

SPORTS

UPCOMING CENTRAL & KENSTON FOREST SPORTING EVENTS

March 12	ston Forest 4:30 p.m.
Varsity baseball	Varsity boys soccer
Richmond Christian at Kenston Forest 4:30 p.m.	Pr. Edward at Central 5:30 p.m.
March 17	
Varsity coed soccer	Varsity golf
Richmond Christian at Kenston Forest 4:30 p.m.	Kenston Forest vs. Banner Chr. at Providence Golf Club 3 p.m.
March 13	
Junior varsity softball	Varsity coed soccer
Isle of Wight at Kenston Forest 4:30 p.m.	Kenston Forest at Southampton Academy 4:30 p.m.
Varsity softball	Varsity baseball
Kenston Forest at Isle of Wight 4:30 p.m.	Kenston Forest at Southampton Academy 4:30 p.m.
March 16	
Junior varsity baseball	Varsity softball
Southampton Academy at Kenston Forest 4:30 p.m.	Kenston Forest at Southampton Academy 4:30 p.m.
Junior varsity softball	Junior varsity baseball
Southampton Academy at Kenston Forest 4:30 p.m.	Central at Prince Edward 5 p.m.

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Experience leads to hope for Chargers



Photo by Titus Mohler
Central High School's Khalil Wood is expected to be a leader for the Chargers this season on defense. He is one of the team's two seniors.

By Titus Mohler
The K-V Dispatch

Central High School's varsity soccer team is more populated by underclassmen than upperclassmen this season. But the squad's youth is helping fuel significant optimism that the Chargers will be on the ascent this year.

"I don't want to say too much, but I am hopeful, just looking at the district, that we can be more competitive than we have in the past and more successful and hopefully win a few more games this year," Central Head Coach Hunter Dipaolo said.

The Chargers went 4-12-1 overall last season. Their run ended in the Region 1B Tournament quarterfinals. As the No. 5 seed, they fell 9-3 to host No. 4 Altavista High School.

Some key players to graduate last year included Sam Watson, a good, all-around player; Tyler Neal, a standout on offense; and Earl Ginn, who starred in goal.

The 2020 Central squad is comprised of two seniors, six juniors, three

sophomores and eight freshmen.

Dipaolo expects senior striker Hunter Meade to be a leader on offense, and the coach also highlighted senior Khalil Wood.

"Khalil is a leader on the defense, so they're probably going to be the two guys I'm going to rely on the most as far as leadership goes," Dipaolo said.

Central's roster may look young, but Dipaolo said there is a good bit of experience there, not so much through travel ball but rather through playing in the community, both rec league and pick-up games.

"I would say we definitely have, for the younger players, more experience than we've had in the past," he said. "That's kind of why I'm so hopeful."

The coach noted he thinks the Chargers' games against Nottoway High School could serve as an especially good test of what his team can do.

Central opens the season Monday, March 16, hosting Prince Edward County High School at 5:30 p.m.

Lady Kavs take steps of growth on the court



Photo by Titus Mohler
Kenston Forest School junior Mya Mahaney handled pressure well this season in her key role of point guard.

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Kenston Forest School's varsity girls basketball team may not have finished with a winning season, but the squad's performance represented clear progress in the right direction according to Head Coach Brittni Jones.

"We definitely improved from last year," she said. "We've still got a ways to go to get back into that basketball mentality and drive like we have in some of the other sports, but all in all, the kids played well. They had a good time."

The Lady Cavaliers finished the 2019-20 campaign with an overall record 7-22.

"If we could take some

of those games back that we lost by a couple points here and there, or we just didn't have our best showing, our record would have been a lot better, but in all, the kids did a great job," Jones said.

The season came to a close in the Virginia Colonial Conference Tournament, with Kenston Forest falling in its first game, 48-19 to host Blessed Sacrament Huguenot Catholic School.

A variety of girls distinguished themselves on the court for the Lady Kavs this season.

"Shelby Gunn got first team all-conference, and Molly Epperson got second team," Jones said. "But you had your workhorses in there, like Mya Mahaney. She led us as a point guard, and she was kind of our rock all year."

The coach highlighted freshman forward Hanna Mahaney as well.

"Hanna led the team in blocks, and she was up there in rebounds," Jones said. "She was one or two with our rebounding."

Sophomore center/forward Gracie Gunn also drew praise.

"Those girls right there definitely led us a long ways, especially Mya handling the ball," Jones said. "She took a lot of pressure off of some of our other ball handlers to get open for shots. She had a lot of assists. She handled the pressure well, never folded under the pressure."

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