

Boys Volleyball Is Newest Sport At Allen County-Scottsville

By **Don Meador**
Sports Writer

Plans are underway to field the first Patriot volleyball team this spring at Allen County-Scottsville High School. The creation of a boys volleyball team has received approval from the Allen County Board of Education and applications are being accepted for a head coach and an assistant.

Growing interest in mens volleyball at the collegiate level across the Commonwealth led to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) approving boys volleyball as a sanctioned sport last fall.

“Boys volleyball is gaining in popularity within our state,” explained AC-S Athletic Director Brad Hood. “When you look around you see all of the small colleges in Kentucky are now offering men’s volleyball and offering scholarships. With the interest in volleyball around here, it’s a no-brainer.”

After the KHSAA approved the sport, male students at AC-SH were polled to gauge interest in participating in volleyball. The results have prompted school athletic officials to move forward with fielding a varsity squad.

“When you have 50-60 kids showing interest, you start having meetings,” Hood explained. “Now we are in the process of starting the sport. Probably near the first of March, we will start seeing some guy’s volleyball matches.”

According to the KHSAA website, 74 schools across the Commonwealth will participate in the first season of the new sanctioned sport. The KHSAA has divided the participating schools into eight regions. AC-S will be in Region 1 along with Adair County, Daviess County, Fort Campbell, Hart County, Ohio County, South Warren and Trinity (Whitesville).

Unlike girls volleyball which is played in the fall, boys volleyball will be a spring sport. Its season will be similar to baseball and softball. According to the KHSAA, teams can start practice on February 3 with the regular season stretching from March 3 through May 7. Teams may schedule 25 contests leading up to postseason play—tournament action that starts at the regional level.

The regional tournament window is May 9-12. To field a 16-team state tournament, both the region winner and runner-up move on. First round state tournament play is May 14-17 with the state semifinals and finals May 20 at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester.

For AC-S, the process of finding a coach and an assistant coach is ongoing. However, Hood is quick to note that he feels candidates are available.

“The good thing is that we have (girls coach) Cameron Cook and his crew that have been around the volleyball scene,” Hood noted. “We do have some fall back plans but we do have the job posted and are waiting on applicants. We are looking forward to bringing another sport to the kids at AC-SHS.”

Students interested in playing on the first boys volleyball team can contact Coach Hood or Coach Cook for more information. Anyone interested in coaching can contact Hood, Cook, or high school Principal Shane Humphrey.

Boys volleyball is the 23rd KHSAA-sanctioned sport or activity available for student-athletes at AC-S.

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29 lead at halftime.

Warren East maintained a double-digit lead the rest of the way. In the third, the Patriots’ hopes of cutting the gap was hurt as the team missed 10 of their 15 shots. The Raiders struggled shooting the ball as well but five of six free throws helped the visitors carry a 58-43 lead to the final period. AC-S closed to within 13 with two minutes remaining but seven Raider free throws in the final 1:52 sealed the win.

Morris finished with 21 points and a career-high 14 rebounds. Pedigo added 13 points and dished out a team-high five assists. Four Raiders were in double figures in scoring, led by Kaleb Prince’s 27.

AC-S finished the game

22-52 from the floor compared to East’s 24-59. The Patriots hit five 3-point baskets while the Raiders were 11 of 26 shooting three-pointers. AC-S was seven of 14 from the foul line while East was 15 of 21. The Patriots won the boards, 36-34.

The loss locked up the District 15 tournament pairings. One-seed Barren County (14-9, 5-1) will face four-seed AC-S (8-13, 0-5). Two-seed Warren East (13-8, 4-2) will play three-seed Glasgow (3-16, 2-3). The tournament will be played the week of February 24 at Barren County.

AC-S has a busy weekend ahead with a game Friday at Glasgow and a home game Saturday at 6 p.m. against Fort Campbell (2-16).



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Senior Robert Robledo (14) takes a shot against Cumberland County. Robledo scored 11 points in AC-S’s 61-47 loss at the Panther Den in Burkesville on January 28.

AC-SH Future Problem Solving And Academic Teams Successful In District Competition

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The Allen County-Scottsville High School Future Problem Solving and Academic Teams earned high accomplishments at District competition last week at Barren County.

The District competition included a milestone moment for the FPS Team, coached by Cody Baskett.

“The FPS team captured first place solely on their own for the first time since 1998,” explained Academic Team Coach Adam Crabtree added. “They have tied with Glasgow in recent years (2022 and 2023) but this is the first time they have beaten Glasgow outright since 1998. Team members consist of Tristan McQuern, JoyDale Williams, Aiden Blankenship, Jack Smith and Victor Palacios.”

The Quick Recall team placed second—for a second consecutive year—at the Governor’s Cup District Quick Recall tournament. Members of the participating team last week were Emma Gammons, Olivia Baird, Adleigh Edwards, Victor Palacios, Aiden Blankenship and Logan Daniels.

The runner-up achievement was not without tense moments.

“AC-S, despite losing

to Barren County in the first round in overtime, fought back in the third round to beat Barren County by a single point in another thrilling round of Quick Recall,” noted Crabtree.

Several AC-S players placed in their individual competitions. Logan Daniels was fourth in Science, James Fisher finished fourth in Social Studies, Olivia Baird placed third in Social Studies, Katelyn Ausbrooks was fifth in Language Arts, JoyDale Williams was fifth in Arts & Humanities and Emma Gammons placed fourth in Arts & Humanities and fifth in Composition writing.

The achievements reflect hours of practice toning their knowledge.

“We quick recall twice a week for a total of three hours after

school and this past week, we practiced one extra day,” Crabtree explained. “The Future Problem Solving practices two times a week most weeks for a total of four hours. The kids also study on their own as they can.”

The AC-SH Academic Team will be in competition Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Summer County Invitational at Gallatin High School—a very prestigious event featuring a large number of academic teams.

“This is a NAQT quiz bowl style tournament that will

include teams from all over Tennessee and Kentucky,” Crabtree explains. “AC-S will field three teams in this tournament and will begin with a pool play format in the morning followed up with a bracket in the afternoon.”

On Monday, Feb. 17, the FPS team and composition members will compete in regional competition. On Saturday, Feb. 22, the High School Content Assessments and Quick Recall will be in regional competition. Both events are at AC-SHS.



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