



Varsity boys basketball reaches finals of holiday tourney

Varsity boys basketball came just one point shy of winning the Legacy Nissan Dribble Drive Challenge last weekend at South Laurel.

After dropping a Seventh Region contest against Seneca earlier in the week, the Centurions opened tournament play with a significant 65-61 win over Mason County on Wednesday.

CAL rolled past Corbin 75-54 the following afternoon to advance to face

host South Laurel in Friday's championship.

The Cardinals sunk the Centurions 57-56 in the finals to win the tournament.

Seniors BB Washington and Nolan Wahl and junior Connor Hodge were named to the all-tournament team for CAL.

The Centurions travel to Florida to play in the Daytona Beach Sunshine Classic from Dec. 27-30



Varsity girls basketball goes 3-1 Reaches semis of holiday tournament

Varsity girls basketball put together its best week of the season to date, going 3-1 and reaching the semifinals of the White, Greer and Maggard Holiday Classic at Lexington Catholic.

CAL opened its week with a 64-46 win over visiting Oldham County in its final home game of this calendar year. The Centurions mounted a 37-11 lead by halftime and kept the Colonels at arms' length the rest of the way.

Brianna Wilkins led CAL with 28 points, followed by Bailee Duck with 16 in the week's first contest.

The Centurions began tournament play with a 64-49 win over Henry Clay in Lexington on Thursday evening.

Wilkins once again poured in 28 points to lead the Centurions to victory over the Blue Devils.

CAL pulled away from defending 16th Region champions Ashland Blazer the following night 66-53.

The Centurions fell 62-58 to eventual runner-up Ryle in the tournament semifinals to round out the week.

CAL will travel to Bourbon County for the Kelly Holiday Classic from Dec. 27-29. The Centurions will face Lyon County on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., followed by Lafayette and host Bourbon County the following two days, respectively.

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Three varsity football players earn all-state honors

Varsity football's remarkable 2023 campaign garnered postseason recognition last week.

A panel of over 100 coaches voted three CAL players to the Courier-Journal's all-state teams.

Junior Connor Hodge was named to the first team as a defensive back. Hodge led the state with 11 receptions and also notched 56 tackles for the Centurions.

On the offensive side of the ball, Connor Hodge led 3A with 114 catches, 1,494 receiving yards and 23 receiving touchdowns.

Senior quarter-

back Cole Hodge was named to the second team. He finished second in the state across all classes with 4,104 passing yards and 57 passing touchdowns. He also ran for 625 yards and 10 rushing touchdowns for the Centurions.

Senior wide receiver Justin Ruffin was also named to the second team. Ruffin finished second in 3A only behind Connor Hodge with 86 receptions, 1,379 receiving yards and 18 receiving scores.

Christian Academy of Louisville Football

All-State

Cole Hodge *Connor Hodge* *Justin Ruffin*

2nd team | QB 1st team | DB 2nd team | WR

Varsity swimming competes in Girls Night Out

Varsity swimming competed in the 16th annual Girls Night Out meet hosted by Trinity on Dec. 22 at Ralph Wright Natatorium.

CAL finished in ninth place as a team with 42

points, behind Ballard and in front of Meade County.

Carolina Wilson had the Centurions' lone top 10 individual finish, placing fourth in fourth in the 50-yard freestyle.

CAL's next best performances came in relays. The 200-yard freestyle relay team took ninth place, and the 200-yard medley relay placed 14th.

The Centurions have

just one more meet on the schedule in advance of the postseason in the Rock the Block meet on Jan. 13 at Ralph Wright Natatorium.

The region meet is slated to take place on Feb. 3-4.

Verse of the week

"Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things."

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7



Hodge signs to play football at East Carolina

Senior football player Cole Hodge signed to play at East Carolina last Wednesday when the NCAA Division I football signing period opened.

Hodge finished a decorated career as the Centurions' quarterback with a 40-3 record, two state championships and the second most career passing touchdowns in state history.

Hodge is the lone member of the class of 2024 who signed to play Division I football during the early signing period.

CAL senior Justin Ruffin is also committed to play at Army, but service academies don't officially announce signees until the spring.



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This week in Centurion Nation - Dec. 25-30

Wednesday

Boys Basketball

V at Daytona Beach Classic
TBD | TBD

Girls Basketball

V vs. Lyon County
5:30 p.m. | *Bourbon County*

Thursday

Girls Basketball

V vs. Lafayette
4 p.m. | *Bourbon County*

Friday

Boys Basketball

V at Daytona Beach Classic
TBD | TBD

Girls Basketball

V at Bourbon County
1:30 p.m. | *Bourbon County*

Saturday

Boys Basketball

V at Daytona Beach Classic
TBD | TBD

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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