



Varsity football routs Mercer Co. in first round of playoffs

Varsity football's state title defense got off to a strong start with a 54-7 win over Mercer County last Friday at Bachman Auto Group Field.

The Centurions raced out to a 40-7 lead by halftime and scored to initiate a running clock early in the third quarter – the ninth time CAL has done so in 11 games this season.

Offense

Quarterback Jackson Burke nearly had a perfect night passing, completing 16-of-17 passes for 285 yards and five touchdowns.

With top wide receiver Ja'Hyde Brown out with injury, a number of pass catchers stepped up to fill the void. Stone Perkins hauled in four catches for 113 yards and a touchdown. Jeffrey Vazzana had a big night catching passes out of the backfield, recording five receptions for 88 yards and two scores. Gaines Howard and Jayden Leak also notched touchdown receptions for CAL.

Tyree Stoner led an efficient running game with 92 yards and three scores on the ground. In addition to

his work as a pass catcher, Vazzana added 32 rushing yards on three carries.

Defense

The defensive front wreaked havoc on the Titan offense all night, led by Jason Hillard and Kellan Hall. Hillard recorded nine tackles, five tackles for loss, two sacks and a forced fumble and recovery. Hall added seven tackles, five tackles for loss and three sacks. Brody Cherry added six tackles, including four behind the line of scrimmage. Behind the dominant defensive line, Jackson Settle recorded nine

tackles.

Special teams

Noah Gividen continued a strong freshman season with a 6-for-7 night on extra points.

Up next

CAL advances to face DeSales in the second round of the 3A playoffs this Friday at Bachman Auto Group Field. The Centurions and Colts met on Oct. 3, with CAL putting up its largest point output of the season in a 62-7 win.

17 varsity football players earn all district honors

Varsity football was well represented on the GLFCA all district team, as 17 Centurions received the honor.

On the offensive side of the ball quarterback Jackson Burke, runnings backs Tyree Stoner and Jeffrey Vazzana, wide receivers Ja'Hyde Brown and Gaines Howard, tight end Micah Akin, and offensive linemen Jason Hilliard, Callan Hahn and Zach Wampler were all named to the team.

Six Centurions were named to the all district defensive team – defensive linemen Kellan Hall and Brody Cherry, inside linebacker Jackson Settle, outside linebacker Chapman Russell, cornerback Eric Jones and safety Stone Perkins.

Punt returner Ja'Hyde Brown, kicker Noah Gividen and long snapper Alex Glin were named to the all-district special teams squad.

Brown and Hall

brought home additional honors. Brown was named the district player of the year, and Hall was named the lineman of the year.

Coach Hunter Cantwell also won the district coach of the year award.

The Centurions are set to play DeSales in the second round of the 3A state playoffs this Friday.

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HS bowling 'competing with character' in 2025-26

The 2025–26 high school bowling season is underway, and the Centurions are off to a strong start with a 6–3 victory over Brown High School to open the campaign. CAL won five of six team games and split the Baker matches to secure the overall win.

Leading the way was Landon Peterson, rolling impressive games of 234 and 205. Other top performances came from Jacob Elliott (161), Jude Hickman (158), and Marshall Parrish (164).

This year's roster features returning sophomores Ethan Hall and Charlie

Behnken, along with a large group of 11 seniors who are competing for the first time.

Coach Imlay, now in his fifth season, reflected on the start of the year:

"This is another rebuilding season. As has been our recent tradition, we have student-athletes who are eager to represent CAL and enjoy time with their friends. It may not always lead to great scores, but it always produces great friendships and lasting memories."

Despite the team's inexperience, Coach Imlay remains optimistic:

"In practice, five of our

players have already bowled at least one game over 220. If we can all hit those marks on the same day, we can compete with nearly anyone in our region."

Beyond scores and standings, the program continues to emphasize character and faith.

"At CAL, success is measured by more than pins and points—it's reflected in how our athletes represent Christ in every frame. Bowling is no different from any other sport: the drive to win is strong, but the real victory comes in showing humility and grace, whether we win or lose. When we compete

with that mindset, we honor Christ and each other."

Still, he acknowledges the challenges ahead:

"Bowling is a serious sport among several local schools. Many of those athletes compete year-round and pursue college scholarship opportunities. Until we reach that same level of commitment, it's tough to expect major success."

Keep your eyes on this year's CAL bowling team—whether they grow into something special or simply create special memories, it promises to be a season worth following.

8th boys basketball defeats Marnell C Moorman

The 8th grade boys basketball team pulled off a thrilling 50-48 win over Marnell C. Moorman on Nov. 10 at CAL.

The tightly-contested game had a number of swings, and CAL trailed by as many as eight points but never gave up or wavered in their effort or hustle.



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