

CHEER

The HU cheer team made history on Saturday by competing for the first time in program history at CCA Christian Cheer Nationals in Fayetteville, N.C. where they finished second in the All-Girl Limited Division.

The Foresters competed against two strong cheer programs in Ferrum College (NCAA D3) and Averett University (NCAA D3). Their first performance went smoothly hitting zero deductions and getting a score of 81.1 out of 100.

Coach Shawna Esque was thrilled with her team's performance. "The girls came out with a lot of energy and looked like they had been doing this for years!"

While the second performance saw HU receive a score of 80.3 due to a pyramid fall deduction, they scored higher in the tumbling category and overall spirit because of their energy and team members spicing things up.

"These girls have fought hard this season," said Esque. "With this being the first time most have even been on a spring floor; I am so proud of them. All of their hard work and dedication has paid off.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to have taken these ladies down to this competition. I thank God for blessing us with safety during the competition and travel. We are looking forward to what God has planned for this team as we start competing more in the 2023-2024 season!"

The seventh grade B team finished their season by winning the Big 11 tournament on Saturday.

The first team up was John Young. After a slow start the Lady Raiders rolled to a 43 to 9 victory to advance to the championship game. Maya Nelson lead all scores with 14 points. She was followed by Nicole Miller and Alexis Cassell with 8 each. Hayden Miller and Alexis Cassell had 6 steals each. Kendall Hall lead the team in rebounds with 5.

Next up was Northwood. The Raiders rolled over them with a 51 to 6 win. Once again leading the Lady's in scoring was Maya Nelson with 18 points. She was followed by Kendall Hall with 10. Amery Rost set the defense in the post with a nonstopable "I got this attitude." This was the best TEAM effort all year. We scored 23 baskets out of 45 shots, 10 assists, 13 rebounds, 26 steals, 16 tips/defects and 3 blocks. What fun it has been to watch this group of girls grow in skills and end their 7th grade season in dominating fashion. They end their season 14 - 3 - 1 over all and 10 - 0 in Big 11 conference play. Thank you to the seventh grade varsity team that showed up to support us. A big thank you from Coach Rogers for a wonerful season and making Raider nation proud. Good luck from all of us to the 7th grade varsity as they start their run in their tournament tonight at home.

Joe Smith torched the nets for 26 points, and Mr. Basketball Candidate Markus Burton pulled off a triple-double as No. 2-ranked Penn sprinted past Elkhart, 83-37, in the Class 4-A high school boys basketball Sectional opener at Elkhart's Northside Gym on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023.

Smith hit 8-of-12 three-pointers. The Senior guard scored 20 points in the first half and played sparingly in the second half.

Burton, a 6-foot-1 Notre Dame signee, scored 14 points, dished out 11 assists and grabbed 10 rebounds. The Senior Point Guard only made two turnovers in 25 minutes of play.

Joey Garwood connected for 14 points and worked inside for four rebounds.

Dylan Derda scored 13 points and had seven rebounds.

Penn led 25-3 after the first quarter. The Kingsmen outscored Elkhart 36-10 in points off of turnovers. Penn had six turnovers to 18 by the Lions.

Penn (24-1) advances to play Goshen (11-11) at 6 p.m. Friday, March 3, at Northside Gym.

Elkhart finishes the season at 6-17.

PENN 83: Joey Garwood 14, Markus Burton 14, Joe Smith 26, Josh Gatete 3, Dylan Derda 13, Trey Miller 2, Dominic Bonner 4, Ethan Good 0, Mookie Ward 0, Nolan McCullough 3, Maverick Brown 4, Dylan Fey 0.

Elkhart 37: Jacob Windy 4, Anthony Williams 0, Diego Villegas Noguera 0, Rodney Gates 18, Alexander Scott 0, Braeden Becker 2, Colin Krempec 0, Will Cochran 9, Alonzo Newbern 4, Javier Galan Fernandez 0.

PENN 25 24 20 14 – 83

Elkhart 3 15 11 8 – 37

Three-pointers: PENN 12 (Joe Smith 8, Joey Garwood 2, Markus Burton 2), Elkhart 8 (Rodney Gates 5, Will Cochran 3).

2023 Parkview Sports Medicine Baseball Classic Schedule Set

Parkview Field to Host 24 High School/College Teams in April and May

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Parkview Field, the home of the Fort Wayne TinCaps, will host 12 high school/college baseball games, featuring 24 area teams, this April and May as part of the annual Parkview Sports Medicine Baseball Classic.

The action will take place while the TinCaps are playing on the road.

Manchester University and the University of Saint Francis will open the series of games on April 18 in a matchup of nearby colleges. After that, 11 high school matchups will feature rival teams from around Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio. See schedule below.

"Parkview Sports Medicine is proud to partner with the TinCaps to continue supporting our area schools and offer the student-athletes an opportunity to compete at a world-class facility like Parkview Field," said Candice Dunkin, Director of Sports Medicine at Parkview Health.

Thanks to Parkview Sports Medicine's sponsorship, the games are taking place at no cost to the participating schools. As in the past, the amateur teams will receive professional treatment at Parkview Field, like having their headshots displayed on the video board. Competing teams also will wear a commemorative PSM Baseball Classic patch on their uniforms.

"Parkview Field is about more than just TinCaps baseball," said TinCaps President Mike Nutter. "High school and college sports help bring communities together and Parkview Field is the perfect community gathering space. We're grateful for the service Parkview Sports Medicine provides to our region. And there's nothing better than seeing the smiles of these student-athletes playing on the same field that's hosted future MLB All-Stars."

Starting March 1, tickets (\$7) to all games can be purchased at ParkviewField.com. (All fans require a ticket except for kids under 2.)

A limited number of Luxury Suites are also available at a special price of \$160 for the night, including 20 tickets. Contact Parkview Field Special Events Manager Holly Raney for more information at 260-407-2820 or raney@tincaps.com.

Parkview Sports Medicine is the largest sports medicine program in Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio, serving 30 high schools, not to mention five colleges, plus club sports. Learn more at ParkviewSportsMedicine.com.

In the meantime, the TinCaps (Minor League Baseball's High-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres) begin their season on April 6 at West Michigan, with Opening Day at Parkview Field set for Tuesday, April 11 (6:35 p.m.) against the Cleveland Guardians-affiliated Lake County Captains. Tickets to all games are on sale through TinCapsTickets.com, and also at 260-482-6400 and the Parkview Field Ticket Office.

2023 Parkview Sports Medicine Baseball Classic Schedule

- Tuesday, April 18: Manchester University vs. University of Saint Francis (3:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday, April 18: Leo vs. Woodlan (7 p.m.)

- Wednesday, April 19: New Haven vs. North Side (4:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, April 19: East Noble vs. Blackhawk Christian (7 p.m.)

- Tuesday, May 2: Bishop Dwenger vs. Canterbury (4:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday, May 2: Lakeland vs. West Noble (7 p.m.)

- Wednesday, May 3: Antwerp vs. Wayne Trace (4:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, May 3: Snider vs. Northrop (7 p.m.)

- Tuesday, May 16: Wayne vs. Concordia (4:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday, May 16: Wawasee vs. Manchester (7 p.m.)

- Wednesday, May 17: Wabash vs. Whitko (4:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, May 17: Northfield vs. Southwood (7 p.m.)