



## BACK TO BACK

### Smith wins second straight boys golf state title

Playing and winning one individual state championship is a major career accomplishment. Back-to-back championships is a legacy.

CAL senior golfer Brady Smith has enjoyed great success in perfecting his craft, which culminated in Bowling Green at the 2023 KHSAA Boys golf championship.

Smith won in record fashion finishing with a 136 (-8) two-day total, seven strokes ahead of his closest competitor.

After a night full of rain leading into day one of a two-day tournament, the course seemed to soften from the practice round.

However, managing swirling wind became part of the equation for success, and Smith set the pace by recording a 65 (-7).

He had remarkable control of his approach shots and putting, hitting 16 greens and recording 10 one-putts on day one. Smith made a 50-foot putt that brought a roar from the gallery.

This allowed him an overnight lead of two strokes over second place.

Saturday morning provided much cooler temperatures and new challenges. Smith learned from having a big lead overnight in the

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## Varsity girls soccer season ends in region quarterfinals

CAL entered the playoff portion of their 2023 season with a district championship match against Ballard on the Bruins' home turf.

The Centurions came out firing. Taylor Touche chased the ball to the far corner, outsprinting two Ballard defenders, and sent a beautiful cross in front of the goal which was pounded into the

back of the net by Ella Mast, who also outran her Bruin defender to put CAL ahead 1-0 early.

Unfortunately, the lead was short-lived. Ballard evened the score less than four minutes later, and by halftime, CAL trailed 3-1.

CAL defeated Ballard at home three weeks earlier, but this was not their night.

CAL settled for district runner-up, with three players named to the all-tournament team: Annslee Philpot, Touche and Mast.

The Seventh Region draw pitted the Centurions against the Crimson of DuPont Manual High School at their historic stadium.

CAL came in as the  
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# Cross Country competes over fall break

The high school cross country team spent fall break racing and training in preparation for Regionals in two weeks.

They began the week racing at the Louisville XC Classic held at EP Tom Sawyer State Park on Sept. 30, 2023.

In the high school invite boys division, junior Samuel Herbig finished in 16th place in a field of 309 runners with a time of 16:33.70.

Other boys runners included Elijah Nelson in

221st with a time of 20:02, Luke Stephens in 273rd with a time of 22:03, Jeremiah Beardsley in 281st with a time of 22:21 and Christian LeSage in 348th with a time of 29:17.

In the high school girls invite division, Anabelle Plummer finished in 17th place in a field of 245 runners with a time of 20:06. Taylor Greenwell finished in 118th place with a time of 23:27.

After a week of training, the team returned to Old-

ham County High School to compete in the sixth annual Haunted Woods Classic.

The girls team finished in 9th place, led by Anabelle Plummer also in 9th place with a time of 20:10.

Other finishers include Taylor Greenwell in 43rd with a time of 22:41, Katherine Kelly in 56th with a time of 23:12, Reese Fletcher in 77th with a time of 24:06 and Abigail Smith in 137th with a time of 28:37.

The boys team finished in

18th place, led by Junior Samuel Herbig in 8th place with a time of 16:04, just 9 seconds off his personal record and school record time of 15:55.

Other finishers included Jeremiah Beardsley in 107th at 19:38, Elijah Nelson in 113th with a time of 19:54, John Coutts in 175th with a time of 22:17 and Christian LeSage in 197th with a time of 26:01.



## Verse of the week

"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."

- Psalm 34:8





# Gallery: Varsity field hockey hosts Villa Duchesne





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# 3rd/4th football rolls to win over River City

The Centurions took on the River City Renegades at St. Xavier high school on Saturday.

The Renegades started off with the ball, and their first drive didn't move the chain, as Jack Lowe recorded a couple of tackles for loss to help force a turnover on downs.

CAL took over on the Renegade 40-yard line and scored quickly on a quarterback keeper by Jake Blandford. CAL converted the two-point conversion as Hunter Worrell hauled in a Randy Moss-like over the shoulder grab.

During the next Renegade drive, Lucas Reeb busted through the line with a tackle for a loss of seven yard. River City eventually the Centurion defense sleeping and

broke off a 50-yard touchdown run. The Renegades failed on a two-point conversion, and CAL clung to an 8-6 lead.

The Renegades took a page from the CAL playbook and attempted an onside kick that was recovered by the Centurions. During the next drive, Blandford ran for a pickup of 20 yards. Jack Lowe finished the drive off with a couple of tough runs and scored from seven yards out. Gavin Ihnen hauled in a short pass to convert a two-point attempt, and CAL went up 16-6.

The next Renegade drive was a short one, as they scored on a 48-yard run. The extra point was no good once again to leave the score at 16-12.

The next CAL drive, the team strung together a handful of great plays, capped off by a 10-yard touchdown run by Lowe. CAL converted on a third straight two-point attempt to go up 24-12 at halftime.

The Renegades opened the second half with another 50-yard touchdown run to score a touchdown with yet another failed extra point to make the score 24-18.

CAL went back to feeding Lowe the ball, and after a couple productive runs, he ultimately punched the ball in from 25 yards out. For the first time all night, the ensuing two-point conversion try was no good, and CAL led 30-18.

Coach Lowe went back to his bag of tricks on the

kickoff and Graham Kippes recovered an onside kick. The team pushed the ball down to the one-yard line, but couldn't find the end zone on a drive that ended with a turnover on downs.

The next Renegades drive was owned by Collin Hammer, who dropped the hammer on the opposing quarterback for a sack, and then followed that up with a tackle for loss of 8 yds. The next play was a mishandled backwards pass that CAL recovered in the endzone. CAL converted the two-point conversion to go up 38-18.

The final play of the game was an onside kick that was recovered by Eli Hilp to seal the victory.



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the 2022 tournament. Last year, Smith saw his lead shrink throughout the second day before fighting to victory on the last hole.

This year, after his closest competitor – future University of Louisville teammate Warren Thomis – bogeyed the first hole, Smith seemed to be in a great spot moving forward.

Unfortunately, two penalty strokes and a bogey on the next two holes left him tied with Thomas. This seemed to refocus Smith, and he went on to birdie the next three holes to push the lead forward.

The beginning of the back nine (hole 10) produced Smith's toughest position off the tee. He lost a stroke, but no challengers took advantage of it.

He birdied number 12 for the second day in a row and extended his lead again. Smith completed his last birdie on hole 16 with a 12-foot putt. Smith finished the tournament with 12 birdies for the championship.

Smith's record-tying two-day effort of 136 was a great finish to his CAL career. He has played in the state tournament four times, first as an 8th grader. Bowling Green has not always been kind to him. But after years of play, it has become a course he can score on.

"As you grow older, you realize how great the greens are and how awesome the

course really is," Smith said. "It really started to grow on me."

In addition to his state tournament finishes, Smith won the BGIT tournament last year and finished second this year.

Smith has been a part of three state championships – two as an individual and one as a member of the 2021 team state title.

"Brady has had a remarkable career. He has improved each year and put the practice and play in to be where he is," coach Greg Zimmerer said. "Golf can be a demanding sport and as he moves forward to the collegiate level, it will continue to demand more. I am proud of him and look forward to seeing what the next level will produce."

Smith was joined by teammate Bray Faulkner in Bowling Green.

As a seventh grader, Faulkner was one of the youngest players to experience the atmosphere of state tournament play.

Faulkner enjoyed a strong first year as part of the CAL program. After averaging 75.5 for most of the season, Faulkner advanced past regional play with a 78 followed by a semi-state score of 75.

First day nerves found Faulkner struggling early, but he finished strong. After four holes, Faulkner sat four-over par, but he ultimately recorded a 75 (+3) under tough

conditions.

His toughness through adversity showed through, and his overnight position placed him tied for 16th.

However next-day action featured even sharper circumstances. Faulkner worked through the course throughout the day and had some gritty moments.

He finished with a two-day total of 159 (+15), tied for 39th.

"Part of playing in the state tournament is gaining experience. Everyone wants to win, but history shows knowing the course can make all the difference," Zimmerer said. "Look at Brady (Smith). He has played here four times in the state tournament and a dozen times in other tournaments. It makes a difference. Brady (Faulkner) will only get better. His resolute attitude will serve him well as he matures and becomes stronger."

Over a 14-year career, coach Zimmerer has experienced much success. He frequently must intertwine a team full of players of all ages. Having coached Smith from a young age to a state championship and starting the process over again with Faulkner shows his versatility and love for the players and sport. CAL looks forward to many more years of success under his guidance.

"Coach Z is a blessing to be around," long-time assis-

tant coach Jeff Imlay said. "It is fun to see him work, encourage and teach these players. As an old coach, I still learn something new from Coach Z every year. He models Christ in so many ways and teaches priorities as well as the integrity that comes from golf."

CAL was fortunate to have four seniors this year who contributed to the program after a season with none.

Besides Smith, Seth Godbey, Kyle Gladieux and Trey Berger each had moments.

"Seniors are always tough to replace," Imlay said. "All these guys are friends and influence each other all the time. Brady (Smith) encouraged the others to play and they have a special bond. I am thankful for each of them and how they have competed and contributed."

CAL will honor its seniors on Oct. 20 at halftime of the varsity football game against Elizabethtown.



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the underdog, but played even with the Crimson in a physical match. The CAL defensive unit was strong all match, stymying the Crimson attack.

Manual managed a goal near the end of the first half when a Crimson struck a rebounded shot that keeper Samantha Durston attempted to gather in.

Manual didn't score again the rest of the match, but unfortunately CAL was unable

to even the score.

CAL mounted several attacks in the final minutes but ended up falling to the Crimson's 1-0.

CAL girls soccer finished the season with a 9-8-4 record. Congratulations to the Centurions on a quality season!

Coach John Zutt's squad will lose four seniors but expects to return a strong and deep line-up next season.





# Can't make it to the game? Watch it online!

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basketball games for 15 years.  
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your Centurions strive for  
victory!



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# This week in Centurion Nation - Oct. 9-14

## Tuesday

### Field Hockey

JV at Pumpkin Tournament  
4:30 p.m. | KCD  
V at Manual  
6:30 p.m. | Manual

### Volleyball

FR/JV/V at Eastern  
5/6/7 p.m. | EHS

### Boys Soccer

HS intrasquad scrimmage  
7 p.m. | CAL

## Wednesday

### Field Hockey

JV at Pumpkin Tournament  
7:30 p.m. | KCD

## Thursday

### Volleyball

FR/JV/V at North Oldham  
5/6/7 p.m. | NOHS

### Football

MS intrasquad scrimmage  
6:15 p.m. | CAL

### Field Hockey

V vs. Collegiate\*  
7:30 p.m. | CAL  
\*Senior night

## Friday

### Football

V vs. Central\*  
1p.m. | CAL  
\*Homecoming

## Saturday

### Football

1&2/3&4/5&6 vs. Derby City  
10 a.m./11:30 a.m./1p.m. | CAL

### Baseball

HS alumni game  
10 a.m. | CAL

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High School Cross Country.....Daria Ochenkowski

High School Cheerleading.....Amy Dreher

Middle School Cheerleading.....Kim Robinson

Varsity Field Hockey.....Stephanie Seeley

Junior Varsity Field Hockey.....Jamie Wright

8th Grade Field Hockey.....Kelly Moody

7th Grade Field Hockey.....Chris Ward

5th/6th Grade Field Hockey.....Heather Taber

High School Football.....Hunter Cantwell

7th/8th Grade Football.....Draper Hall

5th/6th Grade Football.....Bilal Powell

3rd/4th Grade Football.....Eric Lowe

1st/2nd Grade Football.....Clay Manley

High School Boys Golf.....Greg Zimmerer

Varsity Boys Soccer.....Andrew Bocchino

Junior Varsity Boys Soccer.....Mayo Pentecost

High School Girls Soccer.....John Zutt

Middle School Tennis.....Maddie Rumbuc

Varsity Volleyball.....Sherry Ashley

Junior Varsity/Freshman Volleyball.....Hadley Trenaman

8th Grade Volleyball.....Juliann Peak

7th Grade Volleyball.....Kaitlyn Meyers & Angela Alvarado

6th Grade Volleyball.....Lauren Fields