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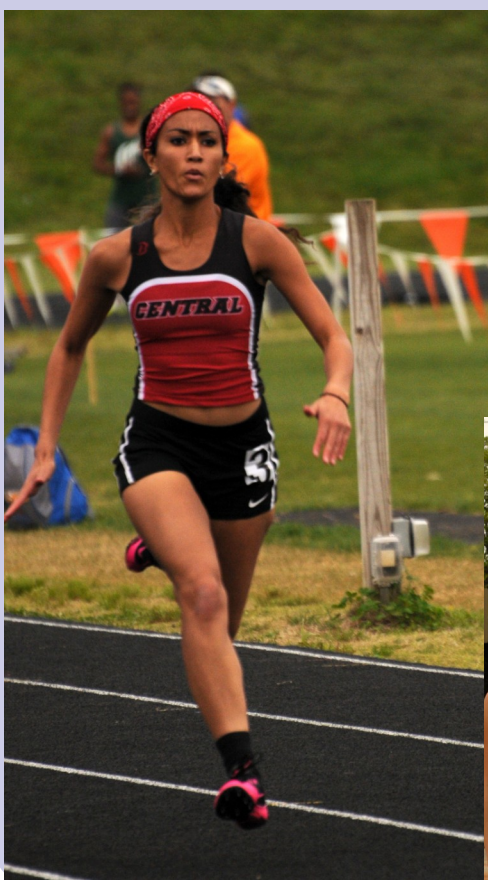
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It's Been a Great Year! Thanks for Your Support!



Baseball

Overall Record: 21-10

District Record: 7-5

In the words of Head Coach Matt Byrd...

Our biggest victory:

beating Halls for the first time in seven years.

Our top moments: In addition to beating Halls, we beat a strong team in Gibbs, and we beat the Fulton Falcons twice!

Top moments as a coach:

seeing all of our hard work pay off and seeing this program take the next step in the direction that we want to be going in.

Top Performers:

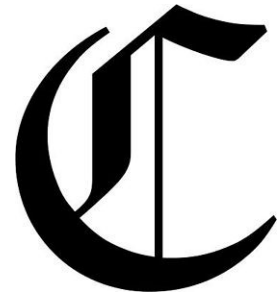
Alex Haynes, Bass Cooper, Andrew Biddle, and Nick Stamps

Post-Season Recognition:

(All-District Team)
Alex Haynes, Nick Stamps, Jackson Greer, Andrew Biddle and Bass Cooper

Community Service: we dressed up in our uniforms and went to help conduct the wee-ball league games at Fountain City Ballpark.

Special Thanks to all my players for all of their hard work!



*“Special thanks to all my players for all of their hard work!”
--Matt Byrd*





"The best part of the year was seeing how much improvement the players showed from last year. They worked really hard in the offseason, and it showed on the field this year."

—Adam Snyder

Baseball By the Numbers

Offensive Leaders:

Alex Haynes

.429 AVG (team leader),
.554 OBP (team leader),
16 RBI, 23 R, 10 doubles (team leader), 12 SB (team leader)

Bass Cooper

.412 AVG,
.505 OBP, 17 RBI, 5 doubles

Jeremiah Howard

.333 AVG,
.459 OBP, 16 RBI,
24 R (team leader),
8 doubles,
2 triples (team leader), 9 SB

Pitching Leaders:

Nick Stamps: 6-3, 3 SV, 2.79
ERA

Andrew Biddle: 6-2, 2 SV, 1.67
ERA

Alex Haynes: 2 wins, SV, 57
strikeouts in 30.2 innings pitched

Bass Cooper: 2-0, 2 SV, 3.78
ERA

Jackson Greer: 2-0, 1.15 ERA

Honorable Mention:

Jackson Greer only made 2 errors in 31 games. He was considered one of the best defensive catchers in the state.





“Success is not measured in wins. Success is all the experiences and growth that you enjoy in a given season.”
 —Ben Brewer

Softball

Overall Record: 13-17

District Record: 7-9

*3rd place finish in district

In the words of Head Coach Leah Dailey...

Biggest Victories:

A walk-off victory at Karns after freshman first baseman, Demi Debusk smacked a 2-run HR to give us a 9-8 victory. Also, beating Karns and Powell in the district tournament proved we were playing our best ball when it mattered most.

Top Performers:

Jordan Hansard:
 .388 AVG, 30 R, 13 SB

Demi Debusk:
 .348 AVG, 29 RBI, 5 HR

Dakota Sise:
 .347 AVG, 23 RBI

Jordan Brown:
 .345 AVG, 20 RBI, 3 HR

Community Service:

Our players helped serve Thanksgiving meals to local families in the holiday season.

Post-Season Recognition:

(All-district) Dakota Sise, Jordan Hansard, Jordan Brown

(All-tournament) Jordan Brown and Demi Debusk

Special Thanks To:

Brent Walker for serving as our Dugout Club President and Pam Hansard for taking action shots this season

Softball Reflections

In a world that only cares about the number of wins you get, it is hard to convince some people of the success you've had when your final record is below .500. However, I witnessed firsthand the magic that happens when players on a team set down "the self" and focus on contributing to a total team effort. While it took longer than we expected, our Lady Bobcats realized at the end of the year that bobcats together achieve more than a single bobcat can on its own. Our Lady Bobcats came together and pulled off the biggest wins of the season when it mattered most. In a district filled with talent and powerhouse programs, the 'Cats finished 3rd in the district after earning hard-fought victories and overcoming some insurmountable odds. With one week remaining in the season, two senior leaders, Jordan Hansard (CF) and Dakota Sise (P), sustained injuries. However, the pack came together and earned its biggest victories. The Lady 'Cats beat a talented Karns squad at Karns after a back-and-forth battle ended when freshman Demi Debusk smacked a 2-run walkoff homerun. In the district tournament, the Lady Bobcats staved off elimination, beating Oak Ridge on a Saturday morning, but the best was yet to come. Later that evening, after the 'Cats found themselves down three runs and clinging to their last out, they started a 2-out rally that catapulted the team to a 7-6 victory. Two nights later, still without two important senior leaders, the Bobcats played with great heart and earned an improbable upset over the homerun-heavy Powell Panthers, 4-3. Success is not just measured in wins. Success is all the experiences and growth that you enjoy in a given season.

—Assistant Coach Ben Brewer



Men's Soccer

Overall Record: 7-7

Last Result of the Season: 4-1 Win over William-Blount on Senior Night

In the words of Head Coach Russ Wise...

Biggest Victory:

We were able to beat Gibbs on their home field in a shootout. We dominated the game, but just couldn't score an extra goal in regulation or over time. Our boys were calm, cool, and collected as we finished them off in penalty kicks.

Top Moments of the

season: We won 4 of our last 5 games while starting and playing 65% of our lineup with sophomores. We defeated Gibbs in a double overtime PK shootout. The weather hampered our training as well as our season. We had to cancel three games that could have had us finish with 10 wins with a team that returned only one starter from 2014. Watching our young team come together the last two weeks of the season was inspiring to witness. They never— ever—quit.

Community Service:

Our team helps to maintain the fields at Rifle Range. We clean up and help prepare the fields for the youth teams that play there.

Special Thanks To:

Tobin Walton. His work with the team was invaluable. He was patient and firm and pushed the players to outperform their opponents. Special thanks to our parents for helping to raise funds, transport players, and support our team at every turn.

*"They never—
ever—quit."*

Russ Wise





Soccer *Accolades*

Yaser Satar and Michael Duarte were the top goal scorers.

Marqae Kelly, Eli Holbert, Manhal Mansoor, and Noah Walton provided us with a strong and consistent defense.

Drew Platt and Nick Golden controlled our midfield like they had played there for years.

Post-Season Awards and Recognitions

All-District team—
Noah Walton

Best Offensive Player—
Yaser Satar

Best Defensive Players—
Eli Holbert & Manhal Mansoor

Most Improved Players—
Drew Platt & Nick Golden

Captain's Award—
Marqae Kelly



*"We'd really like to start recruiting students for the 2016 season now. [...] If you plan to run next year let's get you started."
—Luke Brogden*

Track and Field

In the words of Coach Luke Brogden...

Season Highlights:

Bobcat Track hosted The Bobcat Invitational, the team's first home meet in 7 years, on April 14th, 2015. Students did fundraisers throughout the fall and spring and worked concessions stands at UT athletic events in order to raise the money to completely refurbish our facilities in order to make the track meet-ready. The meet hosted 6 teams and had good attendance, and we had a great time.

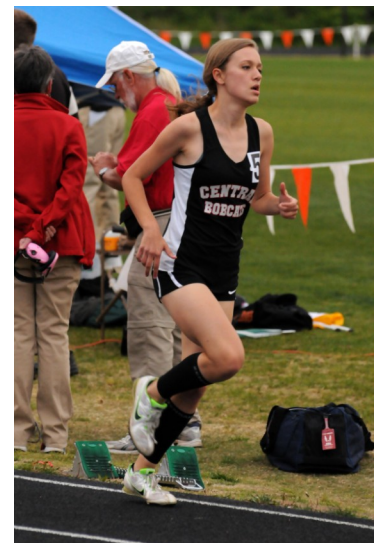
Another positive to mention is that we doubled our number of athletes who qualified for Regionals from last year to this year. Next year, we anticipate sending a few athletes to the TSSAA State Championships as they continue to bloom and grow.

Season standouts who qualified for Regionals included sophomore Kelly Fox in the 1600 and 800, junior and next year's Captain, Nathan Rupeka in the 1600, seniors Komatay Koffie in the Long Jump, Cedric Washington in the High Jump, and Chalia Eldridge in the 100, the

Boys' 4x1 team (KK, Cedric Washington, Demilton Rocker and Riley Gaul), and throwers Essence Alexander (shot put and disc) and Marissa Jones (shot put).

Essence Alexander, next year's Co-Captain, placed 6th at Regionals in Discus and is expected to be a Top 3 thrower in the Region and qualify for the state tournament next year.

Our team had difficulty competing at the team/meet level due to its small size, so we'd really like to start recruiting students for the 2016 season now in this newsletter. Let's grow the team and win some meets next year! If you plan to run next year, let's get you started --it's not too early to go ahead and get your 2015-16 sports physical or pay your track fee. Before training officially starts in the fall, runners with new physicals are welcome to join Coach Brogden and the Cross Country team on the CHS track Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays throughout the summer at 8am for conditioning runs.



Tennis



Spring News for Cheerleading & Dance

From Head Coach Jackie Raley:

The following young ladies were recently selected to the 2015-16 Central HS Cheer Team: Rising Seniors are Te'a King, Brelyn Spears, & Kelsey Varner. Rising Juniors are Bailey Breeden, Brittney Clark, Rachel Cummings, Savannah Halberstadt, Emma Kelly, Kiley Palmer, and Wendy Underwood. Rising Sophomores are Kinsley Cox, McKenzie England, Julianna Pratt, & Emma Walker. Rising Freshmen are Rylie Compton & LeAnna Rogers. The cheerleaders will be attending the overnight UCA camp at the Park Vista Resort in Gatlinburg July 12th - 15th this summer. The

team also looks forward to hosting the Bobcat Youth Athletic Cheerleaders July 20th - 24th.

From Coach Shanda Anderson:

New 2015-2016 Dance Team

Members and Captains:

Taylor Pritchett: Captain
 Anna Cummings: Captain
 Niema Neal: Co-captain
 Ryanna Runyon: Co-captain
 Katie Meade
 Katie Hueser
 Deme Berry
 Samantha Runyon
 Sara Seaton
 Keegan Lyle

Upcoming 8th graders:

Brooke Huffaker
 Alexis Brooks
 Mackenzie McManus
 Lauren Rupeka
 Faith Huskey

Since being featured in the fall edition of Bobcat Sports Chat, the dance team competed and placed in the following events:

National Grove Competition in Chattanooga in January:
 Jazz- 3rd Pom- 3rd

National Encore Competition in Sevierville in March:
 Jazz- 1st Pom- 1st

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Message from the Athletic Director

—JD Lambert—

The best thing about spring sports in Fountain City is the number of sports and the number of opportunities presented to our athletes. There are seven different sports, in addition to cheerleading and dance team tryouts for the 2015-2016 school seasons. Our student athletes participated in several community service opportunities: Inskip Elementary School Family Fun Night, Knox County Schools Priority Job Fair, Alzheimer Walk, Knox County Schools Certified Job Fair, Sterchi Elementary Spring Fling, and Bobcat Baseball assisted with Fountain City Tee Ball. The entire athletic department benefits from giving back to the community. Coaches and players are experiencing that

it is always better to give than to receive. They are teaching and learning the value of serving others and that life is more than just wins and losses.

Central has great student athletes who have outstanding coaches who not only push them to be better athletes but students as well. This is evident as our student athletes achieved a 3.34 GPA average for the 2014 Fall semester. As we move forward, we will continue to track the academic achievement of our athletic teams.

There have already been half a dozen student athletes that have signed to further their careers at the college

level. There will be more signings during the summer.

Andrew Biddle (Baseball) Bryan University
Cedric Washington (Football) Lindsey Wilson University
Nick Stamps (Baseball) Walters State Community College
Jordan Hansard (Softball) Roane State Community College
Komatay Koffie (Football) Bluefield College in West Virginia

Thank you to **We're Cooking** for hanging up Central athletic jerseys in the Fountain City location and to Coach Rosser for being the offensive coordinator in the Kentucky/Tennessee All-Star Football game.

Condolences to the Helton Family on the passing of Jerry Helton. Jerry is the father of Rodney and Todd.



Thank you to Pam Hansard for providing additional softball photos and to JD Lambert for providing the We're Cooking® photos.

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