

Central softball slugs its way to 12-11 road win

BY THE NEWS-ENTERPRISE

Central Hardin evened its season record to 3-3 Monday night with a slugfest win at Owensboro Apollo, 12-11.

It's the second straight win for Central Hardin going into a Thursday night home game at 6:30 p.m. against Grayson County.

MERCY 5, ELIZABETHTOWN 0. Elizabethtown suffered its first loss in four games with a 5-0 setback Monday night at Mercy Academy.

The Lady Panthers (3-1) play at 6 p.m. today at Assumption.

ATHERTON 12, NORTH HARDIN 3. The Lady Trojans fell from the unbeaten ranks Monday night with a loss on the road at Atherton.

North Hardin (4-1) had opened the season with four straight wins.

North Hardin is on the road Thursday for a 6 p.m. game against Campbellsville.

MARION COUNTY 5, LARUE COUNTY 4. The Lady Hawks were knocked out Monday night of the Class 2A Sectional 4 at Boyle County.

LaRue County (2-2) had won the Sectional the last two years.

The Lady Hawks host Adair County at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

NORTH OLDHAM 18, JOHN HARDIN 0. The Lady Bulldogs dropped their third straight game to open the season with a home loss Monday night.

John Hardin plays at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at home against Cornerstone Christian School.

BULLITT CENTRAL 15, FORT KNOX 0. The Lady Eagles are still looking for their first run scored of the season after losing on the road Monday night to fall 0-2.

Senior Hannah Steele and junior Aleshka Antunez had the lone hits for Fort Knox. Antunez had a double.

Steele also had a pair of stolen bases.

Fort Knox plays Saturday at Warren Central.

BASEBALL ELIZABETHTOWN 5, BULLITT CENTRAL 2. The Panthers won their home season opener Monday night over the Cougars.

Elizabethtown (2-2) and snapped a two-game losing streak that saw the Panthers score just two runs.

Eight batters had one hit apiece for Elizabethtown with junior Jagger Wallace and sophomore Miles Wheeler with doubles.

Junior Brayden Boley worked four innings to earn the win. Sophomore Brady Haddle pitched an inn-

ing for the save.

The Panthers play at 10 a.m. Saturday in Owensboro against Owensboro and 12:30 p.m. against Madisonville-North Hopkins.

BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY 10, NORTH HARDIN 0. The Trojans were no match Monday night on the road against the Tigers in a six-inning decision.

The Trojans were no-hit and had 11 strikeouts.

North Hardin (2-2) hosts Fairdale at 6 p.m. Thursday.

NELSON COUNTY 17, JOHN HARDIN 2. The Bulldogs fell to 0-4 on the year with a loss Monday night in their home opener. Twelve of the 17 runs allowed were unearned.

Senior Noah Bowling, junior Bentley Wise and freshman Jordan McKnight had hits for the Bulldogs with Bowling and senior Anthony Benningfield driving in a run each.

John Hardin plays at 6:45 p.m. today at Lincoln County.

EDMONSON COUNTY 15, FORT KNOX 0. The Eagles lost in a four-inning game Monday night to end a two-game win streak.

Seniors Eli Ortega, Angel Santiago and eighth-grader E'mare Davis had singles for Fort Knox.

Fort Knox (2-2) will host Shawnee at 6 p.m. Monday.



LOUISVILLE KINGS

Louisville Kings open UFL season on Friday

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

The United Football League placed one of its eight franchises in Louisville this season and it opens the spring football season this week.

The inaugural game is set for an 8 p.m. kickoff Friday at Lynn Family Stadium against the Birmingham Stallions. It will be broadcast nationally on Fox.

All 43 UFL games, including its playoffs and championship contest, will be broadcast. In addition to Fox, games can be found on ABC, ESPN, ESPN2, FS1 and ESPN App this season.

UFL teams play a 10-game regular-season schedule with five home dates.

Other games in Louisville are set for 8 p.m. April 10 against the Orlando Storm; a Thursday night game at 8 p.m. April 30 against the

St. Louis Battlehawks during Derby Week; noon May 16 with the defending champion D.C. Defenders; and 4 p.m. May 24 against the Dallas Renegades.

For ticket information, go to UFL.com/tickets.

Former University of Louisville quarterback Chris Redman, who played nine seasons in the NFL, is head coach of the Kings and his assistants include some of his former teammates who were part of the 2000 Baltimore Ravens Super Bowl champions.

The Kings roster includes Jason Bean, the former Kansas quarterback, plus former University of Kentucky standouts Lynn Bowden Jr. and Benny Snell plus Dez Fitzpatrick and Willie Tyler III, who played for the University of Louisville.

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HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 INVITATION TO BID BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS BID NUMBER 2026-003

HARDIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 (the "District") will receive sealed bids for **water line construction** of the Flint Hill Rd Waterline Extension at the District office, located at 1951 West Park Road/P.O. Box 970, Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42702, until 11:30 a.m. local time on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

Bidders must comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, Davis-Bacon Act, Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, requirements issued under section 306 of the Clean Air Act, Executive Order 11246 and 11375, which prohibit discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 3 Segregated Facilities, Section 109 and the Contract Work Hours Standard Act. Prevailing Federal and State wage rates are to be paid, if applicable. Minority firms are particularly encouraged to participate. In accordance with section 215 of the Clean Water Act and EPA regulations, the bidder shall agree that preference will be given to domestic construction materials.

For more information and specifications contact Forrest Pollock or Trevor Mather at (270) 737-1056 or visit our website at www.hwcd2.org/bid-documents. Bids will be awarded to the lowest and best-evaluated bidder as determined by the District's Board of Commissioners, and further provided that any or all bids may be rejected for any reason.

76ers' George ready to return for playoff push

BY DAN GELSTON ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAMDEN, N.J. — Paul George declined to get into the specifics of his failed drug test that landed him a 25-game suspension but says he is mentally and physically ready to help the Philadelphia 76ers with their playoff push over the last 10 games of the season.

George will play for the Sixers on Wednesday night against Chicago.

The Sixers — who also played the last 13 games without an injured Joel Embiid — went 13-12 in his absence and entered Tuesday night's games at 39-33 and in seventh place in the Eastern Conference standings.

George was suspended in late January for violating the terms of the NBA's anti-drug program.

He opened his statement Tuesday at the 76ers' complex in New Jersey with an apology to the team, its fans and his family for the poor judgement that led to his flunked test. "To let people down hurt more than kind of anything," George said.

He said his choice to take a banned substance was connected to a mental health issue that developed because of an offseason knee injury that limited his production this season.

"The most difficult thing is when your body isn't where you know it needs to be or where it once was," George said. "That leads and bleeds into the mental side of things, knowing that you're limited. But for me, I feel good, my body is feeling great. Mentally, I know I'm capable of doing what I can do and what I've been able to on the court for years."

George has averaged 16 points in 27 games this season for the Sixers. He had one of his best games of the season in the week he was suspended, a 32-point outburst fueled by nine 3-pointers in a win over Milwaukee.

The 35-year-old George signed a \$212 million, four-year contract in free agency ahead of the 2024 season. But his first year in Philly was marred by knee and adductor injuries that resulted in the forward having one of the worst years of his NBA career.

George averaged 16.2 points in just 41 games, easily



MATT SLOCUM/Associated Press

Philadelphia 76ers' Paul George looks on during a break during a January game. He is soon due back after a 25-game suspension.

his lowest scoring average in a full season since he averaged 12.1 points for Indiana in his second NBA season.

He then had surgery in July on his left knee after he was injured during a workout and missed the first 12 games of this season.

"Being a pro athlete takes a toll on you," George said. "My body wasn't where I wanted it to be. The expectations to perform because of my body not being where it needed to be, obviously, I'm going to have an expectation for myself. That's what led to a poor decision at the time."

George said the hiatus gave time for his body to heal from nagging injuries that in turn have improved his state of mind.

"These 25 games were just what I needed, I think for my body," he said.

The suspension cost George — a nine-time All-Star — roughly \$11.7 million of his \$51.7 million salary, or about \$469,692 for each of the 25 games missed.

"I've said it throughout my career, dealing with mental health, I'm no superhero," George said. "I'm human and I made a mistake in that moment."

The 2023 MVP, Embiid has missed the last 13 games with a right oblique strain and All-Star guard Tyrese Maxey has missed nine straight games with

a right finger tendon strain.

There was no immediate timetable on their returns.

George said he's ready to fill the scoring void and lift

the Sixers out of the play-in bubble and securely into the playoffs.

"I've been feeling great, feeling explosive again, feeling

strong again," he said. "I feel like I'm back on that level of being able to perform and be the focal guy and be the scorer."

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General Notice
Bids for the construction of the Hardin County Fire Station Sanitary Sewer Extension will be received at the Hardin County Water District No. 2 Main Office located at 1951 West Park Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701, until Wednesday, April 15th, 2026 at 10:30 A.M. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project includes the following Work:
Installation of approximately 1,000 L.F. of 8" SDR 26 PVC pipe, including 180 L.F. of restrained-joint pipe, two 4' diameter manholes (0'-5' depth), two 4' diameter manholes (10'-15' depth), 125 L.F. of bored encasement for 8" PVC carrier pipe in 20" steel casing, one core and seal connection to an existing manhole, and all necessary appurtenances.

All bidders shall submit with their bid a Bid Bond in the amount of not less than five (5) percent of the base bid. No Bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the scheduled Bid Opening Date. The Bidder awarded the contract shall execute a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond and shall furnish insurance as required in the General Conditions. The Bidder awarded this contract shall complete this project within 60 calendar days after the date of authorization to start work. Liquidated damages will be assessed at \$1,000 per calendar day.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:
Hardin County Water District No. 2, 1951 West Park Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701
Kenvivrons, LLC, 770 Wilkinson Blvd, Frankfort, KY 40601
Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507 (859-226-5850) and www.lynnimaging.com upon payment of a nonrefundable price of \$200.00 for each set plus any shipping charges.

Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference will not be held for this project.

Instructions to Bidders.
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Contract Documents.

Any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected. Hardin County Water District No. 2 reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities.

By: Shaun Youravich, General Manager
Hardin County Water District No. 2