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**Aden Gregory**  
Lorain County's  
2022 Mr. Basketball

Avon's **Abby Liber**

Lorain  
County's 2022  
Miss Basketball

**Nate Burnett**

Lorain County's  
2022 All-Chronicle  
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Midview has a long history of success with their basketball program. Last season was no exception when standout player Aden Gregory earned the Lorain County Mr. Basketball award.

He joined other Middies players Jonny Manning (2020) and Anthony Stacey (1995) with this honor.

The 6-foot-5 wing player was a scoring machine his senior season, averaging more than 22 points per game. Gregory also controlled the glass averaging more than eight rebounds and four assists.

Gregory is one of four Midview players to have scored 1,000 career points in school history. He earned other top honors including Southwestern Conference (SWC) Player of the Year and a first-team All-Northeast Lakes District pick, before continuing his basketball career at Ashland University.

Girls' basketball in the SWC is competitive too, and even more so with Avon's Abby Liber.

Liber earned the Lorain County Miss Basketball award after finishing her senior season as the Eagles' all-time leading scorer, averaging 19 points per game. Only one other Avon player has received this honor, Emily Julius (2012).

She led the Eagles on the court with rebounds, assists, steals and points-scored, and Liber is brilliant off the court too. She finished high school with a 4.3 GPA before heading to St. Louis University to study and play Division I basketball.

In Lorain County the Burnett name is synonymous with wrestling. Former Pioneers coach Erik Burnett retired after the 2021-2022 season having spent decades with Elyria's program. His son Nate finished his high school career with a bang.

Nate Burnett ended his high school career sharing the Lorain County Wrestler of the Year title with teammate Peyton Fenton after battling through a late-season knee injury, grinding his way to a state semifinal appearance.

He graduated as a four-time state qualifier and a three-time state placer, now wrestling at Clarion University where his 2020 Clarion Sports Hall of Fame inductee father wrestled and earned a fifth-place finish at 118 pounds at the 1992 NCAA Championships.



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE  
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# High School Basketball Broadcast Schedule

Boys' games in black — Girls' games in red

## WEDNESDAY/NOV. 23

**DiFranco Classic**

**@Midview High School**

Firelands vs. N. Ridgeville • 1pm

Oberlin vs. Amherst • 2:30pm

Elyria vs. Sandusky • 4pm

**Midview vs. Elyria Catholic • 5:30pm**

Midview vs. Keystone • 7pm

## TUESDAY/NOV. 29

Lorain @Avon Lake • 7pm

## FRIDAY/DEC. 2

Firelands @Brookside • 7pm

## SATURDAY/DEC. 3

**Clearview @Firelands • 1:30pm**

## MONDAY/DEC. 5

**Vermilion @Amherst • 7pm**

## FRIDAY/DEC. 9

Bay @Elyria Catholic • 7pm

## TUESDAY/DEC. 13

Avon @Avon Lake • 7pm

## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 14

**Avon @Elyria • 7pm**

## FRIDAY/DEC. 16

Olmsted Falls @Elyria • 7pm

## SATURDAY/DEC. 17

**Avon @N. Ridgeville • 1:30pm**

## MONDAY/DEC. 19

**Westlake Classic**

**@Westlake High School**

Doubleheader, TBA/TBA

## TUESDAY/DEC. 20

Brookside @Columbia • 7pm

## THURSDAY/DEC. 22

Cloverleaf @Clearview • 6:30pm

## FRIDAY/DEC. 23

Wellington @Elyria Catholic • 7pm

## TUESDAY/DEC. 27

**Joe Tait Classic**

**@Cloverleaf High School**

Boys/Girls Doubleheader, TBA

## WEDNESDAY/DEC. 28

Tiffin @Vermilion • 7:30pm

## THURSDAY/DEC. 29

Elyria @Lorain • 7pm

## TUESDAY/JAN. 3

Open Door @Amherst • 7pm

## FRIDAY/JAN. 6

Columbia @Keystone • 7pm

## SATURDAY/JAN. 7

**N. Ridgeville @Midview • 1:30pm**

Oberlin @Elyria • 7pm

## MONDAY/JAN. 9

**Clearview @Vermilion • 7pm**

## TUESDAY/JAN. 10

Keystone @Firelands • 7pm

## FRIDAY/JAN. 13

Avon Lake @N. Ridgeville • 7pm

## SATURDAY/JAN. 14

**Avon @Amherst • 1:30pm**

## TUESDAY/JAN. 17

Brookside @Vermilion • 7:30pm

## WEDNESDAY/JAN. 18

**Elyria Catholic @Westlake • 7pm**

## FRIDAY/JAN. 20

Avon Lake @Avon • 7pm

## SATURDAY/JAN. 21

**Brookside @Clearview • 1:30pm**

## WEDNESDAY/JAN. 25

**Maple Heights @Lorain • 7pm**

## FRIDAY/JAN. 27

Avon @N. Ridgeville • 7pm

## SATURDAY/JAN. 28

**Midview @Avon Lake • 1:30pm**

Amherst @Keystone • 7pm

## MONDAY/JANUARY 30

**Medina @N. Ridgeville • TBA**

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 1

**Columbia @Firelands • 7pm**

## FRIDAY/FEB. 3

Cleveland Heights @Lorain • 7pm

## SATURDAY/FEB. 4

**Avon Lake @Amherst • 1:30pm**

Brunswick @Avon • 6pm

## TUESDAY/FEB. 7

Midview @N. Ridgeville • 7pm

## FRIDAY/FEB. 10

TBA

## SATURDAY/FEB. 11

**Elyria @Keystone • 1:30pm**

Avon @Lorain • 7:30pm

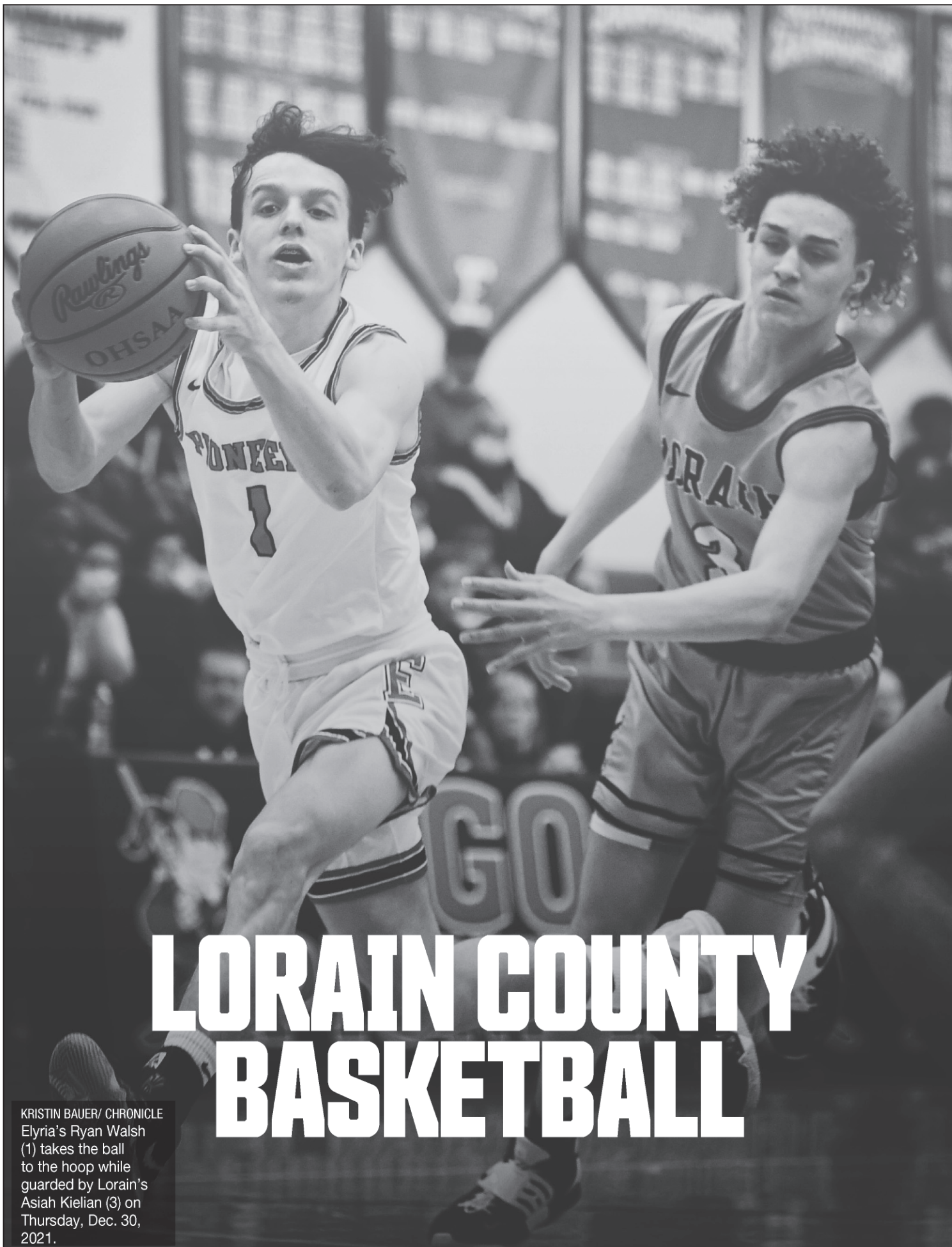
## TUESDAY/FEB. 14

Amherst @Vermilion • 7pm

## FRIDAY/FEB. 17

TBA





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Elyria's Ryan Walsh  
(1) takes the ball  
to the hoop while  
guarded by Lorain's  
Asiah Kielian (3) on  
Thursday, Dec. 30,  
2021.

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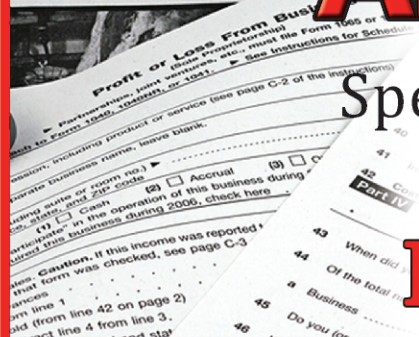
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# AMHERST COMETS

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record 18-6 (11-3 in SWC):** Amherst had two years of success, capping off last season at the Division I district semifinals. However, the Comets will need to rely on new talent after nine seniors graduated from the program. The team will look to seniors Cam Gendics (guard), who committed to Ohio Northern to play baseball, Trent Branchen (forward) and Chase Roach (guard) for leadership. Coach Pat Bray (eighth season) wants weekly improvements this season, saying the Comets' strengths are "to be determined."

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 6-15 (3-11 in SWC):** Coach John Rositano (second season) has high hopes for the Comets as they return with the majority of their roster, led by a talented junior class. Guard play is crucial in the Southwestern Conference (SWC), where there is stiff competition. Juniors Kristen Kelley (guard), who averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds per game, and Kayla Ferancy (guard) are up for the challenge. Juniors Natalie Pleban (guard), who specializes in three-point shots and defense, and Bradyn Silvasy (guard) are key players on the Comets' offense and defense.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/23 .. Oberlin (DiFranco)  
11/29 .. Clearview  
12/2 .... @North Ridgeville  
12/9 .... @Midview  
12/13 .. @Lorain  
12/16 .. @Berea-Midpark  
12/20 .. Avon Lake

1/3 ..... Open Door,  
1/6 ..... @Olmsted Falls  
1/10 .... Elyria  
1/13 .... @Avon  
1/17 .... Firelands  
1/20 .... North Ridgeville  
1/24 .... Midview  
1/27 .... Berea-Midpark

1/28 .... @Keystone  
1/31 .... Elyria Catholic  
2/3 ..... @Avon Lake  
2/7 ..... Olmsted Falls  
2/10 .... @Elyria  
2/14 .... @Vermilion  
2/17 .... Avon

## GIRLS 2022-2023

1/19 .... Shaw (@Cle. Hts.)  
11/21 .. Twinsburg  
11/30 .. Elyria  
12/3 .... @Avon  
12/5 .... Vermilion  
12/8 .... @North Ridgeville  
12/14 .. Midview

12/17 .. Berea-Midpark  
12/21 .. Avon Lake  
12/23 .. @Bay  
1/4 ..... Brunswick  
1/7 ..... Olmsted Falls  
1/11 .... @Elyria  
1/14 .... Avon  
1/16 .... @Firelands  
1/21 .... North Ridgeville

1/25 .... @Midview  
1/28 .... @Berea-Midpark  
2/1 ..... Copley  
2/4 ..... @Avon Lake  
2/8 ..... @Olmsted Falls



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

Avon's Anna Fitch (1) dives after the ball and collides with Midview's Maggie Barnes (3) on Wednesday, Jan. 12.



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

Amherst's Torre Weatherspoon (22) drives the ball to the hoop with Austin Bray (10) on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021 against Oberlin.

# AVON EAGLES

**Boys 2021-2022 Record 4-18 (1-13 in SWC):** Avon struggled through last season, but coach Mike Fitch (third season) is hopeful this season will be better with players returning having varsity experience. Seniors Matt Fischer (guard) will provide floor spacing for the Eagles while Tyson Ziegler (guard) is on offense. The team will need contributions from seniors Amin Abdul (forward), Luke Schafer (guard), Evan Garcia and Moose Frombach for their chances at success.

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 6-15 (3-11 in SWC):** Coach Maggie Ferrando (first season) is beginning with the Avon girls' basketball program, previously coaching at Walsh Jesuit. Ferrando knows senior leadership is huge for the Eagles and she isn't putting a ceiling on her expectations. Senior Brooke Laub (forward) will lead the charge after receiving a Northeast Lakes All-District honorable mention. To keep up with Southwestern Conference (SWC) guard play, senior Era Bengu (guard) will lead on offense and defense. Ferrando said the potential is there for this Eagles team to be great.

## BOYS 2022-2023

12/6 .... Brookside  
12/9 .... Elyria  
12/13 .. @Avon Lake  
12/16 .. North Ridgeville  
12/20 .. @Olmsted Falls  
12/27 .. Norton  
12/29 .. Cleveland JFK

1/3 ..... Cleveland Central Catholic  
1/6 ..... Berea-Midpark  
1/10 .... @Midview  
1/13 .... Amherst  
1/17 .... @Highland  
1/20 .... Avon Lake  
1/24 .... @Elyria

1/27 .... @North Ridgeville  
1/31 .... @Rocky River  
2/3 ..... Olmsted Falls  
2/4 ..... Brunswick  
2/7 ..... @Berea-Midpark  
2/10 .... Midview  
2/11 .... @Lorain  
2/17 .... @Amherst

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/19 .. @Brunswick  
11/22 .. Cleveland Central Catholic  
11/30 .... @Midview  
12/3 .... Amherst  
12/7 .... Avon Lake  
12/21 .. Olmsted Falls

12/23 .. Beaumont  
1/4 ..... @Hathaway Brown  
1/11 .... Midview  
1/18 .... Lorain  
1/23 .... Westlake  
1/25 .... Elyria  
1/28 .... North Ridgeville

2/1 ..... @Brecksville Broadview Heights  
2/4 ..... @Olmsted Falls  
2/6 ..... Strongsville  
2/8 ..... Berea-Midpark  
2/11 .... Strongsville



# AVON LAKE SHOREMEN

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record 8-14 (6-8 in SWC):** Avon Lake is off to a good start with senior leading-scorer Matthew Stuewe (forward) coming off the football field to the basketball court. Stuewe is the program's lead assist, scorer and rebounder, averaging five rebounds and 15 points every game. Senior Collin Stewart (guard) runs Avon Lake's offense, scoring and setting his teammates up with easy baskets, while senior Isaac Richardson (forward) is on the hunt for rebounds. Coach Eric Smith (18th season) said he has three other talented seniors on defense; Pierden Pepe (guard), Keegan Rudduck (guard) and Danny Kerwin (guard).

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record, 6-16 (3-11 in SWC):** Coach Paul Appel (first season) is leading the Avon Lake girls' basketball program after previously assisting with Westlake's programs. He wants to make Avon Lake competitive in the Southwestern Conference (SWC), taking over where longtime coach Dave Zvara left off. In order to do so, the team will need to focus on weekly improvements from key players. Senior Brynn Bodnar (forward) averages eight points every game and junior Marissa Summerfield (guard) is another scoring threat for Avon Lake.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/29 .. Lorain  
12/9 .... @Berea-Midpark  
12/13 .. Avon  
12/16 .. Midview  
12/20 .. @Amherst  
12/27 .. @Rocky River  
Tournament

12/28 .. @Rocky River  
Tournament  
1/6 ..... @Elyria  
1/10 .... Olmsted Falls  
1/13 .... @North Ridgeville  
1/14 .... Bay  
1/16 .... @Brecksville-  
Broadview Heights  
(@Rocket Mortgage  
Fieldhouse)

1/20 .... @Avon  
1/24 .... Berea-Midpark  
1/27 .... @Midview  
1/31 .... @Buckeye  
2/3 ..... Amherst  
2/7 ..... Elyria  
2/10 .... @Olmsted Falls  
2/17 .... North Ridgeville

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/19 .. Lorain  
11/23 .. @Brunswick  
11/30 .. Olmsted Falls  
12/5 .... North Ridgeville  
12/7 .... @Avon  
12/12 .. @Bellevue  
12/14 .. Berea-Midpark

12/17 .. @Midview  
12/21 .. Amherst  
12/27 .. @Florida  
Holiday Tournament  
12/28 .. @Florida  
Holiday Tournament  
12/29 .. @Florida  
Holiday Tournament  
1/7 ..... Elyria  
1/11 .... @Olmsted Falls  
1/14 .... North Ridgeville  
1/21 .... Avon  
1/23 .... @Rocky River  
1/25 .... @Berea-Mdprk  
1/28 .... Midview  
2/4 ..... Amherst  
2/8 ..... @Elyria



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

Brookside's Zion Young (11) takes a shot while guarded by Vermilion's Andrew Hendershot (4) on Tuesday, Jan. 25.



THOMAS FETCENKO/ CHRONICLE

Amherst's George Gotsis (2) takes control of the ball from Avon Lake's Matthew Stuewe (21) on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021.

# BROOKSIDE CARDINALS

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record 14-9 (8-6 in LCL):** Coach Larry Babics (second season) has the Cardinals basketball program moving forwards. Despite several starting lineup combinations, Brookside managed to finish fourth in the Lorain County League (LCL) last season. Seniors Shalom Simpson (guard) and Avery Young (guard), the team's lead scorer averaging 15 points each game, are key players. Another senior to watch on the Cardinals' starting lineup is Marcus Frazier (guard), who transferred from Open Door.

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 5-22 (4-10 in LCL):** Coach Richard Flowers (second season) wants the Cardinals to be competitive in the Lorain County League (LCL) after winning only five games last season. The team is young with only four players returning. Senior Haley Trowbridge (guard) started every game last season and will likely make an impact again. Juniors Alexis Powell (guard), Zuriyah Radeff-Koonce (forward) Brianna DeLeon are key starting players for the Cardinals.

## BOYS 2022-2023

12/2 .... Firelands  
12/6 .... @Avon  
12/9 .... @Keystone  
12/16 .. Clearview  
12/20 .. @Columbia  
12/27 .. @Cloveleaf  
12/30 .. Revere

11/18 .. Brookside Tip-Off  
Classic.TBA  
11/19 .. Brookside Tip-Off  
Classic.TBA  
11/28 .. Fairview  
11/30 .. Firelands  
12/3 .... @Keystone  
12/7 .... Clearview  
12/12 .. @Parma

1/3 ..... Oberlin  
1/6 ..... @Wellington  
1/10 .... Black River  
1/13 .... @Firelands  
1/17 .... @Vermilion  
1/20 .... Keystone  
1/24 .... @Medina  
1/27 .... @Clearview

12/14 .. @Columbia  
12/19 .. @Elyria  
12/21 .. Oberlin  
12/27 .. Joe Tait Classic (@  
Cloveleaf).6  
1/4 ..... @Wellington  
1/7 ..... Black River  
1/9 ..... North Olmsted  
1/11 .... @Firelands

1/31 .... @Westlake  
2/3 ..... Columbia  
2/7 ..... @Oberlin  
2/10 .... Wellington  
2/14 .... Open Door  
2/17 .... @Black River

1/18 .... Keystone  
1/21 .... @Clearview  
1/23 .... @Brooklyn  
1/25 .... Columbia  
2/1 ..... @Oberlin  
2/4 ..... Wellington  
2/8 ..... @Black River



# CLEARVIEW CLIPPERS

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record 3-19 (1-13 in LCL):** Clearview had a single win last season, leaving the Clippers hungry. The team is young and inexperienced, but Coach Jason Christensen (third season) says they are athletic and can put points on the board. Juniors Keith Colvin (guard) and Ayden Cruz (guard) averaged double-digit scoring last season, while sophomore Zavior Castillo (guard) averaged eight points per contest. Junior Jai Walton is another addition to Clearview's program, transferring from Lorain. Christensen is hopeful this strong junior class will get the program headed in a better direction.

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 7-16 (4-10 in LCL):** While Clearview's team is young, they want to find a way to contend in the Lorain County League (LCL). Coach Nicholas Dimacchia (15th season) wants to see this team make weekly improvements on defense while becoming more efficient on offense. Senior Nylasia Todd (forward), junior Jayla Graham (forward), sophomore Haley Hjerpe (guard), sophomore Lexi Rodriguez (guard) and sophomore Reina Ramos are key players for the Clippers.



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

Clearview's Nylasia Todd (11) takes the ball around Fairview's Allison Karliak (5) on Monday, Nov. 29, 2021.



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

Columbia's Cody Davis (3) takes a shot while guarded by Midview's Michael Hazzard (1) as Columbia's Owen Menge (2) plays defense on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/29 .. @Amherst  
12/6 .... @Open Door  
12/9 .... @Firelands  
12/13 .. Vermilion  
12/16 .. @Brookside  
12/20 .. @Black River  
12/22 .. Cloverleaf 6:30

12/30 .. Columbia  
1/3 ..... Keystone  
1/6 ..... @Oberlin  
1/10 .... Wellington  
1/13 .... @Columbia  
1/17 .... Lake Ridge  
1/20 .... Firelands  
1/24 .... @North Olmsted

1/27 .... Brookside  
1/31 .... Cuyahoga Heights  
2/3 ..... Black River  
2/4 ..... @Brooklyn  
2/7 ..... @Keystone  
2/10 .... Oberlin  
2/17 .... @Wellington

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/28 .. Lutheran West  
11/30 .. Columbia  
12/3 .... @Firelands  
12/7 .... @Brookside  
12/12 .. Open Door  
12/14 .. @Black River  
12/19 .. Garfield Heights

12/21 .. Keystone  
1/4 ..... @Oberlin  
1/7 ..... Wellington  
1/9 ..... @Vermilion  
1/11 .... @Columbia  
1/18 .... Firelands  
1/21 .... Brookside  
1/23 .... @Fairview

1/25 .... Black River  
1/30 .... @Garrett Morgan  
2/1 ..... @Keystone  
2/4 ..... Oberlin  
2/6 ..... @Brooklyn  
2/8 ..... @Wellington

# COLUMBIA RAIDERS

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record 17-7 (10-2 in LCL):** The Columbia Raiders are tasked with defending their 2021-2022 Lorain County League (LCL) title. They will need to do so with a team of several new starters. Seniors Vincent Berardi (forward) and Nathan Borling (guard), who is a top-scorer, earned second-team All-Lorain County selections last season. Senior Frank Washburn (forward) stepped onto the varsity court for the first time in February and was critical in keeping the Raiders' success going. These seniors will need to bring this same energy to provide leadership to newcomers. Coach Josh Scharf (second season) wants the athleticism of this team to keep them competitive.

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 16-8 (11-3 in the LCL):** Coach Corey Taylor is looking for more after the Raiders finished second in the Lorain County League (LCL). Eleven of 15 varsity players return after last season's district semi-finals run to a more competitive conference, where Taylor hopes they will be competing for the title once again. Seniors Emily Beck (guard) and Mallory Hottell (forward) along with Junior Elise Champagne (forward), who averages 13 points each game, are utility players that will pace Columbia in scoring and rebounding. Due to divisional realignment, Columbia moved from Division IV to Division III.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/26 .. @Open Door  
11/29 .. Parma  
12/2 .... @Clearview  
12/6 .... Northwestern  
12/9 .... Black River  
12/16 .. Wellington  
12/20 .. Brookside

12/27 .. North Olmsted  
1/3 ..... Firelands  
1/6 ..... @Keystone  
1/10 .... Oberlin  
1/13 .... Clearview  
1/17 .... Midview  
1/20 .... @Black River  
1/24 .... Bay

1/27 .... @Wellington  
1/31 .... Orrville  
2/7 ..... @Brookside  
2/7 ..... @Firelands  
2/10 .... Keystone  
2/14 .... @Brooklyn  
2/17 .... @Oberlin

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/18 .. @Normandy  
11/21 .. North Olmsted  
11/30 .. @Clearview  
12/3 .... Black River  
12/7 .... @Wellington  
12/10 .. @Beachwood  
12/14 .. Brookside

12/17 .. Northwestern  
12/19 .. @Valley Forge  
12/21 .. Firelands  
12/28 .. Elyria  
1/4 ..... @Keystone  
1/7 ..... @Oberlin  
1/9 ..... @Brunswick  
1/11 .... Clearview

1/18 .... @Black River  
1/21 .... Wellington  
1/25 .... @Brookside  
2/1 ..... @Firelands  
2/4 ..... Keystone  
2/8 ..... Oberlin  
2/11 .... Loudonville

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# ELYRIA PIONEERS

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record 13-10 (7-7 in SWC):** If you were to give Elyria senior Ryan Walsh (point guard) an inch, he would take the Pioneers a mile. Walsh is a top-scorer, averaging more than 20 points per game. He and his backcourt partner junior Mateo Medina (guard) will pace the Pioneers offensively with sophomore Jayden Crutcher (guard). Coach Brett Larrick (15th season) said excellent guard play is crucial for the Pioneers.

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 2-17 (0-14 in SWC):** Last season the Pioneers went winless in the Southwestern Conference (SWC), so it will take some work to get the program headed in a better direction. Seniors Hannah Miller (guard) and Reginae Swanson (forward) will be doing most of the scoring for Elyria while providing leadership to newcomers. Juniors Kloie Troutman (forward) and Hayli Hendrix (guard) are needed to move the Pioneers forwards. Coach Tony Brown (seventh season) wants this Pioneers team to be competitive and play hard on a nightly basis.



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

Elyria's Ryan Walsh (1) takes a shot but is fouled by Berea-Midpark's Jayson Levis (1) on Friday, Jan. 21.



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

Elyria Catholic's Carter McCray (5) passes the ball around Westlake's Anna Williams (4) and Katie Whitesell (5) on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/23 .. Sandusky  
@DiFranco Classic  
Midview HS  
12/2 .... @Bay  
12/9 .... @Avon  
12/13 .. @Berea-Mdprk  
12/16 .. Olmsted Falls  
12/20 .. North Ridgeville  
12/23 .. @Revere  
12/29 .. @Lorain  
1/6 ..... Avon Lake  
1/7 ..... Oberlin  
1/10 .... @Amherst  
1/13 .... Midview  
1/14 .... Rocky River  
1/20 .... Berea-Midpark  
1/21 .... @Elyria Catholic

1/24 .... Avon  
1/27 .... @Olmsted Falls  
1/31 .... Lakewood  
2/3 ..... @N. Ridgeville  
2/7 ..... @Avon Lake  
2/10 .... Amherst  
2/17 .... @Midview

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/18 .. Bay  
11/22 .. Normandy  
11/30 .. @Amherst  
12/3 .... Midview  
12/7 .... @Berea-Mdprk  
12/14 .. Avon  
12/17 .. @Olmsted Falls  
12/19 .. Brookside  
12/21 .. North Ridgeville  
12/28 .. @Columbia  
1/7 ..... @Avon Lake  
1/9 ..... Brooklyn  
1/11 .... Amherst  
1/14 .... @Midview  
1/21 .... Berea-Midpark

1/23 .... @Valley Forge  
1/25 .... @Avon  
1/28 .... Olmsted Falls  
2/1 ..... @Euclid  
2/4 ..... @N. Ridgeville  
2/8 ..... Avon Lake  
2/11 .... @Keystone

# ELYRIA CATHOLIC PANTHERS

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record 15-10 (6-4 in GLC):** Coach Jeff Huber (first season) begins with the Elyria Catholic boys' basketball program joined by nine senior players. He wants the team to build off the successes of last season, where the Panthers finished third in the Great Lakes Conference West Division (GLC). With the size, experience and athleticism of seniors Thomas Niederst (guard), Colin Kenneally (forward) and Tony Grasso (guard), the team is already looking towards the postseason.

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 20-5 (13-1 in GLC):** Panthers teams coached by Eric Rothgery (15th season) always seem to find success. Last season, Elyria Catholic earned a trip to the Division III district title game, which is something the team wants to repeat. Rothgery's team plays fast, creates turnover opportunities and scores in bunches. Senior Carter McCray (forward) is committed to playing basketball at Northern Kentucky University in 2024 after earning an All-Ohio special mention last season. McCray continues to be a force for the Panthers, providing leadership for the team. Junior Isabelle Niederst (guard) continues to lead the Panthers on the backcourt and an All-Ohio honorable mention last season.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/29 .. Bay  
12/16 .. @North Olmsted  
12/20 .. Cleveland  
Central Catholic  
12/23 .. Wellington  
12/28 .. Berea-Midpark  
12/29 .. Hawken  
1/3/23 .. @Westlake  
1/4 ..... Parma @Rocket  
Mortgage  
Fieldhouse)  
1/6 ..... Rocky River  
1/10 .... @Fairview  
1/13 .... @Bay  
1/17 .... Westlake  
Holiday Tournament  
1/20 .... North Olmsted  
1/21 .... Elyria

1/27 .... @Rocky River  
1/31 .... @Amherst  
2/3 ..... Fairview  
2/4 ..... Trinity  
2/7 ..... GLC Tournament  
2/10/ ... GLC Tournament  
2/14 .... GLC Tournament  
2/17 .... GLC Tournament

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/19 .. Revere  
11/23 .. Midview  
(DiFranco Classic)  
12/3 .... Rocky River  
12/10 .. @Fairview  
12/14 .. @Bay  
12/17 .. North Olmsted  
12/21 .. NDCL  
12/28 .. Cleveland  
Central Catholic  
1/4 ..... Westlake  
1/7 ..... @Rocky River  
1/9 ..... @Perkins  
1/11 .... Fairview  
1/14 .... @N. Olmsted  
1/18 .... @Westlake  
1/21 .... @Bishop Hartley

1/23 .... Bay  
1/25 .... GLC Tournament  
1/28 .... GLC Tournament  
2/1 ..... GLC Tournament  
2/4 ..... GLC Tournament  
2/6 ..... @Medina  
2/8 ..... St. Joseph  
Academy



# FIRELANDS FALCONS

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record (7-16) (4-10 in LCL):** The Falcons return with a single senior on the starting roster, Abel Coultrip (forward). New talent will need to quickly develop in order for Firelands to be successful. Juniors Chris Radman (guard) and Nate Draga (guard), an All-Lorain County honorable mention, are leaders on the team. Coach Colin Myers (first season), who took over the boys' basketball program when Alan Januzzi left for Open Door, believes effort and hustle are the Falcons' strengths.

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 18-7 (12-2 in LCL):** The Falcons want to compete for a Lorain County League (LCL) title after ending last season as co-champions with Keystone. Coach Onyx Lopez (first season) wants to continue the winning-culture found in the Firelands girls' basketball program and can do so with this talented group. Seniors Lauren Valerius (guard) and Bella Simmons (guard), who is one of the best guards in Lorain County, earned Northeast Lakes All-District honorable mentions last season and are key players for the Falcons again.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/26 .. Vermilion  
12/2 .... @Brookside  
12/9 .... Clearview  
12/16 .. @Oberlin  
12/20 .. Wellington  
12/28 .. @Westlake

12/30 .. Valley Forge  
1/3 ..... @Columbia  
1/6 ..... @Black River  
1/10 .... Keystone  
1/13 .... Brookside  
1/20 .... @Clearview  
1/27 .... Oberlin  
1/28 .... @Edison

1/31 .... @Midview  
2/3 ..... @Wellington  
2/4 ..... @Norwayne  
2/7 ..... Columbia  
2/10 .... Black River  
2/17 .... @Keystone

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/22 .. @Mapleton  
11/26 .. Vermilion  
11/30 .. @Brookside  
12/3 .... Clearview  
12/7 .... @Oberlin  
12/14 .. Wellington

12/17 .. @Lorain  
12/19 .. @Edison  
12/21 .. @Columbia  
1/4 ..... @Black River  
1/7 ..... Keystone  
1/11 .... Brookside  
1/16 .... Amherst  
1/18 .... @Clearview

1/21 .... Oberlin  
1/25 .... @Wellington  
2/1 ..... Columbia  
2/4 ..... Black River  
2/8 ..... @Keystone



ANGELO ANGEL/ CHRONICLE

Keystone's Brooklyn Barber (15) and Delaney Peters (2) block a shot from Firelands' Larren Rounds (35) on Thursday, Feb. 10.



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

Firelands' Abbey Schmitz (3) eyes up a shot while guarded by Amherst's Kayla Ferancy (12) on Monday, Jan. 17.



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

Keystone's Delaney Peters (2) takes a shot while guarded by Columbia's Emily Beck (2) on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

# KEYSTONE WILDCATS

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record (13-11) (11-3 in LCL):** Keystone ended last season finishing third in the Lorain County League (LCL), but coach Jeff Holzhauer (10th season) wants the Wildcats back on top. This task is easier said than done, as many key players have graduated. The Wildcats need to look at seniors Grant Hartley (guard) and Alex Nagle for their leadership to the program's newcomers. Senior Konner Rodick (guard) is a force for the Wildcats, putting at least 13 points on the board per contest. Holzhauer said this Wildcats team is quick, athletic and should be competitive.

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 17-5 (12-2 in LCL):** Keystone ended last season as Lorain County League (LCL) co-champions with Firelands. Five starters are back for the Wildcats which gives coach Rocky Houston (fourth season) high expectations for what they can accomplish. Senior Delaney Peters (guard) and junior Helayna Houston (guard) are critical to Keystone's offense, earning first-team All-Lorain County selections. Junior Jessica Forthofer (forward), a second-team All-Lorain County selection, holds the school's single-season record for rebounds. Sophomore Vivian Cassell (forward) is assisting Forthofer at rebounding for the five starters. Sophomore Brooklyn Baber is building on her success after joining the Wildcats' program last season, quickly excelling to earn a second-team All-Lorain County selection.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/23 .. Midview @DiFranco Classic (Midview HS)  
11/26 .. Norwalk  
12/2 .... @Wellington  
12/3 .... @Western Reserve  
12/9 .... Brookside  
12/10 .. @Huron

12/16 .. Black River  
12/27 .. Oberlin  
1/3 ..... @Clearview  
1/6 ..... Columbia  
1/10 .... @Firelands  
1/13 .... Wellington  
1/14 .... @Edison  
1/17 .... @North Ridgeville

1/20 .... @Brookside  
1/24 .... @Buckeye  
1/27 .... @Black River  
1/28 .... Amherst  
2/3 ..... @Oberlin  
2/7 ..... Clearview  
2/10 .... @Columbia  
2/17 .... Firelands

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/18 .. Western Reserve  
11/22 .. @Edison  
11/30 .. @Wellington  
12/3 .... Brookside  
12/7 .... Black River  
12/10 .. @Northwestern  
12/12 .. Buckeye

12/14 .. Oberlin  
12/21 .. @Clearview  
12/28 .. North Olmsted  
1/4 ..... Columbia  
1/7 ..... @Firelands  
1/11 .... Wellington  
1/14 .... Lake Ridge  
1/18 .... @Brookside

1/21 .... @Black River  
1/23 .... @Lutheran West  
1/25 .... @Oberlin  
1/28 .... @Mapleton  
2/1 ..... Clearview  
2/4 ..... @Columbia  
2/8 ..... Firelands  
2/11 .... Elyria



# LORAIN TITANS

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record 9-13 (6-7 in LEL):** Coach Matt Kielian (second season) wants the Titans to make a run at a Lake Erie League (LEL) title. There are two seniors on the starting lineup, Christian Ruiz (forward) and Dennis Pettis (guard) tasked with providing their leadership to younger players. Junior Jaiden Guerra-Howard is an exciting addition to the Titans' program, averaging 20 points per game at Open Door. Junior Asiah Kielian (forward) had a terrific sophomore season that he wants to build off of.

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 15-6 (10-3 in LEL):** Coach Mark Feldmann is hopeful leadership from Lorain's five returning seniors can propel the Titans to another successful season. The Titans finished second in the Lake Erie League (LEL) last season behind Warrensville Heights, which is a powerhouse for basketball. Senior Ja'Neja Nelson-Riley (forward) is a talented volleyball player, bringing speed and athleticism to the roster. Seniors Dalayjah Nixon (guard) and Dalasha Pruchinsky (guard) excel at track events and manage to put points on the board for the Titans. Speed and athleticism need to be factors for this Lorain team because none of the players stand above 5-foot-8, but this team is up for the challenge, wanting a postseason run.



## LEFT

KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE  
Lorain's Asiah Kielian (3) takes a shot while guarded by Elyria's Steven Furcron (00) on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021.

## RIGHT

KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE  
Midview's Mary Meng (4) rebounds the ball before Firelands' Abbey Schmitz (30) on Monday, Jan. 3.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/29 .. @Avon Lake  
12/2 .... @Bedford  
12/6 .... @Cleveland Central Catholic  
12/9 .... Shaw  
12/13 .. Amherst  
12/16 .. Maple Heights

12/19 .. Westlake Holiday Tournament  
12/20 .. Westlake Holiday Tournament  
12/29 .. Elyria  
1/3 ..... @Cleveland Heights  
1/6 ..... Garfield Heights  
1/13 .... @Shaker Heights  
1/17 .... @North Royalton

1/20 .... Warrensville Heights  
1/24 .... Bedford  
1/27 .... @Shaw  
1/31 .... @Maple Heights  
2/3 ..... Cleveland Heights  
2/10 ... @Garfield Heights  
2/11 .... Avon  
2/14 .... Shaker Heights  
2/17 .... @Warrensville Heights

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/19 .. @Avon Lake  
11/23 .. North Olmsted  
11/28 .. Sandusky  
11/30 .. Bedford  
12/3 .... @Shaw  
12/10 .. @Maple Heights  
12/14 .. Cleveland Heights

12/17 .. Firelands  
12/19 .. @Euclid  
12/27 .. @Midview  
1/4 ..... @Garfield Heights  
1/7 ..... @Shaker Heights  
1/11 .... Warrensville Hts  
1/14 .... @Bedford  
1/16 .... Valley Forge

1/18 .... @Avon  
1/21 .... Shaw  
1/25 .... Maple Heights  
1/28 .... @Cleveland Heights  
2/1 ..... Garfield Heights  
2/4 ..... Shaker Heights  
2/8 ..... @Warrensville Heights

# MIDVIEW MIDDIES

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record 17-8 (7-7 in SWC):** The Middies are returning to the court without several key players. Aden Gregory, who earned the Lorain County Mr. Basketball title and All-Ohio pick, is playing basketball at Ashland University. Senior Mitchell Gooch is sidelined after sustaining an injury during football season. Coach Jim Brabenec (eighth season) is relying on other talented players to keep Midview's program competitive. Senior Marc Reed (forward) is a clutch player in football, quickly stepping into new positions, and brings this same talent to basketball to score at critical moments. Senior Ryan Runser (guard) orchestrates the Middies' offense, averaging 14 points and four assists per game, while senior Herman Plas (forward) has a big role on both sides of the floor.

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 18-6 (11-3 in SWC):** Coach Brittney McNamara-Cole (second season) has a good season to look forward to with the amount of talent returning to Midview's program. She suspects her players will be competing for a regional title this season in the Southwestern Conference (SWC). Senior Grace Seymour (guard), senior Erica Baldoza (guard) and junior Olivia DiFranco (guard), who is coming off a stellar sophomore season, are players to watch. Senior Mary Meng (center), a force on the Middies' roster, stands at 6-foot-4, averaging a whopping 16 points scored per contest with 16 blocks. She is coming off a second-team Division I All-Ohio selection and has committed to play at Bowling Green State University next season.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/23 .. Keystone (DiFranco Classic)  
11/29 .. @Oberlin  
12/3 .... @Sandusky  
12/9 .... Amherst  
12/13 .. @Olmsted Falls  
12/16 .. @Avon Lake

12/20 .. Berea-Midpark  
12/23 .. Orange  
12/28 .. Valley Forge  
12/29 .. @Tallmadge  
1/6 ..... North Ridgeville  
1/10 .... Avon  
1/13 .... @Elyria  
1/17 .... @Columbia

1/20 .... Olmsted Falls  
1/24 .... @Amherst  
1/27 .... Avon Lake  
1/31 .... Firelands  
2/3 ..... @Berea-Midpark  
2/7 ..... @North Ridgeville  
2/10 .... @Avon  
2/17 .... Elyria

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/23 .. Elyria Catholic (DiFranco Classic)  
11/30 .. Avon  
12/3 .... @Elyria  
12/7 .... Olmsted Falls  
12/10 .. @Lansing Catholic (MI)  
12/14 .. @Amherst

12/17 .. Avon Lake  
12/21 .. Berea-Midpark  
12/27 .. Lorain  
12/30 .. Vermilion  
1/7 ..... North Ridgeville  
1/11 .... @Avon  
1/14 .... Elyria  
1/16 .... @Highland

1/21 .... @Olmsted Falls  
1/25 .... Amherst  
1/28 .... @Avon Lake  
2/1 ..... Wadsworth  
2/4 ..... @Berea-Midpark  
2/6 ..... @Brunswick  
2/8 ..... @North Ridgeville

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# NORTH RIDGEVILLE RANGERS

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record 12-12 (6-8 in SWC):** Coach Ben Chase (second season) is returning to a program he believes is the best North Ridgeville has seen since the 2009 conference championship team. Needless to say, Chase has high expectations for what the Rangers can do. The starting lineup is tall and athletic, with five players standing above six feet. Junior Griffin Turray (guard) and junior Collin Jones (guard) are key offensive players. They are tasked with assisting senior Jake Boynar (forward), who averages 15 points per game.

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 17-6 (10-4 in SWC):** North Ridgeville has several players returning after last winter's postseason run. Junior Grace Kingery (forward), a second team All-Ohio selection, is one of the most talented scorers in the state. She averaged more than 18 points every game last season while improving her shooting percentages both inside and outside the three-point line. Coach Amy Esser (16th season) hopes to lead the Rangers' program to new heights with this talented group. Esser knows how to get the best out of her team, and seniors Brooke Lime (guard), Kat Crevda (forward) and Payton Palcisko (guard) know what it takes to win every night.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/29 .. @Padua  
12/2 .... @Amherst  
12/9 .... Olmsted Falls  
12/13 .. Normandy  
12/16 .. @Avon  
12/20 .. @Elyria

1/6 ..... @Midview  
1/10 .... @Berea-Midpark  
1/13 .... Avon Lake  
1/17 .... Keystone  
1/20 .... Amherst  
1/24 .... @Olmsted Falls  
1/27 .... Avon  
2/3 ..... Elyria

2/7 ..... Midview  
2/10 .... Berea-Midpark  
2/14 .... Nardon  
2/17 .... @Avon Lake

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/26 .. @Nardon  
11/30 .. @Berea-Midpark  
12/3 .... Avon Lake  
12/7 .... Amherst  
12/14 .. @Olmsted Falls

12/17 .. Avon  
12/21 .. @Elyria  
12/29 .. TBA  
1/7 ..... @Midview  
1/11 .... Berea-Midpark  
1/14 .... @Avon Lake

1/21 .... @Amherst  
1/25 .... Olmsted Falls  
1/28 .... @Avon  
2/4 ..... Elyria  
2/8 ..... Midview



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

Oberlin's Ty Locklear (24) takes a shot while guarded by Midview's Ryan Runser (2) on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021.



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

North Ridgeville's team celebrates a shot made against Midview on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

# OBERLIN PHOENIX

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record 15-9, (12-2 in LCL):** Coach Phil Payne (first season) is taking over for National Teacher of the Year Kurt Russell, who stepped away from Oberlin's basketball program to travel the nation for speaking engagements on leadership and education. Payne is a veteran with the Phoenix program with 25 years spent as an assistant coach. He wants the team to rely on great defense while creating offensive mismatches down low. This can be done with senior All-Ohio honorable mention Isaac Thompson (forward), who anchors both ends of the floor, sophomore Josiah Bowen-Pride (guard), who is coming off an incredible freshman season; and senior Kevyn Steen (guard).

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 2-18 (0-14 in LCL):** Oberlin has one returning senior, Pippa Brandt (guard). Brandt is an experienced athlete leading backcourt players sophomores Clara McCown (guard) and Candice Locklear (guard). Coach Brian Joyner (second season) wants to see progress and results from this Phoenix team after the offseason work the players put in. Junior Desiree Randleman (forward) wants to improve upon last season after working hard in the offseason. Freshman Janiah Bowen-Pride, who Joyner described as an excellent player, joined the team and is a player to watch.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/23 .. Amherst  
(DiFranco Classic)  
11/29 .. Midview  
12/6 .... @Black River  
12/9 .... Wellington  
12/16 .. Firelands  
12/19 .. @Westlake

12/20 .. @Lorain/Nardon  
12/27 .. @Keystone  
1/3 ..... @Brookside  
1/6 ..... Clearview  
1/7 ..... @Elyria  
1/10 .... @Columbia  
1/13 .... Black River  
1/14 .... @Open Door

1/20 .... @Wellington  
1/24 .... Lake Ridge  
1/27 .... @Firelands  
1/31 .... Sandusky  
2/3 ..... Keystone  
2/7 ..... Brookside  
2/10 .... @Clearview  
2/17 .... Columbia

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/28 .. @Garfield Heights  
11/30 .. @Black River  
12/3 .... Wellington  
12/5 .... First Baptist  
12/7 .... @Firelands  
12/10 .. John Marshall  
12/14 .. @Keystone

12/21 .. @Brookside  
1/4 ..... Clearview  
1/7 ..... Columbia  
1/11 .... Black River  
1/14 .... @Open Door  
1/18 .... @Wellington  
1/21 .... @Firelands  
1/23 .... St. Martin

1/25 .... Keystone  
1/30 .... Christian  
Community  
School  
2/1 ..... Brookside  
2/4 ..... @Clearview  
2/6 ..... Maple Heights  
2/8 ..... @Columbia  
2/11 .... @Fairview



# VERMILION SAILORS

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record 4-19 (2-12 in SBC):** The Vermilion Sailors want an improved 2022-2023 season after finishing seventh in the Sandusky Bay Conference (SBC). Seniors Andrew Hendershot (guard), who led the team in scoring at 9 points per game, and Wyatt German (guard) are the Sailors' two returning starters tasked with providing leadership to newcomers. Seniors Cam Logue (guard), Jaden Borlaug and Cory Larkins are new to Vermilion's starting lineup. Although Vermilion's roster is inexperienced, coach Kurt Habermehl believes the Sailors can succeed with their perimeter shooting.

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record 15-9 (6-6 in SBC):** It is a new era for Vermilion after the Sailors' all-time leading scorer and Division II second-team All-Ohio performer Marianna Plas graduated. Despite some inexperience on the Sailors' roster, coach Doug Mihalic (first season) is confident younger players will step-up and surprise some teams. Senior Kaitlin Colahan (forward) and junior Cam Lowder (guard) are orchestrating Vermilion's offense, while sophomore Claire Bartlome (forward), a utility player, is doing a bit of everything on the court. Junior Abi Rhoades (forward) excels at rebounding, which is important for the Sailors this season.



THOMAS FETCENKO/ CHRONICLE

Columbia's Rachel Washburn (10) takes the ball out while guarded by Wellington's Savannah Gundert (5) on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021.



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

Vermilion's Ethan Hendrickson (2) attempts a shot that is blocked by Elyria's Omar Palos (4) and Isaiah Johnson (12) on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/26 ..@Firelands  
11/29 ..St. Paul  
12/1 ....@Black River  
12/6 ....Oak Harbor  
12/9 ....@Sandusky  
12/13 ..@Clearview  
12/15 ..@Clyde

12/17 ..Bellevue  
12/23 ..Norwalk  
12/28 ..Tiffin  
12/30 ..Port Clinton  
1/5 .....Perkins  
1/7 .....@Edison  
1/13 ....Sandusky  
1/17 ....Brookside

1/20 ....Clyde  
1/26 ....@Bellevue  
1/28 ....Huron  
2/3 .....Norwalk  
2/10 ....@Tiffin  
2/14 ....Amherst  
2/17 ....@Perkins

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/18 ..Huron/St. Paul  
11/26 ..@Firelands  
11/28 ..Port Clinton  
11/30 ..Edison  
12/3 ....Sandusky  
12/5 ....@Amherst  
12/7 ....@Bay

12/10 ..Clyde  
12/16 ..Bellevue  
12/20 ..@Norwalk  
12/27 ..Tiffin  
12/30 ..@Midview  
1/3 .....Perkins  
1/9 .....Clearview  
1/12 ....@Hopewell-Loudon  
1/14 ....@Sandusky

1/19 ....@Clyde  
1/21 ....@Bellevue  
1/27 ....Norwalk  
2/4 .....@Tiffin  
2/9 .....@Perkins

# WELLINGTON DUKES

**BOYS 2021-2022 Record 12-14 (6-8 in LCL):** The Wellington boys' basketball program began last season losing the first three Lorain County League (LCL) games, but quickly rebounded to put together a season that ended with a postseason run. The Dukes' season ended with a Division III sectional final loss to Waynedale and Jayden Roberts earning a Division III All-Ohio honorable mention pick. Coach Anthony Schmook (first season) is new to the program, taking over for Dan Gundert.

**GIRLS 2021-2022 Record (12-10 in LCL):** The formula for success for the Wellington girls' basketball program is simple, according to coach Nathan Morris (eighth season): Compete, learn, have fun and grow as a team. This formula has helped Wellington stay a formidable opponent in the Lorain County League (LCL), which is a task the Dukes are up for again. Senior Morgan Lehmkuhl (forward) is back on the court with her sophomore sister Brooke (forward). Juniors Taylor Morris (guard), Savannah Gundert and Hope Dudziak are players to watch on the Dukes' roster.

## BOYS 2022-2023

11/26 ..@New London  
11/29 ..Hillsdale  
12/2 ....Keystone  
12/9 ....@Oberlin  
12/13 ..Northwestern  
12/16 ..@Columbia  
12/20 ..@Firelands

12/23 ..@Elyria Catholic  
1/3 .....Black River  
1/6 .....Brookside  
1/10 ....@Clearview  
1/13 ....@Keystone  
1/17 ....@First Baptist  
1/20 ....Oberlin  
1/24 ....Norwayne

1/27 ....Columbia  
2/3 .....Firelands  
2/7 .....@Black River  
2/10 ....@Brookside  
2/11 ....@Western Reserve  
2/14 ....@Chippewa  
2/17 ....Clearview

## GIRLS 2022-2023

11/19 ..TBD  
11/28 ..@Western Reserve  
11/30 ..Keystone  
12/3 ....@Oberlin  
12/7 ....Columbia  
12/14 ..@Firelands

12/19 ..@Monroeville  
12/21 ..Black River  
12/28 ..Brooklyn  
(@Hoosier Gym.  
Indiana)  
1/4 .....Brookside  
1/7 .....@Clearview  
1/9 .....@New London

1/11 ....@Keystone  
1/19 ....Oberlin  
1/21 ....@Columbia  
1/25 ....Firelands  
1/30 ....Mapleton  
2/1 .....@Black River  
2/4 .....@Brookside  
2/8 .....Clearview



# OTHER SCHEDULES OF NOTE

## Buckeye Bucks

### ● BOYS 2022-2023

12/9 @Parma  
12/16 Valley Forge  
12/17 @Waynedale  
12/20 Highland  
12/23 @North Royalton  
12/28 @Brunswick  
12/29 TBD (@Brunswick Holiday Hoops)  
1/3 Normandy  
1/6 Holy Name  
1/10 @Lakewood  
1/13 Parma  
1/17 @Normandy  
1/20 Valley Forge  
1/24 Keystone  
1/27 @Holy Name  
1/29 @West Holmes  
1/31 Avon Lake  
2/3 Lakewood  
2/7 GLC Tournament  
2/10 GLC Tournament  
2/14 GLC Tournament  
2/17 GLC Tournament

### ● GIRLS 2022-2023

11/18 Springfield  
11/21 @Cloverleaf  
11/28 Loudonville  
11/30 @Padua Franciscan  
12/3 Holy Name  
12/7 @Rocky River  
12/10 @Lakewood  
12/12 @Keystone  
12/14 Parma  
12/17 @Valley Forge  
12/21 @Buchtel  
12/28 Euclid  
1/4 @Normandy  
1/7 @Holy Name

1/11 Lakewood  
1/14 Valley Forge  
1/18 Normandy  
1/21 @Parma  
1/25 GLC Tournament  
1/28 GLC Tournament  
2/1 GLC Tournament  
2/4 GLC Tournament

## First Baptist

### ● BOYS 2022-2023

11/22 T2 Honors  
12/1 @Kingsway Christian  
12/2 Mentor Christian  
12/8 @Horizon Science-CLE  
12/13 @Lawrence School  
12/15 Harvest Temple Christian Academy  
12/19 Christian Community School

1/5 @Mentor Christian  
1/6 Hearts for Jesus Christ  
1/9 @Horizon Science-Lorain  
1/12 Lake Ridge  
1/13 @St. Martin de Porres  
1/20 @Agape Christian  
1/24 @Temple Christian-Mansfield  
1/27 @Medina Christian Academy  
1/30 @Wooster Christian  
1/31 @Christian Community School  
2/14 Agape Christian

### ● GIRLS 2022-2023

11/22 T2 Honors Academy  
12/1 @Kingsway Christian  
12/2 Mentor Christian  
12/5 @Oberlin  
12/8 @Horizon Science-CLE

12/13 @Lawrence School  
12/15 Harvest Temple Christian Academy  
12/19 Christian Community School  
1/5 @Mentor Christian  
1/6 Hearts for Jesus Christ  
1/9 @Open Door  
1/12 St. Martin de Porres  
1/20 @Agape Christian  
1/24 @Temple Christian-Mansfield  
1/27 @Medina Christian Academy  
1/30 @Wooster Christian  
1/31 @Christian Community School  
2/14 Agape Christian

## Lake Ridge

### ● BOYS 2022-2023

11/26 @John F. Kennedy  
11/30 @Orange  
12/6 @St. Martin de Porres  
12/9 Andrews Osborne  
12/29 @Cuyahoga Heights Tournament  
12/30 @Cuyahoga Heights Tournament  
1/5 Brooklyn  
1/10 Lawrence School  
1/12 @First Baptist  
1/14 @Horizon Science-CLE  
1/17 @Clearview  
1/21 Temple Christian  
1/24 @Oberlin  
1/27 Open Door  
1/29 Medina Christian (@Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse)  
1/31 Normandy  
2/2 @Grand River Academy

2/8 @Independence  
● GIRLS 2022-2023  
12/5 @Lawrence  
12/7 Our Lady of the Elms  
12/10 Medina Christian  
12/16 @Open Door  
1/5 @Horizon Science (Cleveland)  
1/9 @Horizon Science (Lorain)  
1/11 Lawrence  
1/17 Andrews Osborne  
1/20 Open Door  
1/23 @Medina Christian  
1/25 @Our Lady of the Elms  
1/28 Oberlin  
1/30 Horizon Science (Lorain)  
2/1 @St. Martin de Porres  
2/3 @First Baptist

## Medina Bees

### ● BOYS 2022-2023

11/27 St. Edward (@Baldwin Wallace)  
12/2 Mentor  
12/6 @Norwayne  
12/9 Strongsville  
12/16 @Brunswick  
12/17 @The Linsly School  
12/20 Maple Heights  
12/23 John Adams  
12/27 @Chicago Austin  
12/28 @Wells Community Academy  
1/3 Walsh Jesuit  
1/6 Solon  
1/13 @Euclid  
1/15 @Gahanna Lincoln  
1/20 @Solon  
1/24 Brookside  
1/27 Brunswick

1/29 Fairview (@Brush HS)  
2/3 @Strongsville  
2/10 @Mentor  
2/14 @Massillon Jackson  
2/17 Euclid

### ● GIRLS 2022-2023

11/19 @Lakewood  
11/26 @Wadsworth  
11/30 @Euclid  
12/3 Mentor  
12/5 @Westlake  
12/10 Strongsville  
12/14 @Brunswick  
12/17 Reynoldsburg (@Ohio Dominican)  
12/19 @Highland  
12/27 Shelby (@Cedar Point Sports Center)  
12/30 Stow  
1/7 Solon  
1/14 Gahanna Lincoln  
1/18 Euclid  
1/21 @Solon  
1/25 Western Reserve  
1/27 Brunswick  
1/30 @North Ridgeville  
2/1 @Mentor  
2/3 @Strongsville  
2/6 Elyria Catholic

## Open Door

### ● BOYS 2022-2023

11/29 Normandy  
12/3 @Cornerstone Christian  
12/6 Clearview  
12/8 Andrews Osborne  
12/13 @Lake Center Christian  
12/16 St. Martin De Porres  
12/20 @Northwestern

12/29 Jingle Bell Jam (@Cedar Point Sports Center)  
12/30 Jingle Bell Jam (@Cedar Point Sports Center)  
1/3 @Amherst  
1/7 @Central Christian  
1/10 @Mapleton  
1/14 Oberlin  
1/19 @Chippewa  
1/21 John F. Kennedy  
1/24 Lincoln West  
1/27 @Lake Ridge  
2/3 North  
2/11 @Emmanuel Christian  
2/14 @Brookside  
2/17 Trinity

### ● GIRLS 2022-2023

12/5 @Fuchs Mizrachi  
12/10 @Columbia  
12/12 @Clearview  
12/15 @Cornerstone Christian  
12/16 Lake Ridge  
12/28 Firelands  
12/29 @Medina Christian  
1/7 Trinity  
1/9 First Baptist  
1/14 Oberlin  
1/17 @Lawrence  
1/20 @Lake Ridge  
1/21 @Central Christian  
1/26 Christian Community School  
1/28 @Lake Center Christian  
2/4 Harding



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## Great expectations

As the Cleveland Cavaliers entered this season, expectations were high. The club was coming off a 44-win season in 2021-2022, which doubled the previous years' win total of 22.

The Cavs had advanced to the NBA play-in tournament, and while eliminated from the postseason after tough losses to Brooklyn and Atlanta, the blueprint had been established for success moving forward.

Jarrett Allen and Darius Garland were selected for the NBA All-Star game for the first time.

Evan Mobley was sterling in his first season, finishing as runner-up to Toronto's Scotty Barnes in the Rookie of the Year voting.

An award many said Mobley deserved to win.

Kevin Love was superb and flourished in his role coming off the bench.

The Cavs were an exciting, fun-to-watch team, led by a terrific coach in J.B. Bickerstaff, and the pieces were being assembled for a bright future at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse.

## The time is now

That future suddenly became "now" shortly before Labor Day.

The Cavs stunned the league and accelerated their push for contention by acquiring Donovan Mitchell from the Utah Jazz in a blockbuster trade.

In a bold move by Koby Altman, president of basketball operations, the Cavs traded three players (Colin Sexton, Lauri Markanen and Ochai Obaji) as well as three first-round draft picks for the three-time All Star, and one of the game's elite players.

The acquisition of Mitchell transformed the lineup and fast-tracked the Cavs into an Eastern Conference contender. Suddenly, everyone throughout the NBA was talking about the Cavs, not in the future, but in present tense.

# WILL THIS BE THE YEAR?

## A LOOK AT THE CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

BY TIM ALCORN

## No disappointments

As the WEOL Winter Forecast goes to print, the Cavs have not disappointed.

Despite losing Garland for several games following an eye laceration suffered in an opening night loss to Toronto, the team ripped off an eight-game winning streak, including two overtime victories over the defending Eastern Conference champion Boston Celtics.

Mitchell has been as good (if not better) than advertised, racking up an average of over 30 points per game early in the season.

Allen has been outstanding after last season's absence caused by a finger injury down the stretch, which played a major role in the Cavs ending up in the play-in tournament rather than an opening round playoff series.

Mobley struggled early, after missing most of pre-season due to a sprained ankle, but appears back to his rookie year level of play. Mobley's potential is truly unlimited.

Garland has been dazzling upon his return, and once again Love's play off the bench has been tremendous.

Adding to the mix, there is Caris Levert, who has been solid in all aspects in the early part of the season. Levert was acquired from Indiana in February of last season, but never got into a flow with the Cavs after the trade.

Hampered by a foot injury and then being challenged to blend in with new teammates, his game struggled. But with an entire training camp and pre-season to get acclimated (and fully healthy), Levert has been steady in the early season.

A 41-point outburst in the Cav's first victory over Boston showed off Levert's offensive firepower, where he managed a career-high average of six assists per game and relentless effort on the defensive end of the floor.

Levert has shown everyone that the Caris Levert the Cavs thought they were acquiring from the Pacers has arrived.

## How good

## can this team be?

The answer to the question is, "very, very good."

The Cavs have all the ingredients to put together an outstanding season in the win-loss column, with the only caveat being the ability (and luck) to stay injury-free.

Last year's win total of 44 would have been higher if not for the losses of Ricky Rubio, Levert and Allen for a significant number of games, and in Rubio's case, a season-ending knee injury suffered last December.

The starting five boasts three All-Star caliber players in Garland, Mitchell and Allen, a potential fourth All-Star in Mobley and then Levert. The bench is deep with Love, Dean Wade, Cedi Osman and Isaac Okoro providing quality minutes in their roles.

Aside from acquiring Mitchell, another shrewd move the Cavs made this offseason was bringing Rubio back, after he was sent to Indiana in the Levert trade.

Rubio's presence and on-court play last season was invaluable and the Cavs thrived when Rubio was on the floor. When Rubio returns, once he's fully recovered from his knee surgery, he will add even more depth and a veteran presence for Bickerstaff to turn to.



## How far can they advance when the postseason rolls around?

So, with a lethal offensive backcourt that can pile up 50-60 points per game; sparkling play-making ability from Garland; quality “biggs” in Allen and Mobley, that provide not only an offensive punch but a tenacious duo defensively with rebounding and shot-blocking abilities; a tremendous bench; and with an emphasis on the defensive side of the ball from Bickerstaff, the Cavs have the makings of a 50-plus win season.

They should battle for one of the top four spots in the Eastern Conference. But, to repeat the earlier disclaimer, barring any major injuries.

## How far can they go when the playoffs arrive in April?

The Cavs undoubtedly have the talent for a deep run in the Eastern Conference. What some of the key figures lack (mainly Garland, Mobley and Allen) is the experience of competing in the pressure cooker of post-season basketball.

In a typical playoff scenario, with two minutes to play in a two-point game, the weight of the moment is immense and until a player experiences it, there is uncertainty as to how they will respond.

That will be the case with the Cavs.

That said, one of the overlooked aspects of the Mitchell trade is the playoff experience he brings to the team. It's not just his star-level ability, Mitchell excelled in his postseason appearances with the Jazz, where every average (scoring, assists and rebounds) went up in the playoffs.

He rose to the moment in Western Conference post-season play.

Mitchell's understanding of “taking it to the next level,” along with the playoff history of Love and Rubio, will be relied on while the younger core learns the lessons, intensity and challenges of playing beyond the regular season.

A top-four finish in the Eastern Conference would be a significant accomplishment for this team. It's also realistic.

If that occurs, the Cavs will avoid the play-in tournament, and secure home court advantage for a first-round best-of-seven playoff series.

After that, nothing will be easy against the likes of Boston, Milwaukee, Chicago, Miami, Atlanta, Philadelphia and Brooklyn, all are teams with that critical basketball playoff experience.

Anything the Cavs accomplish in the playoffs will have to be earned.

Altman and Cavs' General Manager Mike Gansey transformed the team into an Eastern Conference contender through astute drafting, skillful deal-making and the patience to allow the team to develop under Bickerstaff.

With the Mitchell trade, the pieces have been assembled and now the expectations are heightened.

It's time for this team to take the next step.

## Let 'em know — and let's play some Cavaliers basketball!

If you're a Cavs' fan, 2022-2023 has the makings of what will surely be an exciting season to unfold in northeast Ohio.

Night after night and game after game, I cannot wait to say “Let's Play Some Cavaliers Basketball!” on AM 930 and FM 100.3 WEOL.



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The Chronicle Telegram's sports reporter, Shaun Bennett accepts a plaque, inducting him into the hall of fame during the LCWCOA Wrestling All-Star event on Wednesday, March 16.

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ELYRIA — There is a lot for Lorain County wrestling fans to be excited about in the 2022-2023 season.

Lorain County will see several new faces coaching, and many more on the mats. There will also be several talented wrestlers returning, vying for their place at the state tournament.

This is the inaugural season for the first girls' wrestling team in Lorain County and the county's first girls' wrestling team coach, Hannah Ferry.

While coach Dan Juliani had female wrestlers on his teams in years prior, this will be the first season with a designated girls' team — a major milestone for the sport statewide. This came on the heels of the Ohio High School Athletic Association adding girls' wrestling as a sanctioned sport, along with boys' volleyball.

# LORAIN COUNTY WRESTLING

THOMAS FETCENKO/ CHRONICLE  
Elyria's Riley Banyas won her consolation match against Bridget Hilliard's Minerva Lions at the girls' state wrestling tournament on Sunday, Feb. 20 at Hilliard Davidson High School.



# WRESTLING PREVIEW

**Staff Reporting**  
The Chronicle-Telegram  
and WEOL

## Keystone looks for more

Keystone coach Chris Von-druska is back for his eighth year at the helm of the Wildcats' program.

The team is returning junior Tristin Greene, who finished fourth at last season's state tournament. Greene has his sights on the 2023 state tournament, where he hopes to earn a state title. This would be a first for the Wildcats' program.

There are no days off for Greene though as he spent the summer bringing home a 2022 USA 16U Greco-Roman Wrestling National Championship title at 152 pounds.

Diego Moralez, Devon Mayer and incoming freshman Sage O'Brien, a national qualifier, will make noise for Keystone. Their season will open with the Cobos Classic, North Coast Classic and Kenston Holiday Tournament.



THOMAS FETCENKO/ CHRONICLE

Keystone's Tristin Greene wrestles Firelands' Kevin Williams in the 132 pound class at the Lorain County League Conference Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 12.

## Alumnus Armando Torres to lead the Pioneers

Elyria needed a remarkable coach to continue the 25-year legacy built by Erik Burnett after he stepped down last season. It couldn't be just anyone.

Elyria alumnus Armando Torres, who was a two-time Fargo freestyle All-American, an Ironman placer, and a top Pioneer wrestler coached by Burnett, is now that coach.

Torres wrestled at Eastern Michigan and continued at Cleveland State after Eastern Michigan eliminated its wrestling program. He then coached at Garfield Heights last season, often-times bringing



Armando Torres



THOMAS FETCENKO/ CHRONICLE

Elyria's Peyton Fenton wrestles Findlay's Will Jolliff at the Division I District Tournament in Perrysburg on Saturday, March 5.



ANGELO ANGEL/ CHRONICLE

Elyria's Malikye Robinson defeats Midview's Kaden Poelking to help Elyria wrap up the league title on Thursday, Feb. 10.



ANGELO ANGEL/ CHRONICLE

Elyria Coach Erik Burnett stepped down as head coach following the 2022-2023 season.

his students to Elyria for workouts and club practices.

Torres will lead Elyria's powerhouse program this season as Burnett steps into an assistant coaching role, remaining involved with the youth programs.

"He checks all the boxes," Burnett said to The Chroni-

cle-Telegram. "He's got a great disposition, a great demeanor, he's cerebral and he understands kids. He knows what it's all about. I watched his interaction with the kids and he's just really, really good. I just think it's a great fit and he's going to do a very good job. We couldn't be more pleased."

The Pioneers are returning several wrestlers including sophomore Kaiyon McKinney (seventh at states for 113 pounds), Erich Trinski (a qualifier for states) and Connor Holm (a two-time state qualifier and Ohio Freestyle member).

Newcomer Connor Vandal, a two-time junior high state qualifier, will join the Pioneers' roster this season as the team looks to take on top competition nationally competing at the Ironman wrestling tournament, Brecksville Holiday Tournament and Maumee Bay Classic Invitational.



## A seasoned Shoremen team and a major milestone

Coach Scott Sedlick returns for his fourth year at Avon Lake to a well-seasoned team alongside his father and National Wrestling Hall of Fame member coach John Sedlick.

John has hit a major milestone after five decades spent coaching high school wrestling.

A bevy of returning lettermen return for Avon Lake after propelling the Shoremen to second place in the Southwestern Conference (SWC) last season.

State qualifiers Mike Valerino, Nathan Perry and Clay Broadhurst are back on the mats, joined by district qualifiers Jack Valerino, Joe Marconi, Jack Marconi and Jack Shepard.

Will Schnabel, who suffered a season-ending injury one year ago, and newcomer Nate Grieger also join Avon Lake's talented roster.

The Shoremen will compete at the Cobos Insurance Classic, Medina Invitational Tournament and Maumee Bay Classic Invitational.

## Raiders return a talented lineup

Coach Dan Juliani is back for his fourth season at Columbia where he has built a strong program with wrestlers returning to the state tournament year after year.

Cole Schulke, a two-time state placer, and Hayden Garrow, who missed last season due to an injury, are the nucleus of the Raiders' team. Tony Governale, a two-time Lorain County League champion, Garrett Szuch, a three-time district qualifier, and Michael Chapman also return.

Incoming freshmen Michael Frye and Andrew Sorensen are joining the Raiders' talented lineup this season.

Columbia will compete at the Medina Invitational Tournament in December.

## New faces at North Ridgeville

North Ridgeville alumnus and coach Joel Melvin is back for his fourth season with the Rangers.

The Rangers have to rebound after the loss of a talented senior class, but Ian Rottari and Eddie Powers return to the mats tasked with being leaders for younger wrestlers.

Incoming freshman Ashton Cassetto joins the team with experience as a junior high state qualifier.

The Rangers will test themselves early on at the Lorain Titan Classic and Al Pinter Memorial Tournament.

## Clearview wants a competitive season

Jason Steadman is back after eight years with the Clippers' wrestling program. Steadman has several wrestlers returning and many freshmen ready to contribute.

Clearview returns district qualifier Isaiah Garcia along with Josiah Longo, Isaac D'Andrea, Greg O'Hern, Shawn O'Hern, Preston Kamfolt and Camron Carreras for the 2022-2023 season.

Clearview's team will travel across town to compete in the Lorain Titan Classic and

the Vermilion (Defense Soap) Duals Tournament in December, hoping to begin a competitive season with dual meets.

## Brookside's strong foundation

Brookside's Andrew Smith is back after eight seasons with the Cardinals' program having seen several talented wrestlers graduate through the years.

Returning Brookside wrestlers Shawn Moore and Justin Figueroa will provide a strong foundation for when the team travels to Eastlake North and Chardon for tournaments.

## Amherst will have an early test

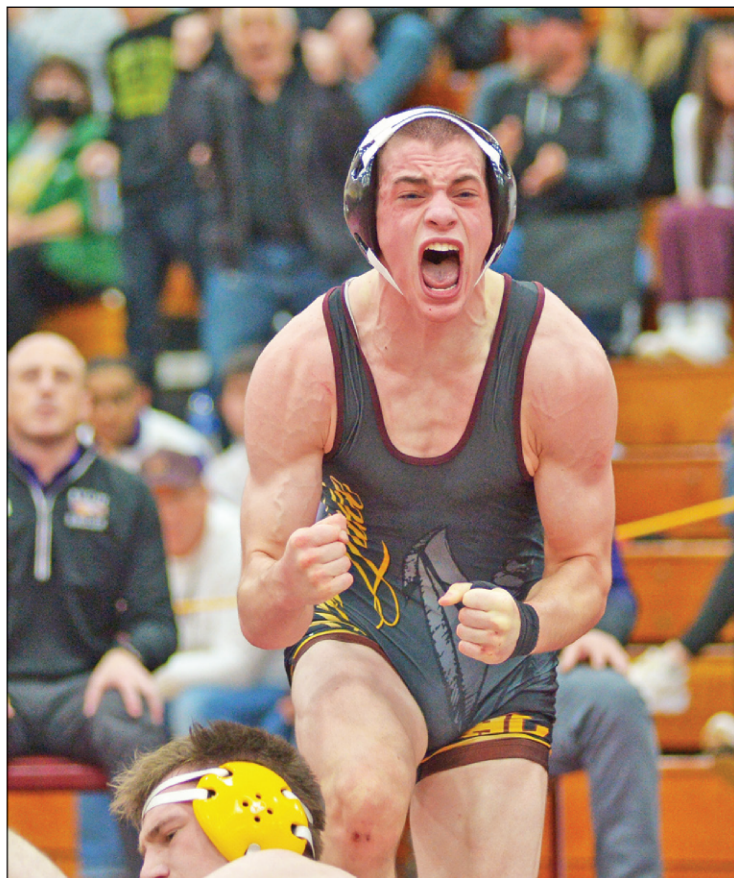
Bill Walker is easily one of the most familiar faces in Lorain County wrestling after three decades of coaching. He coaches the Amherst Comets, who return several key wrestlers.

Southwestern Conference (SWC) champions Van Anthony Trunzo and Bishop Fryson return after a successful 2021-2022 season.

Other successful wrestlers, RJ Chandler, Vinnie Bonamino, Ross Auvil and Ryan Auvil, are past district qualifiers looking to improve upon their achievements.

The Comets will test themselves at the Hudson and Perry tournaments early this season.

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THOMAS FETCENKO/ CHRONICLE

Avon Lake's Jack Marconi celebrates his win over Avon's Preston Yates in the 157 pound class at the Cobos Classic on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021.



THOMAS FETCENKO/ CHRONICLE

Columbia's Tony Governale wrestles Black River's Brandon Rollin in the 157 pound class at the Lorain County League Conference Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 12.



## WRESTLING from 23

They are looking toward Charlie Porter, Ryan Trowbridge, Logan Banyas, Caleb Crawford and Braden Carpenter for their contributions on the mat.

### New coaches in Lorain County wrestling

Lorain County wrestling fans will see new faces in coaching positions throughout the area during the 2022-2023 season.

Coach Mark Jayne is beginning his first season with the successful Avon Eagles' wrestling program. Jayne is no stranger to success, however, having won state titles at St. Edwards as a wrestler and several other accolades during an outstanding collegiate career at the University of Illinois.

Coach Paul Steele is taking over the Midview wrestling program after the team came off a 7-2 dual meet record and a third-place finish in the Southwestern Conference (SWC).

Steele will need the Middies to build upon the success of state qualifiers Austin Dye and Gage Baribeau to find success this season.

Coach Dominic McEwen is beginning his first season with the Firelands wrestling program with one of the area's top wrestlers, Ruben Pina-Lorenzana. Pina-Lorenzana will seek a state title with the Falcons after finishing third last year with a 46-9 record.

Both McEwen and Lorenzana will be challenged right out of the gate this season with the Medina Invitational Tournament, Perrysburg Invitational Tournament and Maumee Bay Classic Invitational.

For the Oberlin Phoenix, alumnus and coach Mason Bremke is returning to the program.

Elyria Catholic very recently welcomed Michael Cruz to coach the Panthers.



THOMAS FETCENKO/ CHRONICLE

Elyria's Riley Banyas wrestles Bridget Hilliard's Minerva Lions in the consolation match while competing at the girls' state wrestling tournament on Sunday, Feb. 20 at Hilliard Davidson High School.

# Girls' Wrestling grows in Lorain County

Lorain County's wrestling programs have boasted strong talent from girls throughout the area during the past several seasons as interest in the sport continues to grow.

Elyria senior Riley Banyas is returning this season after ending the 2021-2022 season as a top-ranked wrestler in the state. This is a foundation Banyas will surely build upon heading into her last season with the Pioneers.

Although Banyas did not end the season as she would have hoped, she was able to rally to finish in third place at the girls' state tournament, after three straight appearances during her high school career.

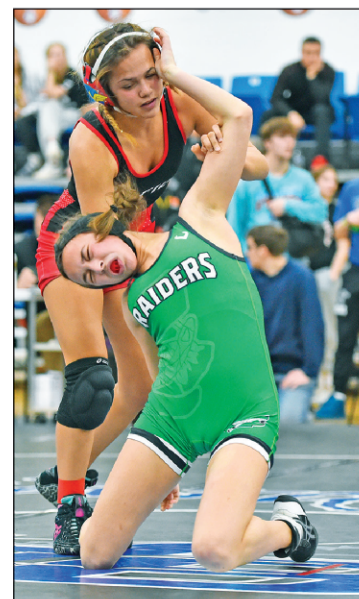
Keystone junior Emily Jirousek is coming back to build on her already successful high school career, including a win

at the state tournament her freshman year. Jirousek finished last season as a state alternate after the district tournament with another successful Wildcat wrestler, Lydia Gould.

Firelands' Emily Shupe came onto the scene after several appearances in the Ohio Athletic Committee (OAC) state tournament before joining the Falcons' high school team.

Vermilion's Lauren Ficker was the first girl from the Sailors' program to advance to the state tournament last season after transitioning from gymnastics to wrestling.

Avon Lake's Hattie Hobar and Rejan Al-Hashash advanced to the state tournament last season after having a successful run with Mili Secin, who finished as a district placer at 155 pounds.



THOMAS FETCENKO/ CHRONICLE

Columbia's Sarah Napier wrestles Fairfield's Rachel Elizondo in the girls' state wrestling tournament on Sunday, Feb. 20 at Hilliard Davidson High School.





KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

Keystone's Emily Jirousek wrestles Avon Lake's Hattie Hobar while competing in the LCWCOA Wrestling All-Star event on Wednesday, March 16.



KRISTIN BAUER/ CHRONICLE

Vermilion's Lauren Ficker warmed up during practice on Wednesday, Feb. 16 ahead traveling to Hilliard Davidson High School for her matches at the girls' state tournament.

## Columbia welcomes Hannah Ferry

The Ohio High School Athletic Association added girls wrestling as a sanctioned sport for the 2022-2023 season. Columbia High School followed suit by adding its first designated girls' team – the first in Lorain County.

Hannah Ferry will be the head coach. She told the Chronicle's Shaun Bennett in June, "I've been set up very well for this opportunity."



Hannah Ferry

Ferry continued, "I'm excited to not just coach the girls but to learn along with them. I'm a little nervous and very excited (heading into the season) but I'm most excited to see how it all grows."

Last season, Columbia was eighth in the district and 55 in the state, when competing as individuals. The Raiders' Sarah Napier, who placed sixth in the state, was one of two Lorain County girls to end up on the podium. Kirby Herrera, who finished as the 125-pound state alternate, will be an anchor for this new team with Napier. Evian Meyers also made a trip to

the state tournament at the end of the 2021-2022 season.

Ferry is looking at an exciting future with Columbia's program.

In June, she told Bennett, "We only have two (high school) girls with youth experience right now, but it's trickling down to our youth program. We have about 15-20 girls in our youth program so it's something that's going to keep getting bigger."

Newcomers Claire Ondrejko, Youstina Hanna and Cailyn Demegall join Columbia's growing team this season, ready to add to the already successful Raiders program.

## Girls getting their Schott

The 2022-2023 season will conclude with the first Ohio High School Athletic Association girls' state wrestling tournament, which will be held side-by-side with the boys' state tournament in March at the Schottenstein Center in Columbus.

This is a dream many wrestlers had hoped for in their high school careers but did not think possible.

Banyas, a two-time 101-pound state runner-up, told Bennett, "I'd like to experience that but I don't believe that they're going to have us wrestling with the boys by the time my senior year rolls around."

She continued, "But I'm really hoping that it does get to that point because I believe that we deserve as much spotlight as the boys. Our numbers have grown so much between my freshman year and now ... it's insane. So I don't know why we wouldn't get the same experience."

The first OHSA girls' state wrestling tournament will be the same as the boys' with a three-day, five-session event held March 10-12 as a double-elimination tournament. The event averages more than 50,000 fans throughout the weekend.



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Columbia's Kirby Herrera pins Harvey's Leizett Garay at the district tournament held at Lutheran West High School on Feb. 13.

**Editors' note:** Information and reporting from The Chronicle-Telegram's Shaun Bennett (Lorain County Wrestling Hall of Fame member) and WEOL's Tom Evans (National Wrestling Hall of Fame member) were used in this piece.



# WRESTLING



# SCHEDULES

## Amherst Comets

12/2 ... Cobos Classic (@Avon Lake)  
 12/3 ... Cobos Classic (@Avon Lake)  
 12/8 ... North Ridgeville  
 12/10 . Bob Bailey Invitational (@Bellevue)  
 12/15 . @Midview  
 12/16 . Hudson Holiday Tournament (@Hudson)  
 12/17 . Hudson Holiday Tournament (@Hudson)  
 1/5 ..... @Berea-Midpark  
 1/7 ..... Perry Pin City (@Perry)  
 1/9 ..... @Olmsted Falls  
 1/12 .... Avon Lake  
 1/26 ... Elyria  
 2/2 ..... @Avon  
 2/11 ... Hoover Duals (@Holland Springfield)  
 2/18 ... SWC Tournament (@Olmsted Falls)

## Avon Eagles

12/3 ... Cobos Classic (@Avon Lake)  
 12/8 ... @Avon Lake  
 12/15 . Elyria  
 12/17 . Tournament (@Willoughby South)  
 12/28 . Harding Classic (@Marion Harding)  
 1/5 ..... North Ridgeville  
 1/12 ... @Olmsted Falls  
 1/19 ... Berea-Midpark  
 1/21 ... Tournament (@Berkshire)  
 1/26 ... @Midview  
 1/28 ... Clay Duals (@Clay)  
 2/2 ..... Amherst  
 2/4 ..... Tri-Match (@Bay)  
 2/18 ... SWC Tournament (@Olmsted Falls)

## Avon Lake

12/3 ... Cobos Classic (@Avon Lake)  
 12/8 ... Avon  
 12/10 . Mike Lewis Invitational (@Buckeye)  
 12/15 . @Berea-Midpark  
 12/28 . Medina Invitational  
 12/29 . Medina Invitational  
 1/5 ..... Firelands, Keystone & Oberlin  
 1/7 ..... Columbia Invitational  
 1/12 ... @Firelands w/ Clearview & Brookside  
 1/19 ... @Wellington w/ Black River & Firelands  
 1/21 ... Berkshire Battle for the Belt  
 1/26 ... @Keystone w/ Wellington & Brookside  
 2/7 ..... Lutheran West Dual in the School  
 2/8 ..... @Chagrin Falls  
 2/11 ... LCL Championships  
 1/25 .... Highland  
 1/26 ... Olmsted Falls  
 2/2 ..... @North Ridgeville  
 2/18 ... SWC Tournament (@Olmsted Falls)

## Brookside Cardinals

12/3 ... Ron Madow Memorial Tournament (@Beachwood)  
 12/10 . Al Pinter Memorial Tournament (@Cuyahoga Heights)

12/17 . @Keystone  
 1/5 ..... @Clearview w/ Black River  
 1/7 ..... Plymouth Invitational (@Plymouth)  
 1/12 ... @Firelands w/ Columbia  
 1/14 ... JMCC Tournament (@Eastlake North)  
 1/19 ... Keystone & Oberlin  
 1/21 ... Lee Kemp Invitational (@Chardon)  
 1/26 ... @Wellington  
 1/31 ... Huron & Lorain  
 2/11 ... LCL Championships

## Clearview

12/2 ... Titan Classic (@Lorain)  
 12/3 ... Titan Classic (@Lorain)  
 12/10 . Tournament (@Cleveland Central Catholic)  
 12/16 . Defese Duals @Vermilion  
 12/17 . Defese Duals @Vermilion  
 1/5 ..... Black River, Brookside & Wellington  
 1/12 ... @Firelands w/ Brookside & Columbia  
 1/19 ... @Brookside w/ Keystone & Oberlin  
 1/21 ... Dave Rohr Memorial Invitational (@Mapleton)  
 1/26 ... @Oberlin w/ Black River & Firelands  
 2/11 ... LCL Championships

## Columbia (Boys)

12/1 ... Quad Meet @Wadsworth  
 12/3 ... Jeff Notte Invitational (@Madison)  
 12/9 ... North Coast Classic (@Independence)  
 12/10 . North Coast Classic (@Independence)  
 12/16 . Defese Duals @Vermilion  
 12/28 . Medina Invitational  
 12/29 . Medina Invitational  
 1/5 ..... Firelands, Keystone & Oberlin  
 1/7 ..... Columbia Invitational  
 1/12 ... @Firelands w/ Clearview & Brookside  
 1/19 ... @Wellington w/ Black River & Firelands  
 1/21 ... Berkshire Battle for the Belt  
 1/26 ... @Keystone w/ Wellington & Brookside  
 2/7 ..... Lutheran West Dual in the School  
 2/8 ..... @Chagrin Falls  
 2/11 ... LCL Championships

## Columbia (Girls)

12/3 ... Quad Meet @Mentor  
 12/4 ... Lady Arcs Brush Pool Tournament @Brush  
 12/10 . Quad Meet  
 12/11 . Clyde Girls Tournament @Clyde  
 12/17 . Madison Girls Tournament @Madison  
 12/27 . Lady Longhorn Tournament @Lutheran West  
 1/14 ... @Lady Vikings Tournament

1/21 ... @United Quad Tournament  
 1/28 ... Columbia Girls Tournament  
 2/7 ..... Dual in the School  
 2/11 ... Mentor Pool Tournament @Mentor

## Elyria Pioneers

12/2 ... Titan Classic (@Lorain)  
 12/3 ... Titan Classic (@Lorain)  
 12/8 ... Berea-Midpark  
 12/10 . Mike Lewis Invitational (@Buckeye)  
 12/15 . @Avon  
 12/29 . Brecksville Holiday Tournament @Brecksville  
 12/30 . Brecksville Holiday Tournament @Brecksville  
 1/5 ..... Olmsted Falls  
 1/12 ... @North Ridgeville  
 1/13 ... Maumee Bay Classic @Clay  
 1/14 ... Maumee Bay Classic @Clay  
 1/19 ... Avon Lake  
 1/26 ... @Amherst  
 2/2 ..... Midview  
 2/18 ... SWC Tournament (@Olmsted Falls)

## Elyria Catholic

12/2 ... Titan Classic (@Lorain)  
 12/3 ... Titan Classic (@Lorain)  
 1/12 ... @Buckeye  
 1/14 ... 2023 CIT  
 1/19 ... Fairview Park  
 1/26 ... @Rocky River  
 2/11 ... GLC Tournament (@Westlake)

## Firelands Falcons

11/19 . Tournament @Painesville Harvey  
 12/2 ... Titan Classic (@Lorain)  
 12/3 ... Titan Classic (@Lorain)  
 12/3 ... Edison Wrestling Invitational @Edison  
 12/17 . Tournament @Wooster  
 1/5 ..... Columbia Invitational @Columbia  
 1/6 ..... Perrysburg Invitational  
 1/12 ... Columbia, Brookside & Clearview  
 1/13 ... Maumee Bay Classic @Clay  
 1/14 ... Maumee Bay Classic @Clay  
 1/19 ... @Wellington w/ Black River & Columbia  
 1/26 ... @Oberlin w/ Black River & Clearview  
 1/28 ... Clay Duals (@Clay)  
 2/1 ..... @Vermilion  
 2/11 ... LCL Tournament

## Keystone Wildcats

11/19 . Tournament @Painesville Harvey  
 12/3 ... Cobos Classic (@Avon Lake)  
 12/9 ... North Coast Classic (@Independence)  
 12/10 . North Coast Classic (@Independence)  
 12/14 . @Brunswick  
 1/5 ..... @Columbia w/ Firelands

1/12 ... @Black River  
 1/14 ... Northwestern Husky Invite (@Northwestern)  
 1/19 ... @Brookside w/ Clearview & Oberlin  
 1/21 ... Knights Varsity Invitational (@West Holmes)  
 1/26 ... Columbia, Brookside & Wellington  
 2/11 ... LCL Tournament (@Firelands)  
 2/16 ... Strongsville

## Lorain Titans

12/2 ... Titan Classic  
 12/3 ... Titan Classic  
 12/9 ... Riverside Rumble (@Riverside)  
 12/10 . Riverside Rumble (@Riverside)  
 12/16 . Defese Duals @Vermilion (@Vermilion)  
 12/17 . Defese Duals @Vermilion (@Vermilion)  
 12/29 . @Vermilion w/ Huron  
 1/6 ..... Perrysburg Invitational (@Perrysburg)  
 1/7 ..... Perrysburg Invitational (@Perrysburg)  
 1/12 ... Cuyahoga Falls & TBD  
 1/31 ... @Brookside w/ Huron  
 2/4 ..... Shaker Heights Invitational @Shaker Heights  
 2/11 ... Lake Erie League Tournament @Maple Heights

## Midview Middies

12/2 ... Comet Classic (@Solon)  
 12/3 ... Comet Classic (@Solon)  
 12/9 ... @Olmsted Falls  
 12/15 . Amherst  
 12/16 . Defese Duals @Vermilion (@Vermilion)  
 12/17 . Defese Duals @Vermilion (@Vermilion)  
 12/22 . @Highland w/ Brunswick & Valley Forge  
 1/5 ..... @Avon Lake  
 1/7 ..... Columbia Invitational (@Columbia)  
 1/12 ... Berea-Midpark  
 1/13 ... Bill Dies Tournament (@Firestone)  
 1/14 ... Bill Dies Tournament (@Firestone)  
 1/19 ... @North Ridgeville  
 1/21 ... Knights Varsity Invitational (@West Holmes)  
 1/26 ... Avon  
 2/2 ..... @Elyria  
 2/18 ... SWC Tournament (@Olmsted Falls)

## North Ridgeville Rangers

12/2 ... Titan Classic (@Lorain)  
 12/3 ... Cobos Classic (@Avon Lake)  
 12/3 ... Titan Classic (@Lorain)  
 12/8 ... @Amherst  
 12/10 . Al Pinter Memorial Tournament (@Cuyahoga Heights)

12/15 . Olmsted Falls  
 12/17 . @RIT Boys Wrestling Tournament  
 1/5 ..... @Avon  
 1/7 ... Tournament @Springfield  
 1/12 ... Elyria  
 1/19 ... Midview  
 1/21 ... Tournament @Orange  
 1/26 ... Berea-Midpark  
 2/2 ..... Avon Lake  
 2/18 ... SWC Tournament (@Olmsted Falls)

## Oberlin Phoenix

12/2 ... Titan Classic (@Lorain)  
 12/3 ... Titan Classic (@Lorain)  
 1/5 ..... @Columbia w/ Firelands & Keystone  
 1/12 ... @Black River w/ Keystone & Wellington  
 1/19 ... @Brookside w/ Clearview & Keystone  
 1/26 ... Black River, Clearview & Firelands  
 1/28 ... Quad Meet (@Western Reserve)  
 2/3 ..... LCL Tournament (@Firelands)

## Vermilion Sailors

12/3 ... Cobos Classic (@Avon Lake)  
 12/16 . Defese Duals  
 12/17 . Defese Duals  
 12/29 . Huron & Lorain  
 1/6 ..... JC Gorman @Mansfield  
 1/7 ..... JC Gorman @Mansfield  
 1/13 ... Maumee Bay Classic @Clay  
 1/14 ... Maumee Bay Classic @Clay  
 1/18 ... @Perkins  
 1/21 ... Chuck Forward Duals @Archbold  
 1/25 ... @Norwalk w/ Holland Springfield  
 2/1 ..... Firelands  
 2/8 ..... Golden Bear Duals @Gibsonburg

## Wellington Dukes

12/3 ... Cobos Classic (@Avon Lake)  
 12/10 . Bob Bailey Invitational (@Bellevue)  
 12/16 . Division III Classic (@Waterloo)  
 12/17 . Division III Classic (@Waterloo)  
 12/28 . Medina Invitational (@Medina)  
 12/29 . Medina Invitational (@Medina)  
 1/5 ..... @Clearview w/ Black River  
 1/12 ... @Black River w/ Keystone & Oberlin  
 1/14 ... Husky Invitational (@Northwestern)  
 1/19 ... Columbia & Firelands  
 1/26 ... @Keystone w/ Brookside & TBA  
 1/28 ... @Cloverleaf  
 2/8 ..... @Avon Lake  
 2/11 ... LCL Tournament (@Firelands)



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