



Bobcat Sports Chat

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A Message from the Athletic Director

As the winter sports season came to a conclusion, Fountain City was honored to host the District 3AAA Basketball Tournament. Once again, Central High School and our community had an opportunity to showcase our spirit of cooperation; this event hosted 18 teams over an eight-day stretch. Thanks to the business community of North Knoxville and the many willing volunteers and workers, the tournament was a great success with close games and capacity crowds. In conjunction with the tournament, the Family and Consumer Science classes worked to expand awareness of Krabbe disease and earned over \$1,000 to support Miracles for Mabry Kate.

Many achievements mark our winter success. A very solid foundation was laid



by the girls basketball program. Wrestling and swimming sent individuals to the state meet at the end of February. Also, the boys' basketball team won two games in the district tournament and advanced to the regional tournament. Please continue to support our winter sports as they continue the Pride and Tradition of Central High School.

We are Central
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We would also like to say thanks to the following Corporate Sponsors of the District Tournament:

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Boys' Basketball



Checkin' in on a Former Bobcat



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Deandre Mathieu Class of 2011

University of Minnesota

2014-2015 Stats

Points/game: 8.4

Rebounds/game: 2.6

Assists/game: 4.3

Stats courtesy of espn.com

What do you miss most about high school?

The togetherness of everybody. You got to know almost everybody because you got to see them everyday. I know I'm playing in the Big 10 Conference but it's not as fun because college basketball is a business. I would give almost anything to put that number 4 on for Central again. Those were some of the best years of my life.

If you could give advice to current CHS athletes, what advice would you give them?

Work hard and never give up because opportunities come when you work hard. I live by the saying "tough times don't last; tough people do." That gets me past so many obstacles.

In your opinion, how has going to college benefitted you as a person?

College has introduced me to people from all over. Every person brings something different to the table, so I've taken in a lot of what those people bring to the table. I feel like I am a better person, and I look at things from multiple perspectives because of the places I've been and the people I've gotten the opportunity to meet.

As an NCAA student-athlete, what additional responsibilities do you have around campus, in the classroom, and in the community?

I must attend every class and take part in mandatory tutoring and community service. Plus, just being a good person to fans and not making it like you're better than them. Believe it or not, there are those who try to be 'big time,' but I never wanted

to be one of those guys.

What is one unique thing about attending the University of Minnesota?

The weather in the winter is something that you can't prepare for. There have been multiple occasions where it has been -20 or worse with the wind blowing as well. I remember getting out of school if they thought it would snow. Here in Minnesota, it can snow 14-20 inches and be -10 and you are going to class.

Name one obstacle you have had to overcome on your journey to now, your senior year at the University of Minnesota. How did you overcome it?

I was a walk on my freshman year at Morehead State in Kentucky, and I wasn't expecting a scholarship. I decided to attend a junior college in Arizona. I worked extremely hard and ended up becoming a junior college All-American and receiving some big time offers. That showed me that you can accomplish a lot with hard work.

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Wrestling

In the words of Coach Cory Sobas...

We only fielded four spots out of the thirteen weight classes due to a low participation rate this school year. However, Central still did well this season by again sending at least one representative to the TSSAA State Wrestling Tournament. We did not win any dual matches or place as a team at any tournaments because we did not have the minimum number of participants, but in a dual match versus Powell, all four of Central's wrestlers captured a win!

Your Top Moments as a coach this season:

Seeing **Foster Dickerson** qualify for the TSSAA State Wrestling Tournament as a Senior. He put in the hard work and set his mind on a goal and achieved it.

List of Top Performers:

Skyler Sivells took 4th place at the William-Blount Invitational, **Derrick DeBusk** had a solid Freshman season, especially at the Dobyys-Bennett Tournament, **Robby Taylor** finished strong by cutting the weight according to his weight management plan and then winning a couple of matches at the Region Tournament,

and Foster Dickerson placed 3rd at the Region Tournament to qualify for the State Tournament.

Extra Recognition:

Foster Dickerson qualifying for the State Tournament was unbelievable. Although he was eliminated early, he wrestled two close matches and went the full six minutes against two very good opponents. I would also like to note that Foster wrestled up a weight class according to his weight management plan, meaning he was giving up four to six pounds against most of his opponents.



Swimming and Diving

In the words of Coach Andrea Turner...



Your Top Moments as a Coach

Watching every swimmer improve his/her times in various events throughout the season. Many of our swimmers are relatively new to the sport, so they have made great strides in technique and athleticism each time we've practiced and competed.

Top Moments of the Season:

Lucas Jones, senior, competed at the State Championship in the 100 Yard Butterfly. Despite running a fever the night before, he swam his personal best time at 59.04 seconds and placed 2nd in his heat.

Our girls' 200 Free Relay placed 16th overall at the 2015 KISL SWIMMING and DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Relay members were senior, Madissen Campbell (homeschool student), sophomore, Marilee Liemohn; sophomore, Marissa Jones; and freshman, Kendall Taylor.

Biggest Victory:

We beat Carter in a tri-meet vs. Carter and Halls

List Top Performers:

At the "City Meet" -2015 KISL SWIMMING and DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior Lucas Jones: 50 Yard Freestyle -21st place (out of 144) at 24.15 seconds

Sophomore Marissa Jones: 500 Yard Freestyle – 29th place at 7:15:58

Sophomore Marilee Liemohn: 50 Yard Freestyle – 96th place (out of 204) at 31.35 seconds



Girls' Basketball



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