

GREATER FREDERICK COUNTY

Sports & Entertainment

Newsletter

Welcome

Introducing the launch of the Greater Frederick County Sports & Entertainment Newsletter.

All-Tournament Team

Top standouts of the middle school winter season recognized for their tournament performances.

State of Basketball

A look inside the state of Frederick County Basketball

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-Frederick County, CMC Coach

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WELCOME

Our focus of the Greater Frederick County Sports & Entertainment (GFSE) Newsletter is to provide the sports stories behind the big picture. By conducting interviews with influential coaches and community leaders to give insight into their motivations and winning cultures each volume will provide exciting and new content.

We also aim to go beyond the world of basketball by connecting our readers with local entertainment influencers in music & fashion which align heavily with basketball.

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Middle School Basketball



ALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS

The Middle School Winter basketball season concluded this past weekend. AA Varsity Boys Division Champion Monocacy, AA Varsity Girls Division Champion Oakdale. A Varsity Boys Division Champion Vikings, A Varsity Girls Division Champion West Frederick. Of the championship teams Monocacy Boys stole the show with an impressive third straight Varsity championship. All tournament teams are provided below.

Boys All Tournament Teams

AA Division

Connor Roddy (TJMS)
 Dominic Nichols (TJMS)
 Zion Ntemi (WMS)
 Kenyon Johnson (WMS)
 Parker Robinson (OMS)
 Ivan Quijada (CMS)
 Montana Williams (MMS)
 David Dorsey (MMS)
 Bracen Simmons (MMS) MVP

A Division

Dylan Harsh (BMS)
 Kaiden Duncan (BMS)
 Frankie Weaver (LHS)
 Brett Lucas (MMS)
 Owen Keeseey (MAMS)
 Bryce Taylor (MAMS)
 Ej Hill (Vikings)
 Darrick Newman (Vikings)
 JJ Addison (Vikings) MVP

Girls All Tournament Teams

AA Division

Jade Macedo (MSD) – Megan Hummell (NMMS) – Bella Wilson (MMS) – Kaylee Franklin (MMS) – Ella Moore (PMS) – Lamaria Estridge (WMS) – Trinity Lindblade (WMS) – Caroline Atwell (OMS) – Skai Bayless (OMS) – Alexis Rowe (OMS) (MVP)

A Division

Riley Samuda (CMS) – Angel Ciampo (WPMS) – Haylee Hartman (BMS) – MacKenzie Kidwell (BMS) – Sydney Huskey (WFMS) – Sanai Troutman (WFMS) – Aubree Murray (WFMS) – Dhynasty Sommerville (WFMS)



STATE OF BASKETBALL

Depending on who you talk to in the community you may receive vastly different opinions about the state of Frederick County Basketball.

On one side you have those who remember the recent past, Oakdale and TJ have made their name known down at states representing Frederick County well against Baltimore powerhouses.

On the other side you have those who aren't very optimistic the run of Frederick County representation at states can continue. We had the pleasure of speaking with CMC Champion Assistant Coach Tim Abercrombie, Linganore.

Q: In comparison to recent years how would you summarize this current year talent across the CMC?

A: Talent across the CMC this year was pretty evenly distributed. There wasn't one super dominant team as anyone could win/lose on any given night. The even distribution of talent led to a lot of games that came down to one or two possessions to decide who wins and there were less blowouts than I can remember in recent years. Overall, most teams in the CMC had a couple of go-to players surrounded by other role players; therefore, there wasn't one team who I would consider loaded with more talent than everyone else like we have seen in past years.

Q: With the new MPSSAA format do you believe teams in Frederick County will have a tougher road back to states in the coming years?

A: I think that the new MPSSAA format will make it a tougher road to states in certain situations, but it could also lead to an easier road to states for other teams in Frederick. The re-seeding after the sectional (new regional championship) games puts a bigger emphasis on overall regular season records. So, if a Frederick County team performs well in the regular season and comes away with only 2-3 losses, then that team will probably benefit from the new format as they will play a team with a worst record in the game to get to the state tournament.

On the other hand, the new format definitely makes it harder for the underdogs who don't have great regular season records. For example, Frederick High had to play nationally ranked Poly and Catoclin had to play Lake Clifton in their respective games to try to get to the state tournament.

