

Central blanks Meade in volleyball

BY THE NEWS-ENTERPRISE

Central Hardin returned from an 11-day break from games and beat visiting Meade County, 3-0, Wednesday night in high school volleyball play.

The 20th-ranked Bruins handled Meade County (13-13) by scores of 25-23, 25-20 and 25-14.

Central Hardin (22-8) returns to action Saturday with a home tri-match against West Jessamine and Owensboro Catholic to close the regular season, while Meade County also has a tri-match Saturday at Apollo against Apollo and University Heights.

JOHN HARDIN FALLS

The Bulldogs also ended a long break with a 2-0 setback Wednesday at Grayson County.

John Hardin (13-18) lost by scores of 25-16 and 26-24.

Kentucky's Paurova faces another setback with ACL tear

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky guard Dominika Paurova tore an anterior cruciate ligament and is out indefinitely, the team announced Thursday.

Paurova is a redshirt sophomore who has played for the Czech Republic's senior national team. She played her freshman season at Oregon State in 2023-24 and averaged 5.5 points, 2.1 rebounds and 1.4 assists per game for a



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Central Hardin keeper Hannah Ferguson, bottom, maintains control of the ball under pressure from a hard-charging Maliah Courtney in the Girls' 5th Region Soccer Tournament championship at Thomas Nelson High School in Bardstown.

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remaining, a free kick from around 30 yards out sailed over the crossbar to keep it a 1-0 game.

The Bruins were able to run out the clock from there, and then the celebration was on.

“My heart was pounding the whole time,” Garrett said. “I could hear it through everything that was going on, and I could just feel it all over my body.”

The Panthers were in the region final for the fourth straight season and going for their second straight championship, but ultimately came up short.

Senior keeper Marissa Bates said it was a frustrating night all around for her and her teammates.

“Those final few minutes were very frenetic, very hectic,” Bates said. “I was trying to make sure our girls were staying engaged and making sure that we’re giving everything that we had in those last minutes, just trying to get something off so we could tie it up.”

That chance never came, despite having three solid scoring chances in the final

7 minutes.

“It was incredibly frustrating,” Bates said. “But, really, what can you do?”

Despite coming up short against the Bruins, Bates said she was proud of how far the Panthers came this season.

It wasn’t how she envisioned her final season ending, but Bates feels her team has nothing to be ashamed of. Elizabethtown finishes the year with an 11-9-3 record and will graduate seven seniors in Bates, Rachel Bell, Skyler Brandenburg, Molly Durbin, Kyleigh Elmore, Caitlyn McClure and Emma Robinson.

“I’m proud of what we did and what we achieved this year,” she said. “After we lost in the districts, I was proud of them and I’m still proud of them now. I think we gave everything we had. I can’t control what the referees do, but I’m super proud of them and I know they’ll have to be better next year.”

While the Panthers’ season came to an end, the Bruins (15-7) keep marching on.

They are in the state tournament for the first time in six seasons, and they’ll play in the first round Monday night against the 8th Region champion. That

tournament’s semifinals were played Thursday night, with the championship game to be played Saturday afternoon.

As his players celebrated on the field, Central Hardin coach Justin Maddock tried to soak it all in. After coming up short in the 2024 final to Elizabethtown, his Bruins burst through the door this time around and got to the state tournament.

“It’s hard to put into words, but these girls have worked hard since July,” Maddock said. “You definitely just love it when you see your group work hard get something that they earned. I’m just a proud coach. For all the girls, I look at them as daughters and family members, so it’s just a really proud moment.

“I’m extremely happy for the opportunity (to go to state),” he added. “Coaching this group and being in charge of Central Hardin girls’ soccer, it’s a blessing. The opportunity to play Monday is exciting and I’m excited for the girls. It’s going to be a hard test and we’re going to have to travel for it. But I think our girls have played a schedule to show that we’re ready. We just have to be ready, and I’m excited about that opportunity.”

Guerrero, Springer power Blue Jays with 5 HRs in 13-4 win to cut ALCS lead to 2-1

BY ANDREW DESTIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Tired in Toronto, the Blue Jays slugged in Seattle.

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and George Springer woke up Toronto as the Blue Jays hit five home runs to rebound from an early deficit, routing the Mariners 13-4 Wednesday night and closing to 2-1 in the AL Championship Series.

Toronto had 18 hits — all within the first three pitches of each at-bat.

“If they give us a first pitch, the pitch that we’re looking for, we’re going to attack and we’re going to be aggressive,” Guerrero said.

Seattle starter George Kirby gave up eight of the hits.

“I wasn’t really executing when they got the guys on base,” Kirby said. “And they’re really aggressive when that happens. They made some good swings.”

Julio Rodríguez’s two-run, first-inning homer off former Cy Young Award winner Shane Bieber put Seattle ahead and stirred thoughts of a possible sweep in the best-of-seven matchup by a team seeking its first World Series appearance.

Andrés Giménez then sparked the comeback with a tying, two-run homer in a five-run third against Kirby.

Springer, Guerrero, Alejandro Kirk and Addison Barger also went deep as the Blue Jays totaled 2,004 feet of homers.

Guerrero had four hits, falling a triple short of the cycle, after going 0 for 7 as the Blue Jays lost the first two games at home.

“No one expected us to win the division, no one expected us to be here, and I think the guys take that to heart,” Blue Jays manager John Schneider said. “I said it when we left Toronto: I hope we find some slug in the air out here. Maybe we did.”

In the 2-3-2 format, teams that lost the first two games at home and won Game 3 on the road have captured the series three of 11 times.

A crowd of 46,471 at T-Mobile Park for Seattle’s first home ALCS game since 2001 saw the teams combine to match the postseason record of eight combined home runs, set by the Chicago Cubs and St. Louis in Game 3 of the 2015 NL Division Series and matched by the Los Angeles Dodgers and Houston in Game 2 of the 2017 World Series.

Giménez hadn’t homered since Aug. 27 before his drive off a Kirby fastball.

“Definitely something changed for our offense,” Giménez said. “We come tonight with a mentality to attack.”

Kirby allowed eight runs, eight hits and two walks, taking the loss.

“The first couple innings I thought he was dynamite,” Mariners manager Dan Wilson said. “This is a team that’s going to hurt you if you make mistakes on the plate. It looked

like there were a couple that they were able to get to.”

Kirby’s run-scoring wild pitch put Toronto ahead 3-2 and Daulton Varsho followed with a two-run double.

Springer homered in the fourth, tying Bernie Williams for fourth on the career list with his 22nd postseason homer. Guerrero hit his fourth of the postseason for a 7-2 lead on the first pitch of the fifth.

Kirk added a three-run homer in the sixth and is hitting .413 (19 for 46) with eight RBIs in 14 games at T-Mobile Park.

Bieber, who got the win, pitched shutout ball after the first and wound up allowing four hits in six innings — the longest outing by a Blue Jays starter in seven postseason games.

“Obviously didn’t start the way he would have wanted to, but that’s pretty much who he is,” Springer said. “He can battle back from anything.”

After the Blue Jays opened a 12-2 lead, Randy Arozarena connected in the eighth against Yariel Rodríguez for his first home run since Sept. 9 and Cal Raleigh, who led the major leagues with 60 home runs during the regular season, followed three pitches later with his third of the postseason.

“If there’s one thing we’ve done since I’ve been here, we bounce back together well as a team,” Mariners reliever Caleb Ferguson said. “We respond well when we kind of get smacked in the face a little bit.”

Shutdown may move UConn-Louisville opener from Ramstein to US

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

No. 1 UConn’s season opener against No. 20 Louisville that is supposed to be played at Ramstein Air Base in Germany on Nov. 4 is in jeopardy of being moved because of the government shutdown.

A person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on Thursday that if the shutdown continues until Monday the game will be played at a neutral site in the U.S. on the same day.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no official announcement has been made.

A Louisville spokesperson said the school is deferring to ESPN, which is putting on the game and would be the one to make the call. The network would need time to move its equipment to Germany and set up the aircraft hangar on the base to host the contest.

“While our goal is to host this year’s Armed Forces Classic as planned at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, we are exploring contingency plans due to the circumstances,” ESPN said in a statement.

This would be the third time that the Armed Forces Classic was played at Ramstein and the first that featured two women’s basketball teams. The UConn men’s team played in the inaugural one in 2012. Texas A&M and West Virginia also played there in 2017.

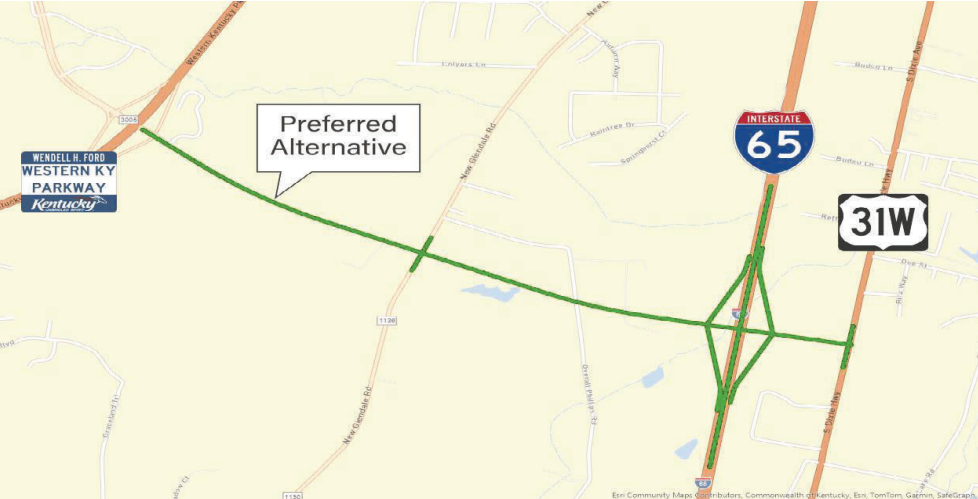


LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Environmental Assessment and Public Hearing

PUBLIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF KY 3005, RING ROAD, FROM THE WESTERN KENTUCKY PARKWAY TO US 31W, WITH A NEW I-65 INTERCHANGE IN HARDIN COUNTY

ITEM NO. 04-00198.00



In accordance with 23 CFR 771.119, The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are offering review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and updated project information regarding the proposed extension of KY 3005 Ring Road Hardin County, south of Elizabethtown. This is in partial fulfillment of National Environmental Policy Act requirements.

The Project would be about 2.0 miles in length, extending from the existing KY 3005 interchange with the WKP, east with a new at-grade intersection with KY 1136, a new interchange with I-65 and a new intersection with US 31W.

The purpose of this notice is to present the preferred alternative for review and to solicit comments on the project. Feedback from anyone having an interest in this project is encouraged to visit the project website by clicking on this hyperlink (<https://bit.ly/KY3005>), copying the link to your browser, or using your phone's camera on the QR code below to review the approved EA, and provide comments through the "Public Input" link.

Hard copies of the EA report are available for review at the following locations:

- Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, Elizabethtown, KY 42701
- KYTC District 4 Office, 634 E. Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

A Public Hearing is scheduled for the Environmental Assessment on November 18, 2025, from 5:30-7:30 at the Hardin County Extension Office located at 111 Opportunity Way in Elizabethtown, KY. Materials will be available for review and representatives of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and their partners will be available to answer questions. A court reporter will be present to receive official verbal statements.

Written statements may also be sent to Joseph Ferguson at Kentucky Department of Highways, District 4 634 E. Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

The comment period for this document will end at the close of business on December 3, 2025.

If you are unable to access these materials via the internet or at the locations defined above or have any additional questions you may contact Joseph Ferguson at 502 764-0721 to schedule an appointment to review in person. All comment forms and written statements will be included in the official project record. In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act," if you have a disability for which the Transportation Cabinet needs to provide accommodations, or if you require public information meeting materials in a language other than English, please notify us of your requirements. This request does not have to be in writing.