

# BARMER 2. BASKETBALL BUNDESLIGA ProA



## EARLY POWER RANKING 2022/2023



POSITION/TEAM	COACHING STAFF	KEY CORE/KEY SIGNINGS	OUTLOOK
<p><b>1. RASTA Vechta</b></p> 	<p><b>Ty Harrelson, HC</b> Miguel Zapata, AC Marius Graf, AC</p>	<p><b>Tajuan Agee</b> <b>Joel Aminu*</b> <b>Robin Ladders*</b> Andrew Jones Jordan Johnson Chavares Flanigan Julius Wolf* Enosch Wolf*</p>	<p>Will this year's episode of Rasta be THE team to beat? Bringing over massive talent and experience from BBL level and international top level. As of now, Rasta made the best ProA moves this summer and all the club looks freshened up, after Captain Young's departure. Lead guard Jordan Johnson comes off a thrilling season in the British BBL, likable player. Ambitious program with BBL history, new Head Coach and Sports Director. Vechta is ready for an exciting season.</p> <p>+</p>
<p><b>2. JobStairs GIESSEN 46ers</b></p> 	<p><b>Branislav Ignjatovic, HC</b> Nikola Stanic, AC</p>	<p><b>non-ex.</b> Jordan Barnes Steffon Mitchell Roland Nyama* Luis Figge* Nico Brauner*</p>	<p>A new flair, chance and start-off for the venerable BBL club after its relegation? "Frenki" Ignjatovic is adding some new ambitions to the club, which is willing to promote to BBL as soon as possible again. Found some nice pieces and veteran leadership, Barnes to name as one of the best players in the 21-22 ProA campaign, leading a young Paderborn team to the playoffs, expect structural defense-oriented ball, Brauner will outwork people, that's a bet.</p> <p>+</p>
<p><b>3. Tigers Tübingen</b></p> 	<p><b>Daniel Jansson, HC</b> Tom Walther, AC Hanot Zabaleta Carro, AC</p>	<p><b>Mateo Seric*</b> <b>Aatu Kivimäki</b> <b>Erol Ersek</b> <b>Timo Lanmüller*</b> Zac Seljaas Kris Helmanis</p>	<p>Working with great (european) talent is what Finn Danny Jansson has done for numerous years, it gives the whole Tübingen program new vibes and the system is clicking to give prospects a certain shot on a higher level, as the Tigers gained BBL promotion over the last season. It wouldn't be surprising at all if the success continues this way, nothing much new, cutting down the young roster to just one US-American import player for the upcoming season, hiring Seljaas from Georgia.</p> <p>+</p>

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<p><b>4. RÖMER-STROM Gladiators Trier</b></p> 	<p><b>Pascal Heinrichs, HC</b> Jermaine Bucknor, AC</p>	<p><a href="#">Garai Zeeb*</a> <a href="#">Dan Monteroso</a> <a href="#">Parker van Dyke</a> Dylan Painter Alex Laurent*</p>	<p>The very traditional club seems to be not waking up from its beauty sleep, lately things changed as the club communicated bigger goals to get back to the top-tier BBL one day. Losing Austin Wiley, the best inside-player of last season's ProA campaign, will be hard to replace. Though they had found themselves a nice piece with powerful rookie Painter - what a name for dominating inside. Very young guard rotation, topped by a young but not un-experienced Head Coach. Will be fun to watch.</p> <p>+</p>
<p><b>5. Bayer Giants Leverkusen</b></p> 	<p><b>Hans-Jürgen Gnad, HC</b> Jacques Schneider, AC</p>	<p><a href="#">Dennis Heinzmann*</a> <a href="#">Melvin Jostmann*</a> Haris Hujic* Melik Martin Robert Drijencic* Dejan Kovacevic*</p>	<p>What is a usual Hansi Gnad-Team about? Defense, Teamplay and once again Defense. The Giants are looking to climb the top levels again, as the club is one of the reigning record champions in Germany. And players stick to the philosophy, just as Giant himself, Mr. Heinzmann, who's ready to catch some more bodies. Melik Martin sticks out as one of the most interesting rookies to watch in this upcoming ProA season. And uh oh: Haris Hujic is back in Giants business. Watch out! A long playoff run can be expected, if the rookie lottery is working.</p> <p>+</p>
<p><b>6. Phoenix Hagen</b></p> 	<p><b>Christopher Harris, HC</b> Johannes Hülsmann, AC</p>	<p><a href="#">Marcel Keßen*</a> J.J. Mann Marvin Omuvwie* Bjarne Kraushaar* Luukas Vaara</p>	<p>Hagen is coming off a hot season ending, missing the playoffs at the last moment. But the organization is always aiming to bounce back as they always did. The new team will be completely built around J.J. Mann, who returns to Phoenix and adds veteran leadership around great German signings. As of now, the club is still looking for guard power which they offered traditionally over the last seasons. Chris Harris will form a spectacular offensive rampart that is worth it to watch. Typically we would look to some G-League-experienced announcements soon. Playoff race is incoming!</p> <p>+</p>

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<p><b>7. Eisbären Bremerhaven</b></p> 	<p><b>Steven Key, HC</b> Oliver Elling, AC</p>	<p><b>Robert Oehle*</b> <b>Jarelle Reischel*</b> Adrian Breitlauch* Matt Freeman Simon Krajcovic Chris Hooper Matt Frierson</p>	<p>A lot of changes were forced this summer in Bremerhaven, as BBL-experienced Head Coach Key is taking over where he found a club that recently lost its leading figures (to name Kevin Yebo) during the last weeks. Surely the former BBL-organization aims to be part of this year's playoff episode again, trying a little bit different in recruiting, as they brought in international high level talent from New Zealand, Slovakia or Spain. If they can be a better defensive team than last year, then watch out for the Nordics, they will not only freeze your ISO. +</p>
<p><b>8. Medipolis SC Jena</b></p> 	<p><b>Domenik Reinboth, HC</b> Daniel Pearson, AC</p>	<p><b>Brandon Thomas</b> <b>Alex Herrera</b> <b>Stephan Haukohl*</b> <b>Moritz Plescher*</b> Carlton Guyton Takiula Fahrensohn*</p>	<p>Everybody was waiting for the ProA bomb to explode this summer, since there is no "Woj" for German Basketball, it literally came out of nowhere, that club legend Julius Wolf would leave Jena to join rival Vechta for a buyout. After taking a big hit in last year's episode of the playoff semis against Rostock, Reinboth stood there, losing his guard terror rotation next to it. Possibly "Scootie" Guyton's signing can lift them up, next to some more quality, to be announced soon. Veteran "BT" will go all in to lead his squad, hopefully to the playoffs. Reinboth teams usually play with a lot of passion, having a frenetic "home-advantage" crowd behind. +</p>
<p><b>9. VfL Kirchheim Knights</b></p> 	<p><b>Igor Perovic, HC</b> Albin Mauz, AC</p>	<p><b>Tim Koch*</b> <b>Besnik Bekteshi*</b> Richie Williams Michael Flowers Kayne Henry</p>	<p>Rohndell Goodwin. What stands out the most about former Kirchheim campaigns from now on lasts in the past, as a new (old) era has started for the Knights from the Stuttgart area. Richie Williams is back and will lead an ambitious young squad next to club legend Koch. There was a lot of import player quality brought in over the past weeks. It will be very interesting to see how quick rookie Michael Flowers (WSU) can adapt to the euro flow Perovic preaches. Player to watch! Squad to take a serious follow! +</p>

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<p><b>10. PS Karlsruhe LIONS</b></p> 	<p><b>Aleksandar Scepanovic, HC</b> Andrew Sauer, AC</p>	<p><b>Maurice Pluskota*</b> Lovell Cabbil Ivan Karacic Toni Jelenkovic Julian Albus*</p>	<p>An interesting challenge is waiting for Head Coach Scepanovic and his Lions after a successful 21-22 season, which led to a playoff participation. ProA Player of the Year Stanley Whittaker Jr. and German shooter Zylka leave a big gap in the roster plans of the club from the South-West. Lovell Cabbil, a recent addition from Georgian Superleague, will have his coach high on him, in terms of scoring ability and leadership. In a new tandem alongside Jelenkovic they will be busy to find a solid big man rotation inside, which gained some more BBL experience. How far can they go, with these kinds of limitations? -</p>
<p><b>11. Artland Dragons</b></p> 	<p><b>Patrick Flomo, HC</b> Chase Griffin, AC</p>	<p><b>Demetrius Ward*</b> <b>Jonas Weitzel*</b> De'Vondre Perry Will Christmas Jalen Bradley Marko Bacak* Jannes Hundt*</p>	<p>The Dragons better forget about what happened to them last season, going lucky that they are able to be part of the 22-23 campaign, as they took profit from the league increase, with fresh new faces and a up-scoring oriented fast style. Coach Flomo added a mix of experienced and young players. How will lead guard Bradley click in a new Artland team? Defensive terrier Hundt will put in some hard work to stop the opposing guards from scoring. If the Dragons can find a way to be stable enough not only in terms of scoring, we can expect a more calm but not less heady season for their passionate supporters. +</p>
<p><b>12. Nürnberg Falcons BC</b></p> 	<p><b>Vytautas Buzas, HC</b> Derrick Taylor, AC</p>	<p><b>Sebastian Schröder*</b> <b>Jonathan Maier*</b> <b>Tim Köpple*</b> Thomas Wilder Sheldon Eberhardt* Ferenc Gille*</p>	<p>In the midst of big promotion dreams and being a low budget team it is not easy for Buzas and club legend Schröder to find a balanced rhythm. Last season they had a solid campaign, coming short in terms of the last playoff spots literally at the last moment. Thus far the club reeled in only one import player with BBL-experienced Wilder and kept important local figures. There will have to be some more quality movements made, in order to shine bigger than just a "solid" and likesome club from the beautiful franconian area. Can they bring back last season's team topscorer A.J. Davis? -</p>

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<p><b>13. Uni Baskets Paderborn</b></p> 	<p><b>Steven Esterkamp, HC</b> Claus Reinsberger, AC Florian Held, AC</p>	<p>Lars Lagerpusch* Badu Buck* Aaron Kayser* Travis Jocelyn Oshane Drews* James Fleming</p>	<p>No more leadership and scoring (Barnes), no more defense (Flanigan), no more shooting (Trapp)? After a massive playoff run and the departure of three key players, Steve Esterkamp was looking to some kind of rebuild. He was able to at least keep a German bond together, filling the import spots with players that are looking for a big shot, coming from lower levels. It is a springboard for several players as the past was proving with Kendale McCullum or Ryan Logan, to double or even triple their salaries. A lot of flashy game action can be expected, surely the one or other new signing additionally, still a lot to do the upcoming weeks, that's for sure.</p> <p>-</p>
<p><b>14. VfL Sparkassen Stars Bochum</b></p> 	<p><b>Felix Banobre, HC</b> Petar Topalski, AC</p>	<p>Niklas Geske* Lars Kamp* Miguel Servera Rodriguez Jonas Grof* Bernie Andre Tom Alte*</p>	<p>Spanish flair for last year's newcomers Bochum paid off, as Banobre led the Blues to a successful first season in ProA. Despite the departure of leading figures and the surprising career end of big man Johannes Joos, nice moves had been taken, as one of the best German playmakers in ProA (Jonas Grof) decided to join an ambitious Stars team that is complemented with great inside tools as usual. It wouldn't be surprising if the team is aiming more for the playoffs than have to look down in the long run.</p> <p>+</p>
<p><b>15. ART Giants Düsseldorf</b></p> 	<p><b>Florian Flabb, HC</b> Matt Dodson, AC</p>	<p>Booker Coplin Andrius Mikutis Mark Gebhardt* Lennart Boner* Ryan Richmond Vincent Friederici*</p>	<p>Two Giants from the famous Rhine area, known for the carnival, in ProA wouldn't work? Doubtful. The Giants from Düsseldorf are officially back! Flabb's unit seeked promotion as the runner-up in last year's ProB episode. Rookie Coplin used to be a blast for the entire season, getting buckets, likely continuing to do so in ProA. And now they took playmaker Ryan Richmond from a direct contender additionally. This seems to get VERY personal! A great mixture between young, ambitious players, veteran leadership and underrated coaching could be enough for the ART Giants "Klassenerhalt" celebration...</p> <p>+</p>

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<p><b>16. Dresden Titans</b></p> 	<p><b>Fabian Strauß, HC</b> Alberto Antuna Leal, AC</p>	<p>Tanner Graham Grant Teichmann* Georg Voigtmann* Sebastian Heck* Saiquan Jamison David Kachelries Lucien Schmikale*</p>	<p>...Speaking of "Klassenerhalt" or what we also would call a successful relegation fight, there is another newcomer to the ProA. Dresden Titans actually is not making its debut, as last season's ProB champion is coming back to the ProA with lots of ambitions and this time the organization is about to do whatever it takes to keep the league. Young german coach talent "Fabo" Strauß took back some serious German power and upgraded the import spots with some European experience. Saiquan Jamison is high on getting top rebounder in the upcoming season, watch out for his bulkiness, crashing, no destroying your boards. And what seems to be another German talent in David Kachelries, is a crazy US-American rookie lockdown defender!</p> <p>+</p>
<p><b>17. WWU Baskets Münster</b></p> 	<p><b>Björn Harmsen, HC</b> Chad Prewitt, AC</p>	<p>Adam Touray* Jasper Günther* Thomas Reuter* Darien Jackson</p>	<p>Another newcomer to the ProA that somewhat took profit from the league increase of 18 participants is WWU Baskets Münster. Head Coach Harmsen adds several years of experience from coaching on the highest level. At this point they trust their German core and a rookie lottery of four US-American players, added up by an Icelandic talent. High hopes are on Tulsa standout Darien Jackson, who can be described as a walking bucket. If the quality lacks some early changes must be expected. Overall not really convincing at this point.</p> <p>-</p>
<p><b>18. wiha Panthers Schwenningen</b></p> 	<p><b>Alen Velcic HC,</b> Aleksandar Nadjfeji AC</p>	<p>non-ex. Jacob Knaut* Daniel Mayr*</p>	<p>As of now it is hard to say in which direction the roster plans of Head Coach Velcic would go. According to several sources the club went through an extra licensing scenario the past months. Rumors had been made that the club from South-West Germany could lose the bid to be playing in Germany's second highest level ProA. Having only two players signed to the roster by the second week of August, seems to be like a busy month coming up...</p> <p>-</p>

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## ADDITIONALLY

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PLAYOFFS

MIDFIELD

RELEGATION

## INFORMATION

- 18 clubs participating in a double-round (playing 17 home- and road games)
- regular season starts on September 30, 2022, ends on April 29, 2023
- playoffs of top 8 teams after regular season to be played from May to June 2023
- 17th and 18th ranked clubs are relegated directly to BARMER 2. Basketball Bundesliga ProB after regular season
- 2 domestic players must be on court the entire game length
- Newcomers: JobStairs GIESSEN 46ers (BBL) and Dresden Titans, ART Giants Düsseldorf, WWU Baskets Münster (all ProB)
- full schedule can be found on the homepage and inside the BARMER 2. Basketball Bundesliga App
- free live-streaming through Sportdeutschland.TV

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