



Varsity football routs Pikeville in season opener

WORTH THE DRIVE

On Friday night, the varsity football team made the 3.5 hour trip southeast to Pikeville to take on the Panthers for both teams' season openers. The Centurion Faithful that caravanned down were not disappointed in what they saw. A brief pregame downpour couldn't douse the Centurions' fire as they went on to capture the W 41-0!

DYNAMIC DUO

Captains Ja'Hyde Brown and Jackson Burke showed fans why they are two of the top players in the state. Burke completed 16 of 21 passes for 258 yards and six touchdowns. Brown pulled down all 11 passes thrown his way for a total of 180 yards and four of those six touchdowns, with Brown's longest reception of the night being 46 yards.

RECEIVER DEPTH

Burke found two other playmakers open in Senior Andrew Greene and Junior Jayden Leak. Greene snagged both of his targets for a total of 29 yards and a touchdown. Like his senior counterpart, Leak hauled in a pair of receptions for 28 total yards and a touchdown.

DOMINATING DEFENSE

The real story of the night might have been the Centurions' defense that kept the Panthers caged and off the board in front of the hometown crowd. CAL's defense relentlessly hunted down the Panther quarterback throughout the night - with three defenders clawing their way through the O-line for sacks.

Junior Calvin Goff led the way with one solo sack and one assisted sack. Juniors Brent Dennison and

Johnny Tully each brought down the Panther quarterback as the Centurions' defense dominated the field. Keeping the Panthers off the board was a team effort with a total of 43 tackles and eight tackles for a loss.

Senior Centurion Garyon Hobbs proved to be a problem for Pikeville on defense as well with a diving interception. Hobbs jumped a route and made a diving grab to flip the field ahead of CAL's second touchdown of the night.

PUMPED UP KICKS

Sophomore two-sport athlete Noah Gividen put his kicking skills to use on a different field Friday night, exchanging soccer cleats for football cleats to help the Centurions secure the W. Gividen was 2 for 2 with extra points on the night and recorded multiple touch-

backs.

HOME OPENER

CAL hosts the defending 5A State Champion Owensboro Red Devils Friday night in a clash of champions. Coming in hot off a 24-7 victory over St. Xavier, the Red Devils will face the four-time defending 3A State Champion Centurions in a highly anticipated home opener.

Pregame festivities begin at 6:00 PM when CAL's PTO hosts a New Family Tailgate in the football parking lot. Gates open at 6:30 PM with a 7:30 PM kickoff. The senior class has called for a RED OUT! Centurion Faithful - rock out in your RED, pack the stands, and get ready for a "red hot" Friday night showdown at Centurion Field!

HS volleyball opens season with strong week

It was an exciting opening week for CAL Volleyball, with the Freshman, JV, and Varsity teams kicking off their seasons with three straight home matches!

The varsity and freshman Centurions started strong, picking up wins in their first two matchups against Christian Academy of Indiana and Martha Layne Collins on Monday

and Tuesday. The JV squad split the two games, defeating CAI before falling to Collins.

The action continued with all three teams taking tough losses to a strong Floyd Central team from across the Ohio River on Thursday. Come out and support the volleyball team this fall!

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Photos: Varsity field hockey takes runner up at Apple Tourney



Photos: Varsity girls soccer vs. CEC



Varsity cross country competes in Tiger Run

The 2026 high school cross country season is off and running. On Aug. 22, the teams competed in the St. X Tiger Run, an annual race at Champions Park featuring teams from across Kentucky.

Freshman Claire Butler led CAL's varsity girls with a time of 19:59.94, finishing 24th in a field of 221 participants. Senior Kinsley Cordrey ran the 5,000-meter race in 22:23.15, with freshman Hadassah Whitford rounding out CAL's top three female runners (24:48.04).

In the boys' varsity race, junior Charlie Behnken (19:15.36) was the first Centurion to cross the finish line, edging out freshman Caleb Fletcher (19:15.48). Senior Jackson Fitzgerald ran the course in 19:29.79.



Varsity girls golf keeps rolling with third straight win

The Christian Academy of Louisville Lady Centurions golf team continues to build momentum, picking up two more victories this week and extending its winning streak to three straight matches.

The Lady Centurions opened the week Tuesday with a strong performance against Collegiate at Charlie Vettiner Golf Course, earning a convincing 225–255 victory.

Taylor Walters led the way for CAL, firing a 48 over nine holes to earn the low round of the match. Maggie Williams and Kate Maffet also delivered important rounds for the Centurions, each carding a 58 to help secure the team victory.

Later in the week, CAL

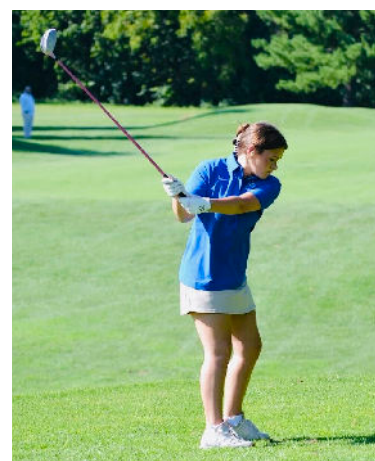
headed to Oxmoor Country Club for a matchup with South Oldham. In a much tighter contest, the Centurions once again rose to the challenge, edging South Oldham 232–239 to keep their winning streak alive.

Walters continued her strong play with a 49, while Williams turned in another solid 58 to help CAL capture its third consecutive victory.

With each match, the Lady Centurions are showing continued growth, consistency, and confidence on the course. The team's recent success has been a true group effort, with the girls continuing to compete, encourage one another, and step up when their scores are needed.

Congratulations to the

Lady Centurions on three straight wins! Keep swinging with confidence and building on the momentum!!!



7th/8th field hockey opens season with thrilling win

7th/8th grade field hockey kicked off the regular season with a victory over Collegiate, but they couldn't avoid some late-game drama before sealing the 3-2 win.

The Centurions came out ready, setting the early tempo and jumping on top 1-0 with 5:57 on the clock in the first quarter. Allie Cherry broke the tie with her first regular season goal on a penalty stroke, a nice lifted shot on the right side of the net. Although CAL maintained offensive pressure most of the game, attempting over ten shots on Saturday morning, when the ball crossed the midline, goalie Evelyn Waggoner

was a wall, stacking up over five saves in the first half and helping the team hold a 1-0 lead at the break.

Coming out of the half, the offense seemed to take advantage of fresh legs and hydration, quickly adding to the total. With less than three minutes off the clock in the third quarter, Cherry scored again to put the gap at two goals. When Cherry completed the hat trick early in the fourth it seemed like cruise control was enabled, but Collegiate was not going home empty.

Collegiate finally broke the shutout with a bit over six minutes left to play, then capitalized on their second

corner of the game at the three minute mark, resulting in a one-score contest. With the clock ticking slowly and the pressure building, the defense locked down their side of the field and slammed the door shut on any threat of a late equalizer.

CAL takes their undefeated record into this week

against Anchorage and North Oldham.



5th/6th football blows out Franklin County

The Christian Academy of Louisville Centurions Juniors put together a dominant performance against the Franklin County Rams, combining explosive plays through the air with a defense that forced turnovers throughout the game on the way to a 34–0 CAL victory.

CAL received the opening kickoff and immediately went to work on the ground. Preston Burge picked up five yards on an early carry before breaking loose for 25 yards later in the series to move the Centurions deep into Rams territory. From there, Miles Johnston found Alex Edison on a screen pass, and Edison took it 25 yards to the house for the opening touchdown. Johnston kept it himself for the extra point to give CAL a quick 7–0 lead.

Gavin Ihnen handled the ensuing kickoff and then delivered a thundering tackle on the Rams returner to set the tone for the CAL defense.

The Centurions took it from there. Jonathan Jackson came up with a big stop on first down, while Bryson Hamilton, Burge and Aiden Cox all added tackles as CAL forced Franklin County into a four-and-out.

It took the offense exactly one play to capitalize. Johnston dropped back and found Carter Lee for a 45-yard touchdown strike.

Johnston then connected with Ihnen for the extra point, and just like that the Centurions had stretched the lead to 14–0.

Hamilton took over on the next defensive series. He burst into the backfield for a huge tackle for loss on first down, then came up with another stop on the Rams' second-down rush. Cox pressured the quarterback on third down, forcing an incompleting and nearly coming away with a sack-fumble.

On fourth down, Franklin County tried the air again, but Edison intercepted the pass near midfield and returned it to the Rams' 35-yard line, handing the ball right back to the CAL offense.

Johnston went back to Lee for another big completion, this one moving the Centurions down to the Franklin County 15. Two plays later, Ihnen took a toss around the right side and raced into the end zone for another CAL touchdown. The extra point was unsuccessful, leaving the Centurions ahead 20–0 with 5:44 remaining in the half.

CAL then created another opportunity on special teams when Burge recovered the ensuing onside kick. Edison struck again on the next possession, taking another Johnston screen pass 25 yards down the left side. The

Rams managed to stop the drive on downs, but the CAL defense made sure Franklin County couldn't build any momentum from the stop.

Burge came flying up from his linebacker position for a big tackle, and Jackson broke through from nose guard for a sack to help close out a dominant first half with CAL leading 20–0.

The Centurion defense picked up right where it left off to begin the second half. Emmet Leffler made the tackle on the first play, followed by stops from Johnston, Ihnen and Hamilton. Then Johnny Newsome intercepted a Franklin County pass to end the drive and give CAL yet another takeaway.

With Beckham Albright taking over at quarterback, the Centurions' offense didn't miss a beat. Albright opened the possession with an eight-yard keeper around the right side before dropping back and firing a strike over the middle to Ihnen. Ihnen knew exactly what to do from there.

He turned upfield and raced 50 yards for the touchdown, and Albright followed it with another beautiful throw to complete the extra point. CAL moved ahead 27–0, putting the game into a running clock.

The turnovers continued on Franklin County's next possession. The Rams fumbled on their second play,

and Jackson recovered it for CAL.

Albright immediately went back to the air, connecting with Edison, who turned on the jets and blew past multiple Rams defenders for a 50-yard touchdown. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful, but the damage was done as CAL reached the margin needed to bring the game to an early conclusion.

The 34–0 final capped a complete performance from the Centurions. Johnston and Albright both delivered touchdown passes, Edison scored twice and added an interception, Lee provided a huge play through the air, and Ihnen found the end zone twice. Meanwhile, the CAL defense never allowed Franklin County to get going, pitching a shutout while producing two interceptions, a fumble recovery, a sack and multiple fourth-down stops.

Final: Christian Academy 34, Franklin County 0.

3rd/4th football rolls past Franklin County

The Christian Academy of Louisville Centurions Pee Wee team turned in a dominant performance on both sides of the ball Saturday, August 22, shutting out the Franklin County Rams 33–0 at Bachman Field.

CAL received the opening kickoff from Madden Johnston and wasted little time getting the offense moving. On just the second play from scrimmage, Christian Sheehan broke loose for 45 yards, taking the ball all the way down to the Rams' 5-yard line. Two plays later, Sheehan finished the drive himself, getting around the left side for the game's first touchdown. The conversion was unsuccessful, giving CAL an early 6–0 lead.

The Centurion defense immediately set the tone on Franklin County's first possession. Matthew McKinney, Miles Happel and Cooper Happel all contributed tackles as CAL forced a fourth-down punt. Ryan Clark fielded the kick and ripped off a 25-yard return to set the offense up at the Franklin County 25.

Clark kept the momentum going with an eight-yard jet sweep around the left side, and Sheehan followed with a short run to move the chains and set up first-and-goal. Then McKinney dropped back and fired a dart to Sheehan for the touchdown, extending the CAL advantage to 13–0.

Franklin County's next possession started near midfield, and Cooper Happel made the tackle on a first-down gain. Johnston followed by forcing a Rams runner out of bounds, while Charles Richtarsich stuffed a second-down run. Happel and McKinney combined for another big stop before the Rams put the ball on the ground, with Mitchell Flynn recovering the fumble for CAL.

Taking over at its own 45 late in the first half, CAL overcame an illegal-formation penalty that created a first-and-15. Sheehan responded with a 10-yard run, and on fourth-and-five, the Centurions' snap count drew Franklin County offside to keep the drive alive.

With 1:30 remaining and the ball at the Rams' 45, McKinney went back to the air. He found Sheehan downfield on a beautiful pass, and Sheehan took it all the way to the house for his third touchdown of the half. McKinney kept the ball for the successful conversion, pushing the lead to 19–0 with 1:20 remaining.

And CAL still wasn't finished.

On the ensuing deep kickoff, Chapman Amlung delivered a huge hit that knocked the ball loose, and Leyton Howard recovered it for the Centurions. Clark then took a jet sweep around the right side for another

first down, sprung by a big block from Howard. The drive ended when Franklin County came up with a sack and fumble recovery, but the CAL defense took the ball right back on the very next play when #6 Cooper Happel intercepted a Rams pass.

Clark nearly added another touchdown before halftime, breaking a run all the way down to the 1-yard line. With eight seconds remaining, CAL gave Sheehan one final shot, but Franklin County kept him out of the end zone to send the game to halftime with the Centurions firmly in control, 19–0.

The turnovers continued after the break. Franklin County began the second half at its own 36, but quickly put the ball on the ground again, with Sheehan recovering the fumble for CAL.

Tyson Lawyer carried for four yards on the ensuing possession, followed by another Sheehan run. Facing fourth down, McKinney found his favorite target once again, hitting Sheehan on a slant that turned into another touchdown. McKinney then connected with Amlung for the conversion, making it 27–0 with three minutes remaining in the third quarter and starting a running clock.

Even with the game firmly in hand, the CAL defense never let up. Graham Miller opened the next Rams possession with a tackle,

followed by stops from AJ Sierra and Kieran O'Reilly, whose tackle for loss helped force a turnover on downs with five minutes remaining.

The Centurions put together one final scoring drive. McKinney connected with William Ritchie for a 20-yard completion down to the Rams' 10-yard line. From there, Amlung took the handoff and found the end zone behind a big block from Lucca Lisi, putting the finishing touches on a 33–0 CAL victory.

It was a complete team performance for the Centurions. Sheehan produced four touchdowns while McKinney threw three touchdown passes, and CAL consistently created short fields through big special-teams plays and turnovers. The defense pitched the shutout while forcing multiple fumbles, adding an interception and getting contributions from throughout the roster.

Final: Christian Academy 33, Franklin County 0.

1st/2nd football falls in shootout

What a hard-fought battle for the CAL Mighty Mites!

The boys fought from start to finish against the Franklin County Rams, falling just short in an incredible 27-26 overtime finish.

Touchdowns by Rett Hernandez, Adrian Hardin, Wendell Hamilton, and Christopher Washington kept CAL in the fight, while the entire offensive and defensive lines stepped up and

made big plays throughout the game.

Crew Theineman came up with a key fumble recovery and Cooper Hull forced a fumble, showing the effort and determination this team brought to the field.

It was a tough loss, but the Mighty Mites showed tremendous heart, teamwork, and fight from beginning to end.



Photos: 7th/8th football at Gridiron Bowl



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Weekly Schedule - Aug. 24-29

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Date	Start Time	Sport	Place	Opponent	Facility
8/24/2026 Monday	5:30 PM	Field Hockey Girls 6th	Home	Highland Middle School	South Field
	6:30 PM	Field Hockey Girls 8th	Home	North Oldham vs. St. Agnes	South Field
	7:30 PM	Field Hockey Girls 8th	Home	Anchorage Public Elementary	South Field
8/25/2026 Tuesday	6:00 PM	Field Hockey Girls Junior Varsity	Home	Mercy Academy	Centurion Field
	7:30 PM	Field Hockey Girls Varsity	Home	Mercy Academy	Centurion Field
8/27/2026 Thursday	6:00 PM	Football Boys 7/8th	Home	Henry County Middle School	Centurion Field
	7:30 PM	Football Boys 7/8th	Home	Henry County Middle School	Centurion Field
8/28/2026 Friday	7:30 PM	Football Boys Varsity	Home	Owensboro High School	Centurion Field
8/29/2026 Saturday	9:00 AM	Field Hockey Girls 7th	Home	North Oldham Middle	South Field
	10:00 AM	Field Hockey Girls 6th	Home	Highlands Latin	South Field
	11:00 AM	Field Hockey Girls 8th	Home	North Oldham Middle	South Field
	12:00 PM	Soccer Boys Varsity	Home	Christian Academy of Indiana	North Field
	9:00 AM	Volleyball Girls Varsity - 2A Sectional Tournament	Home	Bardstown High School	Blue Gym
	10:30 AM	Volleyball Girls Varsity - 2A Sectional Tournament	Home	Nelson County vs Shelby County	Blue Gym
	12:30 PM	Volleyball Girls Varsity - 2A Sectional Tournament	Home	Championship	Blue Gym

AWAY

Date	Start Time	Sport	Place	Opponent	Facility
8/24/2026 Monday	4:30 PM	Golf Boys Junior Varsity	Away	Eastern High School	Owl Creek Country Club
	6:00 PM	Soccer Boys Varsity	Away	2A Section 3 Tournament	Nelson County High School
	6:00 PM	Soccer Girls Varsity	Away	KY 2A Sectional Game (North Oldham High School vs. St. Agnes)	North Oldham High School
	5:30 PM	Volleyball Girls Freshman	Away	Bullitt East High School	Bullitt East High School
	6:30 PM	Volleyball Girls Junior Varsity	Away	Bullitt East High School	Bullitt East High School
	7:30 PM	Volleyball Girls Varsity	Away	Bullitt East High School	Bullitt East High School
	8:00 PM	Soccer Boys Varsity	Away	North Oldham High School	Nelson County High School
8/25/2026 Tuesday	3:45 PM	Golf Girls Varsity	Away	Dupont Manual High School	Seneca Park
	3:45 PM	Golf Boys Junior Varsity	Away	Saint Xavier High School	Nevel Meade Golf Course
	5:30 PM	Volleyball Girls 7th	Away	Anchorage Public Elementary	Anchorage Public Elementary
	6:30 PM	Volleyball Girls 8th	Away	Anchorage Public Elementary	Anchorage Public Elementary
8/27/2026 Thursday	4:15 PM	Golf Boys Junior Varsity	Away	South Oldham High School	Long Run Golf Course
	6:00 PM	Golf Girls Varsity	Away	Collins High School	Shelbyville Country Club
	6:30 PM	Field Hockey Girls Freshman	Away	Sacred Heart Academy	Sacred Heart Academy
8/28/2026 Friday	TBA	Volleyball Girls 6/7/8th	Away	Mrs. Salamon Memorial Tournament	Echo Trail Middle School
8/29/2026 Saturday	TBA	Golf Boys Varsity	Away	Dragon Cup	Nevel Meade Golf Course
	TBA	Volleyball Girls 6/7/8th	Away	Mrs. Salamon Memorial Tournament	Echo Trail Middle School
	8:30 AM	Golf Boys Junior Varsity	Away	West Jessamine Invitational	Connemara Golf Course
	10:00 AM	Football 1/2	Away	Jeffersontown Bulldogs	Jeffersontown High School
	11:30 AM	Football 3/4	Away	Jeffersontown Bulldogs	Jeffersontown High School
	1:00 PM	Football 5/6	Away	Jeffersontown Bulldogs	Jeffersontown High School

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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

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8th Volleyball.....Lauren Davis

7th Volleyball.....Lauren Davis

6th Volleyball.....Erin Craft