



Mehkel London crosses the finish line in first place during a 4x200 meter relay race at the HCHS track last week. London teamed with Wyatt Emmick, Noah Henson and Matthew Carroll to defeat the team from Apollo.



Noah Henson makes a pass on an Apollo runner during a relay race at the new HCHS track & field facility last week at the high school.



Makenzie Sturgeon sprints toward the finish line during a track meet at the high school last week.



Kylee Ashworth loads up for a two-handed forehand during a tennis match at Vastwood Park Monday.

## Banta to lead baseball team

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contact (at the plate) and put the ball on the ground, he has a chance to beat it out every time.”

Clark will be in left field again this year.

“Carson is solid, he runs well and he’s a good contact hitter. He, along with Roberts and Mucker, will be our captains.”

Carter Lyday (junior) will be in right field.

“Carter seems to have risen above some of the other guys and he’s worked really hard during the off-season to get better.”

Coach Banta also mentioned Grant Smith as being a player who could see significant playing time. Smith started in left field while Clark was on the mound during Monday’s game with Daviess County.

“Grant’s ceiling is way up there. He’s strong and he’s a good athlete. He runs well, he throws well and has a better than decent glove in the outfield.”

“This season will be all hands on deck to throw,” Banta said. “If you’re sitting in our dugout you better pay attention because I may call your number at any time.”

Landis Pate (freshman) showed talent and hustle during an early scrimmage. Banta thinks he and several others could be good quality role players for the Hornets in 2025.

Coach Banta’s lineup could change throughout the season due to play and possible injury.

“Our lineup could look completely different at the end of the year.”

## Coach Wroe likes his team

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the least amount of varsity experience but I think she’s going to end up making us a good player. I’m expecting good things from her.”

Wroe will again be assisted by long time coach Todd Keown, along with his daughter Taylor Morris and Lindsey Clark.

The coach talked about goals for the season.

“Every year we sit down and talk about team goals and personal goals and every year they are pretty much the same. We want to win 20 games, win district, win All “A” Region and win the All “A” state championship. We’ve been runner-up six times, including last year, and we want to get back there and get that done.”

“Just because we’re young, it doesn’t change our goals. Any time we step on the field we feel like we can compete with anybody. We expect to win and we don’t back down. This is a fun team to be around. They’re energetic and looking to improve.”

## Lady Hornets beat Trinity

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walk in 3.1 frames pitched. Sophie Hatfield took the loss on the mound for the Lady Raiders.

Estes was 4 for 4 at the plate with two doubles and two RBI. Higdon was 2 for 3 with the homer and two RBI, Mosby was 2 for 4 with a double and two RBI, Bryant was 1 for 3 with the homer and three RBI, House was 1 for 3, and Carnes and Waltrip were both 1 for 4.

### Meade County

Meade County cranked out 10 hits in a 12-2 win during softball action at Brandenburg Monday.

The Lady Hornets went ahead 1-0 in the top of the first inning when Baylee Estes reached base on an error, Aubree Mosby singled and Bella Bryant hit a fly ball to score the first run. Hancock then had runners at second and third base with no outs, but Meade pitcher Veronica Roberts ended the threat with three strike outs.

A walk, a steal, a passed ball and a wild pitch allowed Meade to tie the score in the home half of the frame. A 2-run triple by Kaelyn Ledford left the home team leading 3-1 in the second.

The Lady Waves blew the game open in the fourth with a 3-run triple by Macie Fleenor, followed by a 2-run home run by Kennedy Ledford.

Mosby doubled and scored in the fifth for HCHS before Meade County added two more runs in the home half to win by run rule.

Bryant struck the loss on the mound for HCHS. She allowed nine runs (seven earned) on seven hits, with three Ks and four walks over 3.2 innings. Jordyn Waltrip allowed three runs (two earned) on three hits in 0.2 frames.

Roberts struck out nine batters and was the winning pitcher.

Mosby was 2 for 3 with a double, Ansley House was 1 for 2, and Bryant was 1 for 3 with a double.

## Panthers pull away in late innings

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Clark allowed seven runs (one earned) on six hits, with three Ks and three walks over four innings. Smith allowed two runs on one hit, with two walks, Hunter Greathouse allowed one run on two hits, with two Ks and one walk, and Lyday allowed seven runs (one earned) on four hits.

Parker Wilson was the winning pitcher.

Keown was 1 for 1 at the plate, Dylan Mucker was 1 for 2, Shultz was 1 for 3 with one RBI, Jack Roberts was 1 for 3, Smith was 0 for 2 with one RBI, Clark, Taylor, Mucker and Nolan Maxwell all scored one run each.

John Rue had three hits for DCHS.

### Grayson County

Grayson County came from behind to spoil what would have been a great win for the Hornets Tuesday at Leitchfield. The Cougars won 7-5.

The game was a defensive battle for the first few innings until Hancock County grabbed a 1-0 lead in the third when Porter Hay walked and scored.

Louden Fluharty was on the mound for HCHS and the senior set the Cougars down 1-2-3 in the third.

The home team did tie the score in the fourth on a hit by Jett Hawkins, but the Hornet offense got rolling in the fifth.

Hay led off the inning with a base hit and Fluharty followed with a base on balls. Lane Dixon was in to run for “Flu” and Jacob Shultz bunted him to second base.

Carter Lyday then delivered a big hit when his line drive to right field brought home a run. Jack Roberts followed with an RBI double and Dylan Mucker hit a liner to bring two more in and the score was 5-1.

The Cougars pulled to within three runs when they plated one run in the home half of the inning.

## Tennis boys beat Meade

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The HCHS boys won 3-2 over Meade County, while the girls fell 0-5 Tuesday at Vastwood Park.

Anderson had to reach deep to win in a tiebreaker in #1 singles. Lukas won by scores of 6-7, 6-3 (10-8).

Boling won 8-2 and London won 8-3.

Blanton and Ewing fell 6-3, 2-6 (12-14), and Reska and Pence fell 4-8 in doubles play.

In girls play, Chappell lost 3-8, Ashworth fell 0-8 and Adrianna Taylor lost 1-8.

Bowlds and Patel lost 2-8 in doubles and Douglas and Bailey Fritcher fell 0-8.

“Huge win for the boys against a team that beat us last year. The girls played hard against good players,” coach Hopkins said.

## JV boys no-hit Union during 11-9 victory

By Steve Wimmer

The Hornets junior varsity baseball team earned a wild, 11-9 win over Union County during the second game of a doubleheader at Madisonville Saturday.

The Braves scored two first inning runs without recording a base hit, then the Hornets answered with three runs (none earned) on no hits, with three Ks and three walks over two frames.

**Madisonville**  
The Hornets lost 16-2 to Madisonville-North Hopkins in Saturday’s early game.

The Maroons plated four runs in the first, five in the second and seven in the third. Hancock County’s two runs came in the third. The game was called after five innings due to the run rule.

Hayden Cameron allowed six runs (five earned) on two hits, with two Ks and three walks in 1.1 inning. Landis Pate allowed 10 runs (none earned) on three hits, with one K and two walks over 1.2 innings. McKinney allowed no runs on one hit, with one walk in one inning pitched.

Dixon was 1 for 1 at the plate, and Hager was 1 for 3 with a double and two RBI.