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scorer. He just completed his sophomore season at Mississippi after playing at UK for one year.

"I think he is really good," the Lyon coach said about Rondo after losing to North Oldham. "Obviously he gets a lot of attention from other teams just like we (Travis) did, but he seems to handle it very well. He plays more mature than his years. He has a good presence on the court. He does not really panic."

Rondo went 4-for-6 from 3-point range against Lyon to finish with 25 points. He also had seven assists and four rebounds in 30 1/2 minutes of play.

"He is very shifty, a willing passer and has a high basketball IQ. That kid is going to be really good and has a chance to be really, really good. He's not as quick as dad yet but he might be. He is a handful to handle now. He knows how to play and obviously has been well coached from an early age. He's just a very impressive player."

Levitich calls Rondo a "natural point guard" who has worked to improve his 3-point shot and is now almost a 40 percent shooter from 3.

"If you need him to score 24 points in a game, he can do it," Levitich said. "If you need him to have nine assists in a game, he can do it. When you watch him against teams that press us, he never gets sped up. It just comes so easy to him."

Bardstown High School coach James "Boo" Brewer, a former Louisville player, watched Rondo play at the state tournament.

"I see a young man that has a bright, bright future. I know that's a big statement, but the way that he's playing, the way that he's talking to his teammates, he is special," Brewer said. "He's a great teammate, but he's a great leader. He also plays with so much voice, and plays with so much confidence. He's fun to watch."

Rondo was double teamed almost every time he had the ball in a state quarterfinal win over Butler but still finished with 14 points on only seven shots along with five assists and two rebounds.

"He's a more physical kid than what I thought. As a coach, you look at his long arms and you know he's got big hands (because his father did)," Brewer said. "He's gonna grow some more, but his poise and the way that he runs the team and sees the floor really is fun to watch."

"He's an eighth grader, so hopefully we can keep him here (in Kentucky) another four years (and not a prep school), but I don't see him staying here for four years just because he's phenomenal and is going to have a lot of opportunities to play a lot of places if that's what he wants to do."

In a 53-45 semifinal loss to George Rogers Clark Rondo had 22 points on 8-for-16 shooting with five 3-pointers, three assists and two rebounds.

Madison Central beat North Oldham midway of the season and limited Rondo to one field goal and six points. However, Madison Central coach Allen Feldhaus said Rondo looked like a totally different player in the state tourney than he did in early

January.

"He has such a good feel for the game and will only get better. He still struggles with bigger, stronger people on him but he is shooting it really well," Feldhaus said. "His upside is incredible. His poise is so good. He is going to be a great, great player. It's already hard to stay in front of him and it's only going to get tougher and tougher." Rondo's father was hard to contain, too, but was never the type of 3-point shooter his son already seems to be. The elder Rondo was also never the talker his 14-year-old son already is based on his state tournament interactions and what his coach said.

"I would say I don't really have his personality," Rondo said about his dad. "He's chill, doesn't really talk a lot, doesn't show a lot of emotion. I feel like I'm the opposite, I'd probably say I get it from my mom."

Levitich verified that his young player was a talker.

"He never stops talking. Ever, at any point of the day. The only person you hear on the bus is his voice," the North Oldham coach said.

Defensive lineman Jamarion Harkless was a consensus three-star prospect coming out of Frederick Douglass and a top 100 defensive lineman nationally. However, he turned down chances to play for Kentucky and Louisville to play at Purdue where he played in 22 games in three years with 12 starts last season when he had 13 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and four quarterback hurries.

Now the 6-foot-3, 345-pound Harkless is back in Lexington after transferring to UK in the offseason.

"One of the main reasons I came back was for family. I missed them," Harkless said. "I just wanted to be closer (to home)."

He said a lot of schools reached out to him once he entered the transfer portal but "proximity to home" was important and Kentucky and Louisville were the only schools he really considered. He said he was close to Vince Marrow, UK's former recruiting coordinator who is now at Louisville, but basically had a "whole different mindset" in high school.

"I wanted to go out and explore other places. Most every OV (official visit I took) was four plus hours (from Lexington)," he said. "I picked Purdue because of the relationship with the staff but I visited Auburn, Ole Miss. I was just trying to get as far away as possible."

Kentucky coach Will Stein, defensive coordinator Jay Bateman and line coach

Anwar Stewart had a strong selling point for Harkless to get him back home.

"They looked over my film and saw how good of a run stopper I could be. They said I could be one of the best in the nation and if you come here the scheme you get will give

you a chance to get one on ones and dominate the line of scrimmage and that sold me," the junior defensive lineman said. "Obviously coach Stewart is a great guy and the guys he got to leave (for the NFL) built like me, no other coach is really doing that."



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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Lake Village Water Association, Inc. expects to file an application with the Public Service Commission on or about March 12, 2026, seeking approval of a proposed adjustment to its rates for water service. The proposed rates shall not become effective until the Public Service Commission has issued an order approving these rates or six (6) months from the date of the filing of the application, whichever occurs first.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED RATES LAKE VILLAGE WATER ASSOCIATION

RETAIL RATES

Rate per Thousand Gallons	Current	Proposed	Difference
per Month			
First 2,000 gallons	\$30.37	\$33.08 Minimum Bill	\$2.71 8.9%
Next 18,000 gallons	\$11.88	\$12.94 Per 1,000 gallons	\$1.06 8.9%
Over 20,000 gallons	\$9.64	\$10.50 Per 1,000 gallons	\$.86 8.9%

WHOLESALE RATES

per Month	Current	Proposed	Difference
For all Water Sold	\$4.76	\$5.18 Per 1,000 gallons	\$.42 8.8%

WATER LOSS REDUCTION SURCHARGE

Amount per Customer per month	Current	Proposed	Difference
	\$1.61	\$1.61	\$0 0.0%

If the Public Service Commission approves the proposed water rates, then the effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class is set out in the table below.

Customer	Avg. Usage	Existing Bill	Difference	Change	Percentage
Retail Customer	4,000	\$54.13	\$58.96	\$4.83	8.9%
Wholesale Customer	4,700,000	\$22,372.00	\$24,346.00	\$1,974.00	8.8%

The Application may be examined at the utility's office located at 801 Pleasant Hill Dr., Burgin, Ky; telephone (859) 748-5642.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the utility. However, the PSC may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

A person may examine this application at the Public Service Commission offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or through the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the PSC through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. You may contact the Public Service Commission at (502) 564-3940.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the application.



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Harrodsburg Rotary Holds Annual Speech Contest

The Rotary Club of Harrodsburg held the first round of its Annual Rotary Speech Contest on Wednesday, Feb. 24. Burgin Independent School was represented by Kaydance Logue. Contestants from Mercer County Senior High School included Emerson Daniels, Mox Floro, and Amber Williams. Pictured left to right: Dr. Paul Ragusa, Floro, Amber Williams (3rd place), Kaydance Logue (2nd place), Emerson Daniels (1st place) and Greg Souder.



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Chamber Holds Ribbon Cutting

The Mercer Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the relocation and grand reopen of the Servants By Grace Ministry and Thrift Store, now located at 221 S. Greenville Street. The new location hosts a Christian Library and reading room as well as a free prom dress service. Pictured are owner April and Robby Asher, along with their children and family.



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Chamber Host first 2026 Perk Up! at CU-Harrodsburg

The Mercer Chamber of Commerce held their 1st Perk Up! breakfast meeting of the year at Campbellsville University-Harrodsburg. Speaking and pictured are, left to right, Dr. Trevor Foshang of the School of Chiropractic, Director Kimberly Steele and Dr. Michelle Eastham of Allied Health Sciences. Perk Up! meetings are the third Tuesdays of the month at 8 a.m. To attend reach out to the Chamber at 859-734-2365.

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