

Cadet Weekly

22-28 March 2009

Week 28

CHAMBERLAIN-HUNT



CHRISTIAN MILITARY BOARDING

Dates to Remember:

Crusader Challenge	March 23-27
Phone Calls	March 29
Easter Break	April 3-13
Alumni Day	April 18
Phone Calls	May 17
Final Exams	May 18-21
Baccalaureate Service and Senior Speeches	May 21
Final Pass in Review	May 22

Cadet Profile: Brent Johnson



Cadet Brent Arthur Johnson, from Memphis, TN, began his cadet career as a junior. A member of Battalion Staff, he serves as Color Sergeant. Cadet Johnson has played numerous sports in his life, including basketball here at CHA. He has earned the Marksmanship and the Spirit of Learning Awards.

MAJ Straka has been an important influence. "He got me to think about how I would get through my life," says

Cadet Johnson. "He helped explain things in a way that I could understand."

Graduation is approaching quickly and Cadet Johnson has some good plans. He will attend basic training for either the US Army or Air Force. The military will help pay for his college tuition at the University of Memphis. Mechanical engineering and business are areas of study that are of particular interest to him. He may even exercise his entrepreneurial skills while in college. Buying and selling real estate is an appealing venture in which Johnson may engage after classes are over.



WEEKLY CATECHISM

Matthew 7:7: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.."

What doth the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?

The preface of the Lord's prayer (which is, Our Father which art in heaven) teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverences and confidences, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

Crusader Challenge

Entering the Christmas vacation, the basketball team had a record of 4 wins and 3 losses. Looking at three weeks away from practice while the cadets were at home, Coach Dave Granville met with the team and asked for a full commitment to the team and to each other. He handed them a workout sheet, notes on individual skills to work on, and asked that each one of them return with a passion to get better as individuals and as a team.

Three weeks later, at the first practice, Coach Granville exhorted the team to become better defensive players, better students, and better people. At the conclusion of practice, the players handed in their workout sheets and listened as Coach Granville explained the team's new offensive plays, their new defensive schemes, and the need for developing into a team that has 5 players who can attack the basket and score, rather than a team that walks it up and lobs the ball inside to the center, David Hahn.

The Chamberlain-Hunt Academy boys basketball team placed second in the state AA MPSA, losing to five time state champion Brookhaven 41-30. After placing third in the South State tournament, CHA received a first round bye, defeated Canton Academy, then defeated Bowling Green in double overtime in the semi-finals. Bowling Green had defeated CHA a week earlier in the South State semifinal, forcing CHA to play Brookhaven Academy in the consolation game. CHA defeated Brookhaven 58-47 in that game.

"It is extremely difficult to beat Brookhaven Academy twice in one week", said Coach Granville. In addition, Brookhaven hosted the state tournament, increasing the difficulty.

Advancing out of the South States for the first time in 9 years, the Cadets defeated Canton Academy 51-49 in the opening state game. In the semi final game, David Hahn scored 24, Ifeanyi Uzuegbunam 11 and Chase Deculus 9. In the final game Hahn had 13, Keeneil Weaver 6, Deculus 5 and Josh McNair 4,

Hahn, CHA's 7 foot center, made first team All District, was voted the district regular season Most Valuable Player, made the South State All Tournament team and the State All Tournament team. Weaver made first team All District and South State All Tournament team. Deculus made second team All District and State All Tournament team. Uzuegbunam made second team All District and McNair made second team All District.

"This is the first time that all 5 of the starters made the first or second All District team", said Granville. "I cannot understand how Uzuegbunam did not make the South State All Tournament team. He had 16 points against Bowling Green and put back a missed free throw to send us to the final game. But, it was a great year, and a great reflection of how well every member of the team played hard and stayed together."

Other team members were Cameron Gary, Jalen Ellington, Neil Jordan, Derrick Daughtry, Josh Goodwin and Dillon Bogenrief. Uzuegbunam, Weaver, Deculus and Ellington will be back next year to form a strong nucleus.

The journey to the finals was filled with success from hard work and team effort. Upon returning from the Christmas break, the Cadets had to play three days later, opening District play against Riverfield. The team struggled from sloppy play and poor conditioning, but won 47-45. Playing three games a week from that point on the team went 14 and 3, defeating Tallulah 74-43, losing to Trinity 77-49 without Hahn and Deculus, defeated ACCS 73-44, and lost to River Oaks 66-57.

With 4 days before the next game, Coach Granville looked at game tape and decided he needed to do something different to not allow his team to accept being mediocre. "I challenged the players to not accept mediocrity, but to desire to be excellent", said