

**C WHAT YOU MISSED**

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

The girls' basketball team lost their first game to Reynoldsberg High School in the classic in the country tournament on January 14, 42-35, making their record 8-3.

**BOYS' BASKETBALL**

The Boys' basketball team upset LaSalle HS 54-47, the top team in the city, on January 10 behind 15 points from senior Darin Harris, 13 points from senior JD Sprague and 12 points from senior Michael Van Kleunen. LaSalle's Josh Lemons scored a game high 22 points.

**C QUICK HITTERS**

**CASTNER RECIEVES AWARD**

Head football coach Brian Castner received the 2011 Southwest Ohio Region 15 Coach of the Year award which was presented to him at the January 1st Cincinnati Bengals-Baltimore Ravens game.

**INDIAN CUP VICTORY**

The gymnastics team won their second event of the year, the Indian Cup at the Cincinnati Country Day Invitational, on January 7.

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distribution between Sprague, Harris and Van Kleunen as they all have been the leading scorer in a game at least three times this year. Sprague said it goes back to all three being very unselfish and not caring who puts the ball in the basket--if they get the win.

"We have all been the leading scorer at different points during the year, and there have been points in the season when we weren't the leading scorer, but we did other things crucial in the game to contribute to the win," Sprague said. "We are all smart enough not to think, 'Oh I'm one of the top leading scorers, I have to go out there and force up a shot,' and that's why we all score, because we know we can feed off of each other, and we know not to force anything."

With all three knowing each other since the fifth grade, when Harris moved from Tennessee, Sprague said it is a "relationship on and off the court," that has made their success that much more special.

"It feels like we have been playing with each other for 10 years," Harris said, but in actuality they have only played together in five season since the fifth grade, including the last two years at the varsity level. A strong relationship off the court has kept these three together

and in turn, helps their play on the court.

"We know how to motivate each other, and we know when to back down and not say anything to each other," Center Michael Van Kleunen said for their on the court presence. Harris added that it is pretty much the same way off the court, just at a more comical level through an inside joke between the three them, and the five other seniors, called, "the point system."

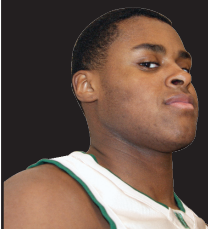
"I don't think there's ever a serious moment off the court," Harris said. "I mean, there are serious times when we need to [have them], but it's not often because we just joke a lot with sarcasm and make fun of each other."

For the "Big Three," scoring is not the main priority on their minds, if it helps their team win, then Van Kleunen said they will try as hard as they can to continue their first half success. He said what really matters, is playing together with the whole senior class for the last time.

"It is our senior year; the last year we will get to play with each other," Van Kleunen said. "We are playing for that; we want to leave our mark ,and make this season as memorable as possible."

**MEET MASON'S "BIG THREE"**

**DARIN HARRIS**  
SENIOR



**6'5"**  
**210 LBS.**  
**16.2 ppg**  
**6.2 rpg**

**MICHAEL VAN KLEUNEN**  
SENIOR



**6'5"**  
**200 LBS.**  
**14.5 ppg**  
**4.5 rpg**

**JD SPRAGUE**  
SENIOR



**6'1"**  
**190 LBS.**  
**14.0 ppg**  
**3.9 rpg**

**C THE NUMBERS**

**15.0**

Junior Kayla McDowell leads the Mason girls' basketball team averaging 15.0 points per game and 8.5 rebounds per game.

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The chess team completed their season back in December with a perfect 18-0 record.

**51.8**

The boys' basketball team is shooting 51.8% (263/508) overall from the floor which is good for first in the GMC as of January 13.

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There are five wrestlers who are first place in the GMC in their respective weight classes. (Patrick Kearney, Eion Walden, Tommy Davis, Jake Suess, Daniele Tedoldi)

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The girls' bowling team finished first at the Eastern Lanes Holiday Tournament on December 29th as they totaled 3349 pins.

Results as of January 15.