



Mustang Hoops Update



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THIS WEEK IN MUSTANG BASKETBALL:

The Mustangs opened up the season with a big offensive night, defeating Riverton Parke 95-41. Clayton Corey led 4 players in double figures with 22 points, and was named the Fountain Trust-Kiss FM Player of the game. Turnovers were the key, as the Mustangs forced 26 for the Panthers while only committing 8 themselves. The Mustangs also shot 58% from the field while limiting Riverton Parke to 35%. FC scored 31 points in the first quarter.



FCYB - SATURDAY MORNINGS AT SEFE:

Our youth basketball program (FCYB) at Fountain Central has really grown in the last 4 years. Currently, we have grades K-2 on Saturday mornings at the elementary gym. Coaches Jeff Horlacher and Tyler Huckstep have been doing a fantastic job running the weekly basketball clinic. Several of our younger players and even a couple girls from the Lady Mustangs have also been helping out, and that help is greatly appreciated.



MORE YOUTH BASKETBALL:

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are participating in the Montgomery County Youth Basketball League, played at various places around Crawfordsville. I got the chance to see both the 3rd and 4th grade teams play last weekend and was impressed with the work that Tim Garbison and Josh Foxworthy have done with their teams. I can't express how much their dedication is appreciated. Mustang Basketball has a bright future! I have seen the 5th graders (Coaches Kevin Merryman and Andy Duncan) a few times this year as well, and they are a promising group as well.



LADY MUSTANG HOOPS:

The Lady Mustangs defeated Crawfordsville 59-45 Tuesday night to improve to 4-0. It is the best start for the Lady Mustangs since 2000-2001. It was also the first time we have beaten Crawfordsville since 01-02.

I encourage all our Mustang fans to get out and see the Lady Mustangs this year. I expect it to be a great season for the girls. They play an aggressive style of basketball that is fun to watch.

TONIGHT'S OPPONENT:

COVINGTON TROJANS



Coach Chezem has the Trojans ready for a great season. Mustang fans will get to see some of the best guards on our schedule this weekend, and it starts in a big way Friday night. Covington can put 5 guys on the floor at a time who can all shoot 3s. They are currently ranked #4 in 1A in the state, and deservedly so. Spring, Ahrens, and Cooper are all among the best players in our conference, and defending them well will be key. The Trojans defeated Western Boone last weekend for the second consecutive year, and won their own tournament on Saturday to start 3-0.



NORTH MONTGOMERY CHARGERS

Charger Grant Gaylor may very well be the best offensive player we will face this season. He scored 33 points in their loss to Lafayette Harrison last weekend, and he had to work hard for every point. He can score in a variety of ways. North's defense looked very good against the Raiders, even though foul trouble for their guards probably prevented them from securing a win. Saturday night presents a very big challenge for us.



WHAT TO LOOK FOR THIS WEEKEND:

This could quite possibly be our toughest weekend of the season. Both teams play an aggressive, switching defense, and we must take care of the ball to have a chance at success. Both are among the best defensive teams we play all year, and we will try to defend some of the best scorers in the area this weekend. For Mustang fans who enjoy seeing good guards play, this is a great weekend to watch. We have our work cut out for us. Aside from Gaylor, North's guards are much improved from last year, and they are very aggressive getting to the basket. We will need to defend and rebound as well as find openings in the defense this weekend.



LOOKING AHEAD:

The Mustangs travel to Clinton Prairie, another excellent 3-point shooting team next Friday.

TONIGHT'S PROBABLE STARTERS:

F	Ladd Warner	6-8	Jr.
F	Casey Walls	5'11"	Sr.
C	Ethan Woodrow	6-6	Sr.
G	Clayton Corey	6-0	Sr.
G	Koby Pierce	6-2	Sr.



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BASKETBALL RECORD BOOK:

A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED UPDATE THE ALL-TIME RECORD BOOK FOR BOYS BASKETBALL AT FOUNTAIN CENTRAL. SOON, A PDF VERSION OF THE NOTEBOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE SOME RECORDS THAT WE CANNOT VERIFY UPDATES FOR, BUT WE WILL KEEP TRYING. WE WILL INCLUDE PORTIONS OF THE RECORD BOOK ON THE SECOND PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.



JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL UPDATE:

COACH: JEFF HORLACHER

THE JV GOT OFF TO A GOOD START AGAINST RIVERTON PARKE IN THE OPENER. AFTER A SOMEWHAT SLOW START IN THE FIRST HALF, THE JV DID A NICE JOB ATTACKING THE PANTHERS' ZONE IN THE SECOND HALF. WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL OF MANY OF OUR JV PLAYERS THIS SEASON. IF THEY CONTINUE TO WORK HARD IN PRACTICE, FANS WILL SEE GREAT IMPROVEMENT FROM THIS GROUP.



FRESHMEN BOYS BASKETBALL UPDATE:

COACH: TYLER HUCKSTEP

OUR FRESHMEN HAVE BEEN PRACTICING WITH THE JV/V THIS SEASON. ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM AT TIMES, IT WILL HELP THEIR IMPROVEMENT OVER THE COURSE OF THE SEASON. THE FIRST FRESHMEN/C-TEAM GAME IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, AT HOME, AGAINST SEEGER. EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF FRESHMEN, FANS WILL SEE SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE VARSITY SOON. THEY ARE ATHLETIC, AND THEY WORK HARD.



8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL UPDATE:

COACH: CHADD YAGER

THE 8TH GRADE OPENED UP THEIR SEASON WITH A CONFERENCE WIN AT RIVERTON PARKE AND A LOSS AT HOME AGAINST ROCKVILLE. AGAINST THE ROX, THE MUSTANGS GAVE THEMSELVES SEVERAL CHANCES TO WIN, BUT EVENTUALLY TURNS KEPT US FROM PULLING OUT THE WIN. THIS IS ONE OF THE DEEPER GROUPS WE HAVE HAD IN THE 8TH GRADE, AND WE EXPECT SEVERAL OF THEM TO MAKE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS THIS YEAR.



7TH GRADE BASKETBALL UPDATE

COACH: JASON EBERLY & LUKE DAVENPORT

COACH EBERLY IS DOING A FANTASTIC JOB WITH OUR 7TH GRADE SO FAR. HE IS A GREAT ADDITION TO OUR STAFF AND WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE HIM. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN FORTUNATE TO HAVE FORMER MUSTANG STAR POINT GUARD LUKE DAVENPORT HELP OUT WITH THE 7TH GRADE TEAM THIS YEAR. LUKE HAS A GREAT UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE WANT OUR PLAYERS TO LEARN AND WILL BE A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE PROGRAM. THE 7TH GRADERS DROPPED THEIR FIRST TWO GAMES, AND UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE LOW ON NUMBERS IN THAT CLASS, BUT THERE ARE SOME PLAYERS WITH A LOT OF POTENTIAL IN THAT GROUP.



6TH GRADE BASKETBALL UPDATE

COACH: MICHAEL TRUSTY & TERRY LARKIN

THIS IS PROBABLY THE DEEPEST 6TH GRADE TEAM WE HAVE HAD IN THE LAST 4 YEARS. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE A LARGE GROUP THAT ALSO POSSESSES CONSIDERABLE TALENT. 6TH GRADE WILL BE PLAYING IN A TOURNAMENT IN ILLINOIS THIS WEEKEND(GEORGETOWN) AND AT FC ON DECEMBER 13. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THESE PLAYERS DEVELOP OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

