



Ward named varsity field hockey coach

Christian Academy of Louisville is excited to announce the hiring of Chris Ward as the head coach of its varsity field hockey team.

Ward joined the CAL field hockey program as the sixth grade head coach in 2017 and has been a head coach at every age group from sixth grade to junior varsity, in addition to serving as a varsity assistant coach for the 2023

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Popp named varsity boys soccer coach

Christian Academy of Louisville is excited to announce the hiring of Trent Popp as the head coach of its varsity boys soccer team.

"Trent's soccer knowledge, as well as his vision for the CAL program, were significant factors in the decision," athletic director Brad Morgan said. "He shares our belief that we can compete at the highest level, and he's

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HS swimming qualifies for seven more events at state

CAL will compete in 10 events

Results for every region swim meets across the state were finalized this past weekend, solidifying the field for the 2024 state meet.

In addition to automatically qualifying for three events at the Fifth Region meet on Feb. 4, CAL added seven more qualifications after all results went final.

Jack Borrage qualified for the 200-yard intermediate medley and 100-

yard breaststroke.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Amelia Jackson, Anna Donnahou, Abigail Smith and Alena Wang qualified, in addition to the two relays that already auto-qualified.

Caroline Wilson qualified in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke.

Jillian Beardsley also made it in the 100-yard backstroke, as well as the 100-yard freestyle.

Sydney Perkins had already qualified in the 100-yard breaststroke and added a third qualifier for CAL in the 100-yard freestyle.

Raegan Guilford rounded out CAL's state meet additions in the 200-yard intermediate medley.

Borrage is set to compete in the boys state meet next Friday, Feb. 23 at the University of Kentucky.

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Varsity girls basketball goes 2-1

The varsity girls basketball team put together a stellar 2-1 slate this past week.

On Tuesday, the Centurions went on the road and nearly knocked off No. 3 George Rogers Clark, falling 62-59.

CAL came back and rolled past a shorthanded Eastern team 60-26 on Friday night to improve to 2-0 against 28th District opponents.

The Centurions jumped out to a 23-3 lead by the end of the first quarter and extended it to 44-13 by halftime.

CAL went up by 35 in the third quarter to initiate a running clock, then coasted to victory.

With the win, CAL clinched the top seed in the district tournament and a bye to the championship game, since Kentucky

Country Day opted not to participate in this year's postseason.

On Saturday, CAL pulled out a hard-fought 68-61 win over visiting Male.

The Centurions found themselves in a 28-all tie at half but erupted for 26 points in the third quarter to open up a 54-38 lead.

Male got as close as four points in the fourth quarter, but CAL staved off the comeback attempt to improve to 13-11 on the season.

CAL has two home games this week, beginning with Mercy on Tuesday evening. The Centurions will honor their two seniors prior to the varsity game.

CAL also hosts Frederick Douglass on Friday night.

Varsity boys basketball drops pair of close games

The varsity boys basketball team lost a pair of games by a combined five points this past weekend.

On Friday, CAL fell 50-48 in a 28th District clash at Eastern.

The Centurions fell behind 19-10 at the end of the first quarter, but limited the Eagles to just four points in the second quarter to take a 26-23 lead at halftime.

CAL maintained its slim lead at the end of the third quarter, and found themselves deadlocked in a 48-48 tie with less than 20 seconds to play.

Eastern's Josh Brock drew a foul on a 3-pointer with 0.2 seconds remaining and made 2-of-3 free throws to help the Eagles improve to 2-1 in district play.

On Saturday night, CAL fell just short again in a 64-61 loss to Male.

An extended 16-5 run

helped the Bulldogs take an 18-14 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Centurions once again delivered a strong second quarter performance, aided by four BB Washington 3s, to take a 40-31 lead into the locker room.

CAL withstood a third quarter push from Male to lead 51-48, but the Bulldogs made enough plays down the stretch of a back-and-forth fourth period to escape with a road win.

The Centurions will travel to Collins on Friday night before rounding out the 2024 district slate on Saturday against Kentucky Country Day.

If CAL beat the Bearcats on Saturday, it will be the No. 2 seed in the 28th District tournament and play Ballard in the semifinals. If KCD wins, CAL will be the No. 3 seed and play Eastern.

14th HS softball trivia/silent auction this weekend

The high school softball team is holding its 14th annual trivia and silent action night on Feb. 17.

The event is set to take place from 6-9 p.m. in the CAL cafeteria.

Teams of 6-8 people will congregate for the trivia portion of the night.

Available items for auction include autographed Cincinnati Reds jerseys, tickets to a University of

Kentucky basketball game, golf outings and more.

A chili dinner with homemade desserts is included with the purchase of a ticket.

Tickets are \$20 per person, with all proceeds going

to the CAL softball program.

To purchase tickets contact Kyle Mullin at 502-338-1889, Bonnie Mullin at 502-819-6466 or email bkcht@aol.com.

Verse of the week

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Matthew 28:19-20



GALLERY: Archery senior night

Group photo



Matthew McClurg



Klair Adkins



Jack Wathen



HS/MS archery shoots at 7th Cupid Shootout

The high school and middle school archery teams competed at the 7th Annual St. Patrick Cupid Shootout on Saturday morning.

The high school team took seventh place out of 12 teams.

Klair Adkins placed ninth in a field of 173 high school girls with 279 points to lead CAL across both levels.

John Bakane and Zachary Castillo finished top 20 amongst the high school boys.

The middle school team was led by Carter Krauss in 17th place with 257 points.

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GALLERY: Swimming senior night

Group photo



Anna Donahou



Madison Bobnar



Caroline Wilson



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willing and able to put in the work to make that happen.”

Popp played collegiate soccer at Asbury University before a stint playing professionally in the Premier Development League, now known as the USL League Two. Since then, he’s coached at the club level with Javanon FC, as well as through his youth soccer business, Soccer Shots, and is eager to take on his first high school coaching posi-

tion.

“I’m excited. Getting into the high school coaching scene is something I’ve always thought about doing,” Popp said. “I’ve worked with the school in different capacities, through the intramural levels with my kids. But I’m excited to be at a level where you’re not only teaching fundamentals and to love the game, but we’re also trying to get results. That’s the piece of the

sport that I’ve missed since playing.”

Popp believes the program has untapped potential to rank among the best in the state, with other CAL sports providing a blueprint to consistent success.

“You see the success other sports have had at CAL with multiple state championships and the foundation those programs have in the school. We’re looking at how quickly we can raise

the level of the program to that standard,” Popp said.

“The families are there, the students are there. I think it’s just having consistent coaching and developing players from grade school level all the way through.”

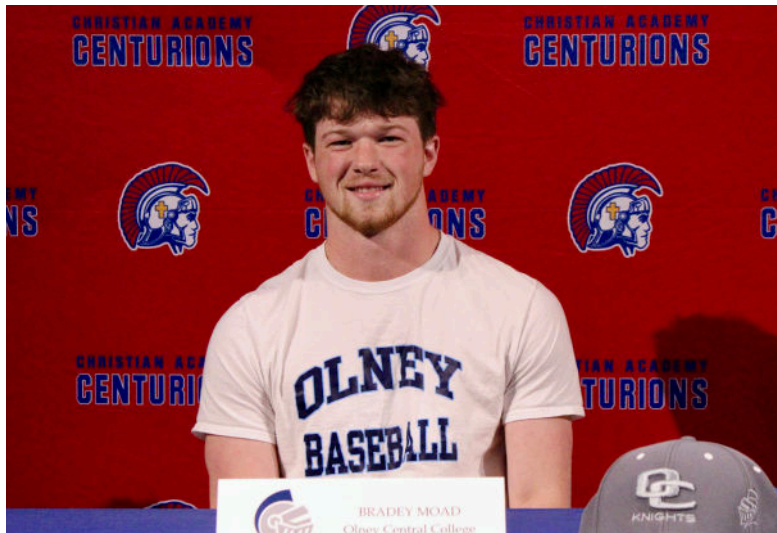
Popp will meet the team on Thursday afternoon, and the Centurions are set to begin voluntary spring workouts in the coming weeks.

GALLERY: Winter signing day

Justin Ruffin, Army football



Bradey Moad, Olney Central baseball



Hayden Peck, Bryan bass fishing



Connor Franklin, Young Harris lacrosse



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the 2023 state championship team. He currently holds a Level 1 coaching certification through USA Field Hockey.

"We've had the opportunity to observe Chris as a coach at multiple levels of our field hockey program over the past several years, and he's impressed at every stage," athletic director Brad Morgan said. "He understands the CAL field hockey culture as well as anyone, and he's the right person to continue that coming off a

state championship season."

Ward takes over for Stephanie Seeley, who led the Centurions to an 89-26-3 record in four years as head coach. CAL has reached the state semifinals eight of the last nine years, including two state titles and two state runner ups.

"I'm really excited and looking forward to continuing to build upon all the success CAL field hockey has had all these years, and I'm very honored to now have this position," Ward said. "I

have first hand knowledge of the whole program. I've been involved in every level you could be involved in at CAL, so I'm very familiar with the culture and the program and understand what we need to do to have continued success into the future."

CAL will look to continue its extended stretch of success this year, when it returns a plethora of key contributors from last year's state championship team.

"I think CAL field hock-

ey always has a target on its back anyways, but obviously it puts a larger target on you when you're the defending state champion," Ward said. "We're losing seniors who were large contributors over many years, but we have a great core group coming back. We absolutely can still compete for a state championship, and I fully expect that we're going to be right there in the thick of things at the end of the season."

This week in Centurion Nation - Feb. 12-Feb. 17

Tuesday

Girls Basketball

FR/V vs. Mercy
6/7:30 p.m. | CAL

Friday

Girls Basketball

FR/V vs. Frederick Douglass
6/7:30 p.m. | CAL

Boys Basketball

JV/V at Collins
6/7:30 p.m. | MLCHS

Saturday

Boys Basketball

JV/V vs. Kentucky Country Day
6/7:30 p.m. | CAL

Up-to-date schedules are posted daily on Twitter @CenturionAD and Instagram @CALCenturions.

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Middle School Archery.....Rhonda Hoyer

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Junior Varsity Boys Basketball.....Jake McAllister

Freshmen Boys Basketball.....Chris Burke

8th Grade Boys Basketball.....Gabe Graham

7th Grade Boys Basketball.....Nick Turner

6th Grade Boys Basketball.....Andrew Norton

High School Girls Basketball.....Byron Wilkins

8th Grade Girls Basketball.....Jana Bassett

7th Grade Girls Basketball.....Kyle Augustine

6th Grade Girls Basketball.....Adam Cline

High School Bowling.....Jeff Imlay

High School Cheerleading.....Amy Dreher

Middle School Cheerleading.....Kim Robinson

High School Swimming.....David Robinson

Middle School Swimming.....Kelly Cullop