostly family and friends will not rattle him too much. This will be a work in process and a product of us getting better and better every day. I like our team and I like the way we work. If we continue to do so and we can stay healthy and get healthy will be very good by the time January rolls around and that is when we want to be playing are very best basketball.”