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Varsity football opens playoffs with win over Mercer Co.

FIRST STOP ON THE ROAD TO KROGER FIELD

The road to Lexington has officially begun! Friday night, the defending Class 3A State Champs welcomed the Mercer County Titans to Centurion Field for the opening round of the 2026 KHSAA State Football Playoffs. The Centurions were WHITE HOT under the Friday night lights, showing NO MERCY for Mercer County. CAL started the playoff season with a definitive exclamation point, beating Titans 58-0!

OFFENSE MARVELOUS

The Centurions offense put on a marvelous show for the Centurion Faithful Friday night. Junior Captain Jackson Burke was a perfect "10" against the Titans! Burke completed 10 of 10 passes for 187 yards and three touchdowns. Five of Burke's completions covered 20 or more yards, including two for 40+ yards with the longest being 57 yards.

Senior Captain Ja'Hyde Brown led the receiving corps with six receptions for 97 yards plus two touchdowns. Midway through the first quarter Burke fired a cannon 40 yards to a double teamed Brown who had no problem pulling the ball down for six! Late in the first quarter Burke found Brown in the corner of the endzone and fired away. Brown made a spectacular diving catch to add another six points to the Centurions' side of the scoreboard, extending CAL's lead to 28-0 before the start of the second quarter!

Senior Gaines Howard joined the touchdown party halfway through the third quarter when he found himself on the receiving end of a short lob from Burke while standing wide open in the endzone. Gaines ended the night with three receptions for 33 yards. Junior Carson Hahn delivered one the biggest plays of the night with a 57 yard reception that put CAL in perfect scoring position.

The ground game was just as marvelous! Senior Garyon Hobbs turned his one carry of the night into a 43 yard touchdown for CAL. Only a few plays into the game Hobbs took a handoff from Burke and bobbed & weaved his way up the middle of the field to find the endzone happily waiting for him.

Senior Trevor "Skattebo" McDill had a big night with three carries totalling 65 rushing yards. As if the Centurion Faithful needed a reason to ring their CALbells, Skattebo gave them a good one! Halfway through the third quarter McDill took a pass from Burke and shifted into high gear as he bolted to the endzone for a 48 yard touchdown!

Freshman Paul Favors earned his very first varsity touchdown Friday night against the Titans. With two minutes left in the game Favors took a handoff from sophomore Will Seifert and broke loose; running 51 yards to the endzone and erupting the sideline with excitement!

DEFENSIVE ATTACK

CAL's defense made "No Mercy for Mercer Co." their motto Friday night; staying on the attack from start to finish. The Centurions combined for 32 total tackles, 13 tackles for loss, one sack, an interception returned for a touchdown, and a fumble recovery returned for a touchdown! The defense put on a show for the Centurion Faithful that kept the CALbells ringing all night.

Senior Captain Micah Newsome was a true general on the field leading the defensive charge with seven tackles, including a tackle for loss. Newsome didn't stop at tackles, and disrupted the Titans' passing game as well. With seconds left in the first quarter Newsome found the Titans' pass coming right at him. After securing the ball, the middle linebacker turned into a freight train barreling down the field and into the endzone! Thanks for giving the CALbells reasons to ring #26!

Newsome's pick six wasn't the only defensive touchdown in CAL's attack Friday night. Junior Kellan Hall recovered a fumble and turned it into a 19 yard rushing touchdown early in the first quarter! The Centurion Faithful love to see our #53 make it into the endzone! Hall went on to have three tackles that included a tackle for a loss of six as he left a lasting impression on the Titans.

Junior Britt Denison couldn't be stopped by the Titans either. Denison had four tackles on the night, includ-

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MS swim concludes regular season, championship next

The regular season is officially in the books for CAL Middle School Swim, but there's still one more opportunity to make a splash!

The team will compete at the Middle School Championships on Friday, November 20, at the U of L Cardinal Aquatics Natatorium.

Under the direction of new MS/HS Head Coach Spencer Scarth, the team has spent weeks in the pool building skills and making consistent improvements throughout the season.

A Louisville native, Coach Scarth brings a wealth of swimming experience to CAL, having previously coached at both the club and collegiate levels. His collegiate coaching career includes six years at NAIA powerhouse Milligan University, where he was named National Coach of the Year in 2024 and Conference Coach of the Year nine times. His energy, experience, and expertise have made a great addition to the CAL swimming program.

Both the boys' and girls' teams turned in impressive individual performances during the regular season competing against all the JCPS Middle Schools and private schools Louisville Collegiate, KCD, and Whitefield Academy.

On the girls' side, sixth grader Greta Guthals earned three Top 10 finishes, placing sixth in the 50-yard breaststroke, seventh in the 100-yard individual medley (IM), and eighth in the 100-yard freestyle. Seventh grader Amelia McHenry also had a strong season, finishing seventh in both the 50-yard backstroke and 100-yard freestyle.

The boys' team also had several strong finishes. Sixth grader Liam Bandurske earned fourth place in the 100-yard IM and ninth place in the 50-yard breaststroke, while seventh grader Micah Swain finished 11th in the 50-yard butterfly.

The boys' relay team, featuring Liam Bandurske, Logan Frierdich, Jackson Kelly, and Micah Swain, finished the regular season with two Top 10 finishes in relays, placing ninth in both the 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay.

With a young team and steady improvement throughout the season, CAL Middle School Swim has a lot to look forward to! Swim fast at Champs, CAL swimmers!

'Varsity football'

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-ing three solo tackles for loss and a quarterback sack! Junior Noah Perkins and Sophomore Eli Hare both contributed three tackles plus assisted in tackles for a loss as CAL was determined to keep Mercer County off of the scoreboard.

Senior Ty Binder and junior Johnny Tully added two tackles apiece while seniors Jayson Ruffin, Eric Jones, and sophomore Jaken Lees all recorded a solo tackle for a loss. Senior Captain Callan Hahn and sophomores Mason Baker & Gabe Fletcher all added single tackles to this merciless defense.

MAGNIFICENT MILLER

The Centurions' special teams understood the assignment on Friday night. Senior Madden Miller delivered another powerful performance by connecting on all five of his extra point attempts and drilling a 22 yard field goal to remain perfect on scoring kicks for the night. Miller also handled eight kickoffs for 460 yards, averaging 57.5 yards per kick, with five sailing into the end zone for touchbacks! Sophomore Price Head added another extra point as CAL's kicking unit helped to keep the scoreboard rolling in the first round of the playoffs.

MILESTONE MOMENT

The Centurions' beloved leader, Coach Cantwell, was honored Friday night for reaching an impressive coaching milestone! CAL Athletic Director Brad Morgan presented Coach Cantwell with a game ball in recognition of his 100th career victory, earned when the Centurions hosted Central on October 9th. This remarkable achievement is a testament to his unwavering dedication to CAL's football program, exceptional leadership both on & off the field, and commitment to developing our players into strong, Christian men. With 100 victories in the books, the future is bright as Coach Cantwell continues to lead the Centurions toward even greater success! Congratulations, Coach, from all your players and fans! Here's to the next 100!

NEXT STOP

The next stop for CAL on the "Road to Kroger Field" will, in fact, be at home and not on the road! The Centurions will host district rivals the DeSales Colts on Friday, November 13th for the second round of the KHSAA Class 3A State Playoffs! DeSales pulled off an upset Friday night as they defeated the favored Bardstown Tigers 42-18. The Centurions are ready to defend their home turf and take another step toward football in December!

Kickoff is set for 7:30 PM at Centurion Field with gates opening at 6:00 PM. Please note that because this is a KHSAA postseason event, passes will NOT be accepted for admission. Be on the lookout for our Senior Class to post a theme later in the week for this game; hopefully it involves ski attire with the temps expected to be in the 30s at kickoff! Centurion Faithful, bring the CALbells, hothands, and NOISE Friday night as we cheer our boys on to VICTORY!

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Weekly Schedule - Nov. 9-14

HOME

Date	Time	Team	Place	Opponent
11/12/2026 Thursday	6:30 PM	7th Boys Basketball	Home	Silver Creek Middle School
	7:30 PM	8th Boys Basketball	Home	Silver Creek Middle School
11/13/2026 Friday	7:30 PM	Football Boys Varsity	Home	KHSAA Playoffs Round 2

AWAY

Date	Time	Team	Place	Opponent
11/9/2026 Monday	5:45 PM	JV MS Girls Basketball	Away	South Oldham Middle School
	6:45 PM	V MS Girls Basketball	Away	South Oldham Middle School
11/10/2026 Tuesday	3:45 PM	Varsity Bowling	Away	Male High School
11/14/2026 Saturday	7:30 AM	Varsity Bowling	Away	North Bullitt Invitational
	1:30 PM	Swimming Boys Varsity	Away	Battle of the Swamp
	2:15 PM	Basketball Boys Junior Varsity	Away	CAL vs Fairdale JV KOB Jamboree 2:15 PM
	3:30 PM	Basketball Boys Varsity	Away	CAL vs Fairdale Varsity KOB Jamboree 3:30 PM
	TBA	6th Boys Basketball	Away	MCM Jamboree
	TBA	7th Boys Basketball	Away	MCM Jamboree
	TBA	8th Boys Basketball	Away	MCM Jamboree

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MS Cheerleading.....Kim Robinson
HS Cross Country.....Jonathan Butler
MS Cross Country.....Samantha Gilbert
HS Field Hockey.....Chris Ward
7th/8th Field Hockey.....Heather Tabor
6th Grade Field Hockey.....Ryan Bachman
5th Grade Field Hockey.....John MacLeod
HS Football.....Hunter Cantwell
7th/8th Football.....Tony May
5th/6th Football.....Clay Manley
3rd/4th Football.....Keith McKinney
1st/2nd Football.....John Hamilton
HS Boys Golf.....Lucas Holland
HS Girls Golf.....Matthew Feltner
HS Boys Soccer.....Trent Popp
HS Girls Soccer.....John Zutt
MS Tennis.....Bob Willis
HS Volleyball.....Sherry Ashley
8th Volleyball.....Lauren Davis
7th Volleyball.....Lauren Davis
6th Volleyball.....Erin Craft