



Mustang Hoops Update



FOUNTAIN CENTRAL BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER #4

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THIS WEEK IN MUSTANG BASKETBALL:

The Mustangs opened up with a win at Riverton Parke last week (56-33). We didn't rebound as well as hoped but we forced 19 turnovers while committing only 8. Clayton Corey and Koby Pierce had 3 steals each. We also held RP to 23% shooting from the field for the game, though we gave up 12 offensive rebounds.

THIS WEEK'S FEATURED MUSTANG:



Thad Crain—Sophomore—Guard.

Thad's favorite teachers are Mr. Noggle and Mr. Warner. His favorite food is shrip tacos. *Limitless* is his favorite movie. Winning sectional in football is his favorite sports memory, and he plans to be an EMT after high school. He also enjoys the show "Key and Peele" and is a lifeguard.

Thad has the potential to become a very good perimeter defender with his quickness and athleticism. He is still young and inexperienced, but has the potential to really help us down the road.

MUSTANG TEACHER OF THE WEEK:



This week, the Mustangs would like to thank Mr. Webb for his passion and caring attitude. Casey Walls calls Mr. Webb a "good advice-giver about math and life" while Clayton Corey says he "always expects the most out of us and pushees us to do better." Ethan Woodrow and Ladd Warner say that Mr. Webb is a great role model, great teacher, and is always willing to go out of his way for a student. Thank you Mr. Webb for your dedication to FC students.

WRC BASKETBALL NEWS:



Turkey Run defeated Southmont 77-62, but lost to South Putnam 58-50 to start the season.

Covington defeated Western Boone 50-45 in their 1st game.

Attica is 1-2 so far. Defeated Irvington Prep. Lost to North White and Rock Creek Academy.

Seeger Defeated Carroll 42-37 to open their season.

Rockville lost to Danville 47-65 in their first game.

North Vermillion lost an overtime thriller to West Vigo 47-46.

TONIGHT'S OPPONENT:

COVINGTON TROJANS



I grew up watching Coach Chezem play at Clinton Prairie (against my older brother) when I was a young player at Rossville. He was always one of the players I admired most, despite playing against my beloved Hornets. Facing him as a coach is always difficult. He was a great competitor as a player, and so are his players at Covington. This year they have two of the best guards in the conference in Spring and Ahrens. Add Coleman to the mix, and you have long, athletic guards who can shoot the lights out. They are likely the best conference opponent we'll face this season. It will be a very difficult early-season challenge.

NORTH MONTGOMERY CHARGERS



Coach Joel Grindle is one of the best-prepared coaches you will encounter in coaching. He usually knows what the opponent does well better than they do. Despite losing a great player in Nathan Rogers, the Chargers look to bounce back from a difficult season last year. In Grant Gaylor they have one of the best, most versatile players we'll face this year. He's a difficult match-up for anyone. They also have some capable 3-point shooters. Last season, we broke a 9-year losing streak to the Chargers.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR THIS WEEKEND:



We have played Covington 5 times in the last 3 years, and no game has been decided by more than 7 points. This one may be a close one as well. We face two of the best 3-point shooting teams we'll see this year this weekend. With our losses to graduation, we have become a bigger, but slower team. How we defend the dribble and the 3-point shot is going to be crucial to our success this season. I am looking forward to getting to see how capable we are of handling their offenses. We will have to contest shots if we hope to win.

LOOKING AHEAD:



We have only one game next weekend against Clinton Prairie. We played extremely well at their place last year, but they have a new coach in former Boilermaker sharp-shooter Ryne Smith. We will face yet another team that utilizes the 3-point shot very well.

THIS WEEK'S BASKETBALL THOUGHT:



Dive on the floor for a loose ball – Few plays get your teammates more fired up than seeing you dive for a loose ball. Winning those 50/50 balls often end up being the difference in the game.

TONIGHT'S PROBABLE STARTERS:

F	Doug Wallace	6-2	Jr.
F	Kiowa Simonton	6-4	Sr.
C	Ethan Woodrow	6-6	Jr.
G	Clayton Corey	6-0	Jr.
G	Koby Pierce	6-2	Jr.



MUSTANG BASKETBALL NEWS

LADY MUSTANGS BASKETBALL UPDATE:

COACH: AMIE ANTHROP (2ND YR)

THE LADY MUSTANGS ARE MUCH IMPROVED, BUT STILL VERY YOUNG THIS SEASON. THEIR EARLY-SEASON SCHEDULE IS VERY DIFFICULT. THEY PICKED UP A NICE WIN AGAINST SOUTH NEWTON LAST WEEK. THIS WEEK, AGAINST CRAWFORDSVILLE, THEY CONTINUED TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT, BUT NARROWLY LOST.

THE LADY MUSTANGS WILL SURPRISE PEOPLE THIS YEAR. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THEY WILL BE REALLY TOUGH NEXT SEASON, BUT I WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE THEM DEVELOP INTO A SERIOUS CONTENDER AT SECTIONAL TIME THIS YEAR. THE KEY WILL BE HOW FAST THE VETERANS CAN MESH WITH AND HELP DEVELOP THE NEWCOMERS.



JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL UPDATE:

COACH: RODNEY CARVER (2ND YR)

THE JV GOT OFF TO A ROUGH START AT RIVERTON PARKE. THOUGH WE IMPROVED OFFENSIVELY THROUGHTOUT, WE STRUGGLED TO REBOUND THROUGHOUT THE GAME. REBOUNDING AND REDUCING TURNOVERS HAVE BEEN A POINT OF EMPHASIS THIS WEEK, AND I HOPE TO SEE AN IMPROVEMENT THIS WEEKEND.



FRESHMEN BOYS BASKETBALL UPDATE:

COACH: TYLER HUCKSTEP (1ST YR)

THE FRESHMEN HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD IN PRACTICE, BUT HAD THEIR FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON CANCELED BECAUSE NORTH PUTNAM IS NOT FIELDING A FRESHMEN TEAM. IN PRACTICE, THEY HAVE REALLY IMPROVED SINCE LAST YEAR. HOLDEN HELMS AND COLE MYERS BOTH SHOWED UP FOR TWO VOLUNTARY PRACTICES OVER BREAK WITH THE JV/V, AND THEY DID A GREAT JOB. I LOVE IT WHEN PLAYERS DO MORE THAN IS ASKED FOR THEM. THANKS.



8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL UPDATE:

COACH: CHADD YAGER

THE 8TH GRADE OPENED UP THEIR SEASON WITH CONFERENCE WINS AT RIVERTON PARKE AND AT HOME AGAINST ROCKVILLE. AGAINST THE ROX, THE MUSTANGS RACED OUT TO A 10 POINT LEAD IN THE FIRST HALF, ONLY TO SEE IT EVAPORATE IN THE SECOND. JASON PIGG AND BRADLEY HOWELL MADE 4 HUGE FREE THROWS AT THE END OF REGULATION TO FORCE OVERTIME AND THE MUSTANGS HELD ON TO WIN IN OT, DESPITE STARTER BRANDON HOWELL BEING ON THE BENCH WITH FIVE FOULS. REBOUNDING WAS KEY FOR THE MUSTANGS IN THE FIRST HALF – BOTH HOWELLS, PIGG, TIM ELLIS, AND MASON MCCULLOM ALL REBOUNDED WELL. THE ROX ALSO STRUGGLED VS THE DEFENSIVE PRESSURE OF ELLIS AND THE HOWELLS. I AM EXCITED ABOUT THIS GROUP, AS THEY HAVE ALREADY SHOWN A GREAT DEAL OF IMPROVEMENT FROM LAST YEAR.



7TH GRADE BASKETBALL UPDATE

COACH: JOHN BUTTS (2ND YR)

THE 7TH GRADE TEAM ALSO OPENED WITH A CONFERENCE VICTORY AT HOME AGAINST RIVERTON PARKE. THEY DID A GREAT JOB OF PUSHING THE BALL EARLY AND GO SEVERAL EASY BASKETS IN TRANSITION. CALEB PILECKI WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PRESSURING THE RIVERTON PARKE GUARDS INTO TURNOVERS THROUGHOUT THE GAME. POINT GUARD NATHANIEL BUTTS DID A GOOD JOB FINDING THE OPEN MAN, WHILE JOSHUA ADAMS, ISAAC DONOVAN, AND AARON BARNETT DOMINATED THE BOARDS. THE 7TH GRADE FELL AT ROCKVILLE EARLY IN THE WEEK, THOUGH.

