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BIG BOY BOX OUT

JANUARY 14, 2022

Cooper Kauppila of the Edgewood Warriors gets a shot off in traffic in a 5th grade battle with the Riverside Beavers Black at Spire Institute.

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Honey Bucket: The Perfect Place for All the Bs

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It's almost Big Leaf Basketball League Tourney Time!

Starting next Sunday, January 23rd, Big Leaf Basketball will be starting our league tournament. The league tournament will run through Sunday, January 30th. All teams will be placed in a bracket based mainly on resume, with a dash of geography! Our brackets will be revealed this Sunday night at 9:00! Be sure to follow us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter to be the first to see where your team is headed!



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After a year's absence, this President's Day will mark the return of the Big Leaf Basketball Elementary School Showcase! That's right, on February 21st, close to 200 Big Leaf players will participate at Berkshire High School and will show off their skills in an All Star Game format that will be livestreamed. All players will receive a shirt and a program. Most importantly, this is a fundraiser for a local family in need, as well as for ALS. We will be sharing more details, including the all-important nomination process, game times and ways to donate in next week's Full Court Press! Stay tuned!

OH, YEAH! IT'S BACK!

A GREAT DAY FOR A GREAT CAUSE!



LET'S TALK

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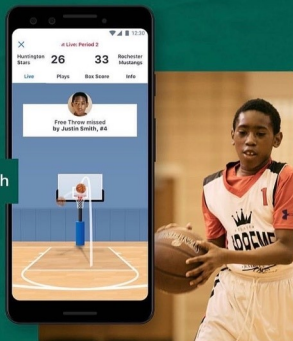
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- Different skill focus breakdown each session
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- All you can eat meals (great food!)
- 24 hour security
- Classroom sessions on nutrition and strength
- Ice cream truck last night of camp!



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▲ Tip off time for this 4th grade battle between the Streetsboro Rockets and Mayfield Wildcats Green.

▼ Battle of Cleveland, 4th grade style! East Cleveland Warriors with a hard-fought 27-26 nailbiter win over the Cleveland Heights Tigers.



▼ Aurora Lady Greenmen 6th grade rises for a jumper in a heartbreaking 33-29 loss to the Chagrin Falls Tigers.



▲ Madison Blue Streaks 4th graders walk away with a slim 20-17 win over the Kirtland Hornets and Force Sports.



▲ Battle of the mighty 3rd grade Tigers! The Chagrin Falls Tigers (JB) with a slim 25-24 win over the Warrensville Heights Tigers.



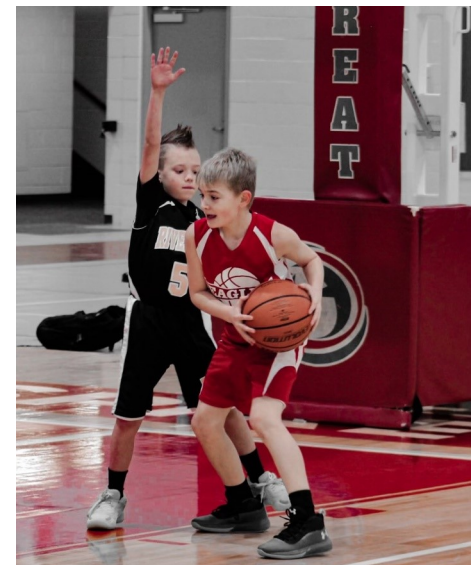
▲ Southeast 6th grade coach Nick Dillon provides some instructions to his Pirates players.

Hey ladies! There's only TWO pictures of a girls game! That's just sad! WE NEED YOUR HELP! Send us your action pics and show Big Leaf Nation that girls can ball too!



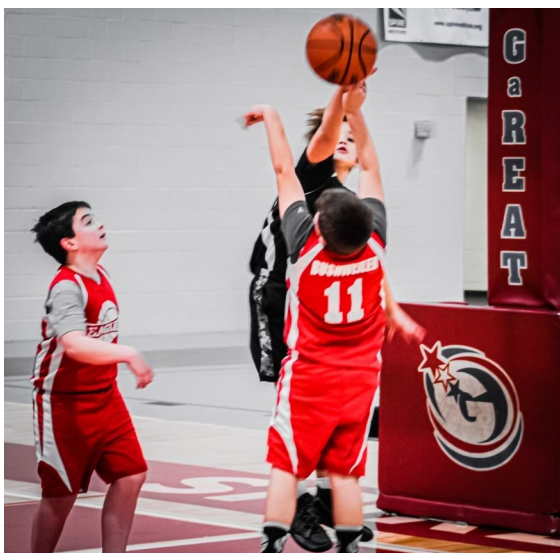
▲ Big Leaf Tie Up of the Week! An impressive jump ball between Riverside and Edgewood 4th graders.

▼ Hudson Blue's 4th grade continues their climb up the rankings by beating the Cleveland Heights Tigers, 33-26.



▲ It's gotta be the hair, right? Riverside 4th grader Kenny Stoneman looks good while playing some tough D

▼ Get that weak stuff out of here! Riverside Beavers 4th grade bring some tough defense in their win over the Geneva Eagles.



▲ Chagrin Falls Tigers 5th grade plays tight D but the Mayfield Wildcats were still able to come away with the 30-25 win.

▼ 2-4-6-8 Who do we appreciate? Our Caaaardinal youth cheerleaders, yay! Great job by Elizabeth Rowland, Addison Christan, Avery Hollesh and Jolee Kumher to bring the spirit!



▼ Who's got the best free throw pre-shot routine? Who's got the best shooting technique? Who will win the boxout for the board? Lots of free throws. Lots of questions!



▲ East Cleveland Warriors with a pretty lefty jumper on their way to a 35-23 win in 6th grade action over the West Geauga Warriors.



▲ Kirtland Hornets 4th grader Casey Lester skies for a pass in a matchup with Madison.



◀ Good games all around! In 3rd grade action, the Crestwood Red Devil topped the Maple Heights Vultures 28-21 at Garfield Heights High School.

▶ Chagrin Falls Tigers and Aurora Lady Greenmen 6th graders battle it out at The Edge.





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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

== JACKSON HESS ==



 **BIG LEAF BASKETBALL**

JACKSON HESS

AGE 9 HEIGHT 4'8"

TEAM

Berkshire Badgers (4th)

FAVORITE TEAM

Cleveland Cavaliers

FAVORITE PLAYER

Darius Garland

FAVORITE VIDEO GAME

Madden 2022

FAVORITE YOUTUBER

Hype Mike

WHEN NOT HOOPING?

Exploring outside, riding my 4-wheeler, doing flips on the trampoline

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Orlando, Florida

FAST FORWARD 10 YEARS

Playing college basketball and studying as a business major

FUN FACT?

I have 2 brothers, 1 sister and 3 dogs!
I like playing video games and one day I can't wait to skydive!

BALLER ALERT

Jackson had 7 points, 10 rebounds and 6 steals in two games on Saturday (1/8/22), helping his team go 1-1 and earning his Berkshire Badgers team their first win of the season! In practice, Jackson is extremely coachable, always focused and supportive of his teammates. He is a kind young man and a great kid!

JAY MAYLE

Aurora 5B

Jay came back from missing a couple games to lead the team with 16 pts (8-10FG) and 7 Rebounds. Jay has demonstrated great leadership in both games and practices, and continues to grow as a player every week.

R.J HOUSTON

Euclid Panthers 5B

R.J is in the 3rd grade and he is playing on our 5th grade team last weekend he hit 3..3 point shots in our game against perry. This kid is going to be a special player.

ZYEN WALKER Maple Heights Vultures 5B

This player had a phenomenal game. He was leading scorer for both games. He also had a lot of steals he was awesome on both side of the ball.

LUKE GIBBONS Madison Blue Streaks 6B

Luke had 14points and 12 rebounds to lead Madison to a come back win vs Perry. Luke had 3 2nd half three pointers and the go ahead basket with less than 4 min to play.

CHRISTOPHER BRANCEL Berkshire 5B

Christopher's role on our team continues to change as he is asked to do different things each game. So far this year he has played multiple offensive positions and is one of our top defenders and rebounders. Lately, Christopher has taken a leadership role on our offense by maintaining movement and showing good decision-making by driving to the basket or taking open jump shots when the defense allows. He has also made excellent decision passing the ball to open players. In our most recent game, Christopher scored 16 points and delivered multiple assists to lead our team to a victory.

► E. Cleveland 6th grade boys feature tough guard play from Sir James Harwell, Taevion Thompson, Latrell Gue and Keishawn Biedleman. On page 11, read more about how our TNBA Boys Team of the Week has risen up the Power Rankings consistently this season.

LURA MORRIS

Perry Pirates 3G

As a 2nd grader playing against 4th graders, she is already understanding the concept of help defense and is reversing the ball on offense. She scored a career best 6 points against Berkshire 4th grade.



Have a player you think deserves to be the GameChanger Player of Week? Or maybe you have a player that's just working hard and deserves a special shout out. Nominate a player at [bigleafsports.com/ player-of-the-week-nominations](http://bigleafsports.com/player-of-the-week-nominations)

MADELYN RANDALL

AGE 10 HEIGHT 5'6"

TEAM

Madison Blue Streaks (5th)

FAVORITE TEAM

Cleveland Cavaliers

FAVORITE PLAYER

Evan Mobley

FAVORITE VIDEO GAME

Minecraft

FAVORITE YOUTUBER

Cory X Kenshin

WHEN NOT HOOPING?

TikTok

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

Put-in-Bay

OTHER SPORTS PLAYED

Volleyball and Softball

FAST FORWARD 10 YEARS

In college studying to be a lawyer

FUN FACT?

I love ELA and Math!



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PLAYER OF THE WEEK
 —MADELYN RANDALL—

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BALLER ALERT

Maddy stepped up her game versus a tough West Geauga team with 11 points and 6 blocked shots, then added 2 points and another 5 blocks versus Cardinal (MD) this past Saturday at Cardinal Middle School. Her ability to see the floor has grown tremendously this season. She's definitely turning into an unstoppable player! Great job Maddy!

LELA BULESKI

Aurora 5G

Lela showed outstanding leadership and grit during her two games on Sunday. Lela scored 20 points, cleaned the glass for 17 rebounds, and had 6 blocks. She also had 11 steals, however she would like to keep that stat from the eyes of Santa and his helpers as we are so close to Christmas. Her statistics were not the sole measurement for her outstanding play, showing passion and determination while playing with a smile on her face.

GABBY CAMINO

Chardon 6G

Always gives 100 percent on both ends of the floor. Great passer and team leader.

SOPHIA LANE

Hudson 5G

Sophia made fantastic basketball decisions breaking out for 16 points and 5 steals at Cardinal Middle School. Her toughness and calm under pressure inspired her teammates to withstand inspired play from their opponents and win back to back games.

PIPER ROBERTSON

Kenston 5G

Piper is aggressive and fast. She never gives up and takes chances to get jump ball when she can. She works hard and stays after practice with Avery to do more. Piper is a great defender and won't let you get by her. If so she will get back!

NORAH ALI

Aurora 5G

After a slow start scoring Norah, threw down her first bucket of the season this past weekend! Norah continues to be a solid team player on both offense and defense! Congrats to Norah for her bucket on Sunday! Watch out, there's more to come!

MOLLY WHEATLEY

Chagrin Falls 6G

Molly had one of her best all-around games of the year against a tough Aurora team, scoring 21 points (including 3-4 from the free throw line), contributing several steals, and distributing the basketball (7 of our 9 players scored).

TENLEY CLARK

Madison Blue Streaks 5G

Tenley has been working hard at taking the lead in our offense and playing point guard. Our game against Geneva, she handled pressure well and also scored 10 points! Her focus and determination makes her a very valuable teammate. We are all very proud of her!

JOSIE SCHADLE

Aurora 4G

Josie Schadle had 6 pts, 6 rebs and 5 steals to lead the Lady Greenmen to victory over Cardinal. It was a team effort as Nora Phillips (10 pts, 3 rebs and 3 steals), Stella Puin (8 pts and 4 steals) and Karlee Grasso (6 pts and 4 rebs) all played important roles in the victory! Josie Schadle had 6 pts, 6 rebs and 5 steals to lead the Lady Greenmen to victory over Cardinal. It was a team effort as Nora Phillips (10 pts, 3 rebs and 3 steals), Stella Puin (8 pts and 4 steals) and Karlee Grasso (6 pts and 4 rebs) all played important roles in the victory!

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THIS WEEK'S MARQUEE MATCHUPS...

BOYS

3RD

HAWKEN HAWKS VS. PERRY PIRATES

Sunday, January 16th @ 11:00 @ Force Eastlake Court #3

4TH

#3 ROCKY RIVER PIRATES VS. #5 CHESTERLAND BASKETBALL TEAM

Saturday, January 16th @ 12:00 @ Force Eastlake Court #1

5TH

#5 KENSTON BOMBERS VS. #3 HUDSON EXPLORERS BLUE

Sunday, January 16th @ 11:00 @ Force Eastlake Court #2

6TH

#4 RIVERSIDE BEAVERS BLACK VS. #8 MAYFIELD WILDCATS

Sunday, January 16th @ 9:00 @ Spire Institute Court #2

GIRLS

4TH

AURORA LADY GREENMEN VS. CHARDON LADY TOPPERS

Saturday, January 15th @ 2:00 pm @ Cardinal Middle School Court #2

5TH

#2 KENSTON BOMBERS VS. #8 TWINSBURG TIGERS

Saturday, January 15th @ 4:00 @ Garfield Hts. High School Court #3

6TH

#9 MENTOR CARDINALS WHITE VS. #8 PERRY PIRATES

Sunday, January 16th @ 9:00 @ Spire Institute Court #5

BIG LEAF BASKETBALL POINTS IN THE PAINT

Tip off in the battle of titans! Last week's Marquee Matchup in 6th grade featured the mighty Lonnie Burton Braves versus the surging Shaker Heights Raiders. The Braves took control in the second half to win 50-38, running their record to an impressive 9-0.



FOURTH GRADE BOYS POWER RANKINGS

1. Hillcrest Stars
 2. Garfield Heights
 3. Rocky River Pirates
 4. Perry Pirates
 5. Chesterland Basketball Team
 6. Hudson Explorers Blue
 7. Chardon Hilltoppers
 8. Willoughby Rebels
 9. Streetsboro Rockets
 10. East Cleveland Warriors
- 1-6 STAYS THE SAME!

FIFTH GRADE BOYS POWER RANKINGS

1. Garfield Heights Bulldogs
 2. Bedford Bearcats
 3. Hudson Explorers Blue
 4. Solon Runners Blue
 5. Kenston Bombers
 6. Willoughby Rebels
 7. Shaker Heights Raiders
 8. Perry Pirates
 9. Mayfield Wildcats
 10. East Cleveland Warriors
- BULLDOGS STRONG! 2-10 CHANGE!

SIXTH GRADE BOYS POWER RANKINGS

1. Lonnie Burton Braves
 2. Shaker Heights Raiders
 3. T.Y.A. Trojans
 4. Riverside Beavers Black
 5. Hudson Explorers Blue
 6. East Cleveland Warriors
 7. Mentor Cardinals Red
 8. Mayfield Wildcats
 9. Mentor Cardinals White
 10. Willoughby Rebels
- LOTS AND LOTS OF MOVEMENT!

K-3

PRESIDENTS DAY

“WEEKEND” CLINIC

presented by Big Leaf Basketball



Session 1: February 19, 2022 * 9:00 AM to 11:30 am

Session 2: February 20, 2022 * 9:00 AM to 11:30 am

Cardinal Middle School, 16175 Almeda Dr, Middlefield, OH 44062

BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES K-3

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

Skill Stations || Games and contests || Clinic T-shirt

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TEAM OF THE WEEK

CHAGRIN FALLS TIGERS 6TH GRADE

FIFTH GRADE GIRLS

POWER RANKINGS

1. Madison Blue Streaks
2. Kenston Bombers
3. West Geauga Wolverines
4. Hudson Explorers
5. Willoughby Rebels
6. Chardon Lady Toppers
7. Aurora Lady Greenmen
8. Twinsburg Tigers
9. Cardinal Huskies
10. Riverside Gold

As a coach, there's nothing more rewarding than seeing all your hard work finally pay off. And Chagrin Falls Tigers 6th grade coach Jim Pruce is having a lot of those moments lately. "Travis Kruse and I have been coaching together since fourth grade," Pruce explained. "We preach fundamentals and execution. It seems like this year everything is starting to click. We've had moments in the past, but its has been consistent this year."

The Tigers have a core group of five or six girls who hve been together for all three years in Big Leaf and every year one or two girls have been added. Peyton Pruce, Gabriella Byrne and Clarke Perkins lead the rebounding duties for the team. But the floor general of this team is Molly Wheatley.



Peyton Pruce, Olivia Kruse, Clarke Perkins, Avery Dietzel, Phoebe Mignogna, Ivy Levey, Gabriella Byrne, Meredith Gerbitz, Molly Wheatley. Head coach Jim Pruce and Travis Kruse

Molly handles the ball-handling duties and probably averages 15-20 points per game."

But the difference this year is that everyone realizes how important they are for the team to succeed. "This year the girls have shared the ball," Pruce proudly said. "For example, against Kenston, Molly had 20 points but everyone else also scored."

Pruce is quick to give a lot of credit to Olivia Kruse's aunt, Trish Kruse, who is the head coach at Solon High School and has volunteered her time to provide a much-needed female role model with tremendous knowledge and experience for the girls.

"Everyone knows that this grade is run by Hudson and Mentor, but I feel like we are as close as we could be to competing with the big boys," Pruce reasoned. "Things are just soaking in and it's translating into wins." And, we know coach, that's about as good as it gets!



SIXTH GRADE GIRLS

POWER RANKINGS

1. Hudson Kiwanis
2. Mentor Cardinals Red
3. Chagrin Falls Tigers
4. Twinsburg Tigers
5. Aurora Lady Greenmen
6. Kenston Bombers
7. Mayfield Wildcats
8. Perry Pirates
9. Mentor White 5th
10. Kirtland Hornets



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3, 2, 1... SMILE!
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It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year...
With Thanksgiving and the New Year ahead, it's time to focus on the better months of the year. Big Leaf Sports will have 20 league games on the line this weekend, at 18 different locations. We will continue league games through December 27 and they will be an amazing experience, ending back on January 11.

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MUSTANG MANIA!
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What to Expect with the (Unexpected) Schedule...
A moment that includes the longest set of 4-6 game slugs. Who you see that with a schedule that includes 4-6 games of 4-6 game slugs. Who you see that with a schedule that includes 4-6 games of 4-6 game slugs. Who you see that with a schedule that includes 4-6 games of 4-6 game slugs.

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HAIRBITER TIME!
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Looking into a Crystal Ball... 2030 is Looking Special!
Every year is a special one for Big Leaf Sports. We have a lot of things you can do to help us succeed in the Northeast, have great an opportunity to enjoy the life, contribute and experience program for the season. There are a lot of things you can do to help us succeed in the Northeast, have great an opportunity to enjoy the life, contribute and experience program for the season.

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TEAM OF THE WEEK

E. CLEVELAND WARRIORS 6TH GRADE BOYS

Imagine having a team of eight players. Now imagine that three of those players had to head to a football trip in Florida and would miss the first couple weeks. OK.. So now you're down to five players. It's not ideal, but you at least have five. Now imagine one of those players fractured his arm in the first week. Brian Sullivan, coach of the 6th grade E. Cleveland Warriors doesn't have to imagine that. He lived it! But through adversity, strength is shown. And that's exactly what happened with his team.

"We've got three guys who this is their first year playing," Coach Sullivan explained. "They are raw. We started the year working on one thing at a time. Tons of skills, ball-handling shooting, getting in shape."

And looking back, it's easy to see that it was a slow start for the Warriors. They won their first game but then lost three straight. But they kept working. "We focused on having a positive mindset and we wanted to work hard and learn," Sullivan continued. "We have very different ability levels. It's been slow progress, but we are spending more time practicing now that football is over and we are moving steady."

Since then they have won five out of their last six. That's quite a turnaround. The football players returned and just two weeks ago their leading scorer, Xzavier Steele, came back from his fractured arm. "He can do everything," Sullivan beamed. "Get to the basket, shoot. And he's a really great defender."

The Warriors rebounding attack is led by big man and first year player Terrion Malone. The most improved player is Trystan Harris-Givner. "He's still a little raw, but overall from week one to now, he's becoming one of our strongest defenders. And he's only 11," Sullivan said.

The Warriors have managed to climb to the sixth spot in the Big Leaf 6th Grad Power Rankings, in a very competitive field. And to look back at where they started to where they are now makes Coach Sullivan, who has coached players in rec hoops all the way players who have played in the NBA, beam with pride. "We hadn't even worked on an offense until just recently," Sullivan said. "And it's so cool to see how these guys are starting to figure things out and put things together." And as any coach knows, you want your team playing its best heading into tournament time. And look out, Big Leaf, that's exactly what the Warriors are doing!



Sir James Harwell, Taevion Thompson, Latrell Gue, Keishawn Beidleman, Xzavier Steele, Terrion Malone, Trystan Harris-Givner and Thomas Dulik. Not pictured: Coach Brian Sullivan.



Xzavier Steel, MVP



Trystan Harris-Givner, Most Improved



Terrion Malone, Leading Rebounder



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WHAT IS LEAGUE OHIO?

A "State Championship," end of year youth basketball tournament designed to bring teams from across Ohio together for a fun and competitive weekend of basketball.

GRADES AND DIVISIONS

- League Ohio is open to any team in grades 3rd-6th, boys and girls
- D1 (top competition) level
 - D2 (lesser competition) level

THE TOURNAMENT

- 3-game guarantee
- 16 teams per bracket (4 per region)
- A League Ohio Champion receives automatic FREE AT-LARGE next season

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