



Varsity football opens season with win over Owensboro

The 2022 KHSAA 3A Kentucky State Champion CAL Varsity Football team kicked off their 2023 season with their 16th consecutive win, overcoming a tough 5A opponent in the Red Devils from Owensboro High School.

The Red Devils ended 2022 as the KHSAA 5A state runner-ups after losing to Frederick Douglas HS in the 5A state championship

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Varsity field hockey starts 2-0 at Apple Tournament

The CAL Varsity Field Hockey team began their season on Friday night against defending state champion Assumption Rockets in the Apple Tournament.

The game started fast and furious, and senior captain Lauren Sloan converted a penalty corner into a goal during the first quarter to give CAL a 1-0 advantage that they maintained into halftime.

After halftime, CAL turned it on, with Madelyn Frazee and Ella Hodge each scoring goals to give the Centurions a 3-0 lead entering the fourth quarter.

CAL midfielders Amber Lacy, Savannah Faulkner and Nora Ritter

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Varsity volleyball starts season with 3-0 week

The Lady Centurions won their home opener against Whitefield in straight set (25-11, 25-16, 25-23 to improve 3-0 on the season.

Lady Centurions opened the season with back-to-back road wins, beating at CAI (25-22, 25-22, 25-18) and Presentation (25-16, 19-25, 25-21, 25-19).

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Verse of the week

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

- Jeremiah 29:11



JV volleyball goes 3-0 in opening week

CAL's Lady Centurion JV volleyball team pulled out a win in three sets (25-14, 23-25, 15-2) over the Warriors of CAI on Monday.

The season's first win required a team effort with strong serving, passing, blocking, and hitting to stay focused.

The girls continued their win streak with a two-set victory over Presentation (21-8, 21-16) on the following night.

On Thursday, the girls handled Whitefield Academy (21-11, 21-3) to keep their undefeated start to the season intact.



Freshman volleyball goes 7-0, wins tournament

Freshman volleyball opened its season with a 7-0 week.

The Lady Centurions swept Presentation (21-15, 21-12) and Whitefield Academy (21-14, 21-5) during the week.

Then, CAL went 5-0 on Saturday to win the LKY Freshman Tournament to bring home the gold.



Varsity girls soccer splits a pair of games

The Centurion girls soccer team traveled to Bardstown to take on the Tigers and kick off the 2A Section Tournament.

CAL generally matched up well, but also faced the unfavorable scenario of having two penalty kicks awarded to the Tigers in the first half and a second half that brought wind and rain storms severe enough to leave the locals discussing evacuation routes. In the end, it was too much for the Centurions to overcome in a 2-1 defeat.

CAL entered halftime facing a 0-2 deficit, following the penalty kicks, which were converted by the Tiger sweeper.

CAL regrouped and came out firing in the second half. They began to control play, stymie the Tiger offense and stress the Tiger defense.

Play concentrated on the middle of the field, and at the end of the game, CAL had just two shots on goal to Bardstown's one.

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Boys golf finishes one stroke short of tournament win

Christian Academy golf came up short in its competition this weekend at the South Oldham Dragon Invitational, which featured the top teams from the Sixth Region and other leaders from across the state.

The Centurions finished one shot behind the tournament champions, Madison Central and Louisville Trinity. The two teams are currently ranked second and third in the state rankings, which are determined by a point system tied to tournament placements. CAL is ranked 9th in the most recent update.

Sophomore Will Judd shot a 69 (-3) to lead the team with a fifth place finish in the event at Nevel Meade Golf Course. Senior Kyle Gladieux had a tremendous effort, shooting 73 (+1). Seventh grader Brady Faulkner 74 (+2). Sophomore Jacob Elliott finished with a 76. Senior Brady Smith shot a 77.

CAL entered a second

team to compete, and it finished eighth overall.

Freshman Zach Gladieux led the second team with an impressive 75, followed by Trey Berger with a 76 and seventh grader Luke Elliott with a 78.

CAL began weekday nine-hole matches this past week as well. On Monday, CAL beat Trinity at Crescent Hill Golf Course 156-161. CAL was led by seventh grader Luke Elliott with a 35 (-1) and freshman Grant Pellowe with a 39 (+3).

On Tuesday, CAL defeated South Oldham 156-175. CAL was led by Zach Gladieux's 37 (+1) and Brady Faulkner's 38 (+2).

On Thursday CAL lost to St. X in a match at Oxmoor CC. Sam Bates fired the Centurion's low-round with a 41 (+5).

CAL has head-to-head nine-hole matches on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday this week, as well as a tournament this Saturday.



8th grade volleyball off to 2-0 start

Eighth grade volleyball started the season with a 2-0 week.

The Lady Centurions beat Shelby West Middle School in its season opener, then won a three-set contest against Marnell C Moorman to remain perfect on the year.



PHOTOS: Varsity boys soccer beat CAI 5-0



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3rd/4th football wins in blowout fashion

The 1-0 CAL Centurion Pee Wees took on the Louisville Patriots at Christian Academy on Saturday.

The Centurion defense started the game with a pair of sacks by Jack Lowe and Logan Hornback. The first drive resulted in a punt with CAL taking over on the 37. CAL had a two-play drive with a catch by Zion De Lessio from Jake Blandford for 22 yards and a touchdown run by Jack Lowe. The two-point conversion was good from Blandford to Collin Hammer.

CAL attempted an onside kick, but it was recovered by the Patriots at the 50-yard line. The drive went nowhere following a sack by Blandford, and the Patriots turned the ball over on downs.

Gavin Ihnen took a pitch for 49 yards to the house on the first play of the next series. Then he caught a pass for a two-point conversion to put CAL up 16-0.

CAL attempted another onside kick, which was recovered on the 50-yard line by the Patriots, but CAL forced another turnover on downs near the 40-yard line.

During the next drive, Blandford had two QB keepers rolling out of the pocket, one for a 20-yard scamper and another for a score from two yards out. Jack Lowe capped off the drive with a carry for the extra point to make the score 23-0.

Again, an onside kick off was attempted, but this time, CAL's Eli Hilpp emerged from the pile holding the on-side kick and CAL took

over on the 46 yard line. The Centurions moved the ball quickly and efficiently with a 16 yard pass to De Lessio. Jake Blandford picked up 20 yards on a fourth and 19 for a first down. However, The Patriots defense held its ground as they had their first stop of the game following an interception in the end-zone.

CAL sent in its second team defense late in the first half, and they kept the Patriots off the board with the help of Henry Schmied and Quinn Brakmeier to maintain the 23-point lead going into the break.

CAL started the second half with a 12-yard run by Lowe. The drive was capped off by a 20-yard touchdown run by Blandford. CAL converted a two-point attempt

with a jump ball catch by Bayard Donaldson Jr. to put CAL ahead 31-0 and initiate a running clock.

Defensive end Remi Lanham recorded a sack to open the next Patriot possession. Then Luke Schultz brought down the Patriot quarterback with a head of steam on a keeper. Patriots elected to go for it on 4th and 8, but CAL stopped the ball carrier well short of the sticks to force another turnover.

De Lessio and Miles Johnston took over at quarterback, and recorded several chunk plays in the running game. De Lessio ultimately found the end zone on a keeper. Preston Burge found the end zone for the extra point to put CAL ahead 38-0 and conclude the scoring.



7th/8th football routs Marnel C. Moorman

CAL's Middle School football team started the 2023 season in style with a 50-0 home victory over Marnel C. Moorman.

The Centurions wasted little time scoring, with Gabriel Lumpkins taking the opening kickoff back 64 yards for a touchdown.

After holding Moorman to a three-

and-out, Jayden Leake took the punt and scampered 54 yards into the end zone and CAL led 16-0 without an offensive snap.

Jackson Burke completed 5-of-7 passes for 122 yards and three touchdowns – two to Man Robinson and one to Boogie Cook.

Hudson Overstreet rounded out the

scoring with a 53-yard run.

CAL's defense was just as dominant as its offense, holding Moorman to -3 yards on 35 total plays. Noah Perkins led the way with five tackles.

The middle schoolers have a scheduled game next at home vs Oldham County. Junior varsity starts at 6 pm, followed by varsity at 7:30.

1st/2nd football comes from behind to win season opener

The CAL Mighty Mites football team opened the regular season with a 13-12 win against the Louisville Patriots.

CAL fell behind early-going down 12-0 in the first quarter, but the Mighty Mites battled back to score two touch-

downs and held the Patriots scoreless for the remainder of the game.

Beckham Albright sprung for both touchdowns from the quarterback position. When asked after the game how he was able to find the endzone he said, "the blocking was the key."

5th/6th football rolls to victory

The CAL 5/6th grade football team hosted the Louisville Patriots Junior team on Saturday. The team had a big win 34-0. Congratulations to the team!

8th field hockey goes 1-1-1 to begin season

The eighth grade field hockey team started the season strong with a 1-1-1 week.

After starting the year with a loss and a tie, the girls beat Sacred Heart Model School 2-0 at home to secure their first win of the season.

The team is competing in the ninth grade division of the Apple Tournament this week.



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finals. Despite losing several veteran players from the 2022 roster, the 2023 Centurions continued to impress, winning 28-14.

Senior quarterback Cole Hodge, who recently committed to play football for East Carolina University, was 25-for-35 on passing attempts for 302 yards and three touchdown passes. He also led the team in rushing, with 37 yards on eight carries, including one touchdown run.

Hodge connected multiple times with his brother, junior wideout Connor Hodge, who gained 91 yards on nine receptions, including two touchdowns.

Senior wideout Justin Ruffin, who recently committed to play in college for the United State Military Academy at Westpoint, gained an impressive 144 yards on 12 receptions, including one touchdown.

Junior wideout Trey Cotton gained 18 yards on two receptions, and sophomore Jeffrey Vazzana had 16 yards on two receptions. Vazzana also gained 28 yards rushing on the ground, and Trey Cotton rushed for four yards on three carries.

The Centurion defense held the Red Devils scoreless in the first half of play and limited them to just two touchdowns overall.

The CAL defense recorded 67 total tackles, including 11 tackles for a loss of yards and three sacks.

Junior defensive back Trey Cotton led the team with 11 tackles and an interception. Senior linebacker Connor Franklin recorded nine tackles, and sophomore linebacker Jackson Settle had eight tackles, including two for a loss of yards and a quarterback sack.

Sophomore cornerback Elijah Dale had seven tackles with one tackle for a loss, and senior defensive lineman Nathan Carlisle recorded six total tackles with two tackles for a loss and one quarterback sack.

Sophomore linebacker Chapman Russell had five tackles with one tackle for loss, freshman linebacker Garyon Hobbs had five tackles with two tackles for loss, and senior defensive lineman David Holloway had four tackles with one tackle for a loss and a sack.

Junior defensive back Connor Hodge recorded an interception and returned it 20 yards.

The Centurions look to continue their winning streak on Friday night as they travel across the Ohio River to Southern Indiana to face the Bulldogs of New Albany High School at 8:00 pm.



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Most in attendance won't remember this game as much as the storm that overshadowed it. What began as sprinkles visible only in the lights shining down on the field quickly into something resembling a monsoon. Several CAL players reported afterward that the rain was heavy enough and the wind was strong enough that they couldn't see the ball at times.

However, play continued. CAL pushed forward after holding off another Tiger attack, and Taylor Touche received a pass and raced toward the goal flanked by several defenders. In the midst of rain, wind, and low visibility, Touche surged ahead and thundered a shot into the goal to cut the lead to 1.

With 15 minutes to play, the Centurions had new life! CAL sustained an incredible effort despite being drenched and tired until the last seconds of the match. Although their hopes for a 2A title were cut short, the Centurions had a game they can build on for the remainder of the season.

Saturday, the team returned home to take on the Mercy Academy Jaguars under the pleasantly sunny skies of the English Station campus. CAL came out with impressive effort and unselfish passing from the first minute and continued to control play through a scoreless first half.

However, CAL faced more obstacles when leading scorer Taylor Touche was taken

out by the Mercy keeper as they both raced toward a loose ball just inside the 18-minute mark. Taylor would not play the rest of the game and the CAL squad was faced with finding other scoring options.

Meanwhile, a stellar defensive effort from Addison Chandler, Kynlee Cornett, Anslee Philpot, Zoey Morgan and keeper Sam Durston helped CAL protect the cage for yet another shutout. Midway through the second half, Chandler broke into the scoring column on sheer strength of will, dribbling past clawing Jaguars nearly the length of the field and punching it past the merciless keeper to give CAL the lead.

Eight minutes later, a sprinting Rory Ross took a pass

closely tailed by two defenders. Ross eyed the backpedaling keeper, took two more dribbles and placed the ball perfectly just inside the far corner of the goal to extend the lead to 2-0 with fifteen minutes left on the clock. Coach Zutt went to rapid revolving substitutions for his shorthanded Centurions, while they focused on locking in the defense and continuing to win the ball for the remainder of the game. The 2-0 win brought CAL's season record to 3-1-1, with 20 goals scored while allowing just 4.

The Centurions travel to Lexington Christian Academy on Monday for a 7:30 scorchers and host Scott County on Saturday at 1:30.

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held off several Assumption attacks until Ava Ward got loose from an Assumption player at midfield and found Frazee for a beautiful goal from the top of the circle to round out the scoring.

CAL's defense kept the Rockets off the board with senior captain Megan Mauzy, Ava Florence and Logan Agee fighting off Assumption attacks and goalie Morgan Lala notching 26 saves.

The Centurions returned to action on Sunday afternoon in their second game of the Apple Tournament against the Manual Crimsons.

The game was moved from Sacred Heart's turf field to one of the school's grass fields due to excessive heat.

CAL opened the scoring in the first quarter with a goal by senior captain Allie Kinser.

Ava Ward added two more goals in the second quarter to give CAL a 3-0 lead going into halftime.

The 3rd and 4th quarter saw the Centurions go back and forth with the Crimsons as the heat

took its toll on both teams.

Lauren Sloan took a free start inside the 25 yard line during the fourth quarter and scored an amazing goal from the top of the circle which would prove to be the final goal of the game and give CAL the 4-0 victory.

CAL's defense fought off a number of scoring opportunities the Crimsons had on penalty corners during the fourth quarter, and goalie Lydia Estep had several saves over the course of the game to keep the Crimsons scoreless.

The Centurions will return to action later this week in bracket play at the Apple Tournament.



JV field hockey starts Apple Tournament with win

The junior varsity field hockey team brought home a win against Ballard at the Apple Tournament Saturday morning with a final score of 1-0 with a goal scored by Faith Major, assisted by McKenna Lacy.

