



# WARRIOR UPDATE

MARCH 11, 2024



## -LAST WEEK'S SUMMARIES- CALEB GEDNEY- STATE CHAMPION



L TO R: OAKLEY MORGAN, ELI RADEMACHER, CALEB GEDNEY

# MS/HS ARCHERY

ONE SCREECHING WHISTLE SIGNALS 120 WAITING ARCHERS TO BEGIN A NEW ROUND OF SCORING. MOST TAKE AIM AT THE TARGETS ALMOST 50 FEET AWAY AND BEGIN PULLING BACK AND LETTING FLY THEIR FIRST OF FIVE ARROWS THIS ROUND. TEAMMATES **CALEB GEDNEY** AND **OAKLEY MORGAN**, SIDE BY SIDE, TAKE A MOMENT TO FOCUS WHILE THE ARCHERS AROUND THEM BEGIN THEIR ASSAULT ON THE COLORFUL RINGED TARGETS DOWNRANGE. THERE IS A CONSTANT SOUND OF POPPING AS ARROWS IN THE CAVERNOUS EXHIBITION HALL FIND THEIR TARGETS. **CALEB** AND **OAKLEY** KNOCK THEIR ARROWS, PULL BACK THE STRINGS, TAKE AIM AT THE SMALL YELLOW CIRCLE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TARGET AND LET GO, COMPLETELY STILL UNTIL THEIR ARROW IMBEDS ITSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TARGET DOWNRANGE. **ELI RADEMACHER**, A COUPLE OF ARCHERS AWAY, DOES THE SAME. THIS ACTION REPEATS ITSELF FOR 8 ROUNDS, 4 ROUNDS AT 10 METERS FROM THE TARGETS AND 4 ROUNDS AT 15 METERS AS THE ARCHERS MECHANICALLY REPEAT THE SAME ACTIONS OVER AND OVER.

**ELI RADEMACHER, OAKLEY MORGAN, AND CALEB GEDNEY** PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL NASP STATE TOURNAMENT IN INDIANAPOLIS, IN ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024. NASP (NATIONAL ARCHERY IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM) IS AN IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM BOASTING OVER 87,504 COMPETITIVE ARCHERS IN THE 2022-2023 SEASON ([HTTPS://WWW.NASPSCHOOLS.ORG](https://www.naspschools.org)). FOR CALEB, A JUNIOR AT THE SCHOOL, THIS EVENT WAS ESPECIALLY EXCITING: **CALEB GEDNEY PLACED 1ST OF 2,130 PARTICIPATING ARCHERS IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT WITH A PERSONAL BEST SCORE OF 293 OUT OF A MAXIMUM OF 300 POINTS.** AS OF SATURDAY, CALEB IS NOW RANKED IN THE TOP .5% OF NASP HIGH SCHOOL MALE ARCHERS IN THE UNITED STATES (68 OUT OF 13,725, [HTTPS://NASPTOURNAMENTS.ORG/RANK/INDRANKINGS.ASPX](https://nasptournaments.org/rank/indrankings.aspx)).

WHEN CALEB IS ASKED BY A PARENT ON THE TEAM HOW HE DOES IT, HE RESPONDS QUIETLY BUT CONFIDENTLY: "I KNOW MY AIM POINT. IT'S ABOUT REPETITION: I FOCUS AND REPEAT THE EXACT SAME MOVEMENTS EVERY TIME." HIS TARGET IS TESTAMENT TO THAT MECHANICAL REPETITION WITH THE TIGHT GROUPING OF ARROW SHAFTS IN THE CENTER OF EVERY SHOOTING ROUND.

CAI ARCHERY COACH ERICK HALL SAYS, "CALEB REALLY WENT IN WITH AN AMAZING PERFORMANCE BY SETTING THE EXPECTATIONS AND MAINTAINING FOCUS THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT. ELI, OAKLEY, AND CALEB REPRESENTED OUR TEAM AND SCHOOL IN AN AMAZING FASHION." ASSISTANT COACHES BETHANY BROWN AND ALEX OLSEN SHARE THE EXCITEMENT AND ARE PROUD OF THE ENTIRE TEAM.

CALEB GEDNEY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO REPRESENTING CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF INDIANA AT THE EASTERN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN LOUISVILLE, KY ON MAY 8-11, 2024.