

# CCA basketball teams reach mid-season on high note

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The Clinton Christian Academy's boys' and girls' basketball teams have reached the mid-point of the season as two of the best teams in all of MAIS. Both teams are currently ranked number two in AAA.

The varsity boys have a record of thirteen and one, and the varsity girls are twelve and one. Coach Josh Zeitz challenged his teams with one of the most difficult schedules in the state, and he says the kids have exceeded his expectations. Most recently, the teams combined to go four and zero at the Copenh Christmas tournament. CCA was the only small school at the event, yet the kids defeated schools twice their size.

The Clinton Christian boys are led by ninth grader KJ Sykes and eighth grader Kari Hamilton. Sykes leads the team in scoring at seventeen a game and dishes out five assists per game. Hamilton contributes 16.5 points and leads the team in rebounding at nine per contest. Senior Collin Stepp leads CCA in three pointers made while averaging eleven points a game. Devin Brown and Devin Collins anchor the Warriors press and are always ready to knock down a three pointer. Junior Noah Murray leads the team in deflections, timely scoring and grabs seven rebound a game. Ten of the team's thirteen wins have



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Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Parker Westbrook, Monroe Gray, KJ Sykes, Devin Collins, Collin Stepp, AJ Johnson and Brantley Malpass; and back row: Michael Chambers, Joseph Thomas, Noah Murray, Landon Bland, Joshua Johnson, Khary Hamilton, Devin Brown and Grey Craft. Not pictured is Thomas King.

come against schools from the larger classifications. Zeitz expects this difficult schedule will prepare the boys for their run at the AAA State championship.

The Clinton Christian girls are off to the best start in school history. The girls have met every challenge in winning twelve of their first thirteen



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Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Wynter Kimes, Taelor (Rae Rae) York, Sara Sanders, Hanna Zeitz, Lindsea Razinobakht and Taylor Jones; and back row: Abbey Abraham, Audrey Bryson, Callie Abraham, Iris Farve, Rilee Evans and Grace Murray.

games. Senior point guard Rae Rae York is having a great year by averaging thirteen points, five rebounds, five assists and five steals per game. Junior Iris Farve leads the squad in scoring at sixteen a game and rebounds with eight. Grace Murray is second on the team in steals and grabs six rebounds per contest. Han-

na Zeitz and Rilee Evans contribute key three pointers and defense for the highly-ranked Lady Warriors. Callie Abraham and Audrey Bryson provide a spark off the bench for the CCA girls. After reaching the state tournament last year, the girls are hungry and capable winning it all this year, according to coaches.



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