



Go Bombers!

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Bomber Volleyball Earns First Ever Top 5 Preseason Ranking



by Tim Taylor
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The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association has ranked the Ballard Memorial Bombers as the third best team in the First Region. The Bombers trail only the Lone Oak Purple Flash and the CCA Warriors in the rankings. Four of the top 5 teams in the poll are Class A size schools with CFS being ranked as the fourth best team in the region and the Fulton City Bulldogs come in at fifth.

Lone Oak is the regions defending First Region Champions and are ranked 16th in the entire state in the preseason poll, and the second ranked CCA is the defending All A Regional Champions and the runner up to Lone Oak in the 2011 Regional Tournament.

The Lady Bombers are off to a good start in showing they earned the high preseason rankings. The

Bombers travelled to Marshall County on Thursday, August 9th and picked up a four set victory over the Lady Marshalls. After splitting the first two sets, the Lady Bombers went on to win the last two sets to capture their first win of the season. The Lady Bombers won 25-19, 21-25, 25-19, 25-16. The Kentucky High School Volleyball has gone to a best of five set matches this season.

Ballard Memorial then went on the road for a two day tournament in Owensboro, Kentucky playing in the Apollo Tournament on Friday and Saturday. The Lady Bombers swept through the opening round matches defeating Madisonville-North Hopkins 2-0 winning 25-14 and 25-15, and then they won a best of three set match against South Warren 2-1 by a score of 25-19, 20-25, 15-9. The tournament used a best of three format due to the number of teams competing.

On Saturday, the Lady Bombers

defeated the host school Apollo in three sets 25-22, 20-25 15-13 scoring the last 4 points of the contest after trailing 13-11 in the third set. The Lady Marshalls got their revenge on the Lady Bombers winning both sets by a 25-19 margin. Ballard Memorial also dropped a two set match to Louisville Bates Creek in straight sets 25-9, 25-21. Bates Creek was the 12th ranked team in the state according to the KVCA preseason poll. Ballard Memorial finished the tournament in fourth place out of the 24 teams competing.

The Lady Bombers opened district play on the road Monday, August 13th against Mayfield. The Lady Bombers easily won their first district match winning in straight sets 25-7, 25-7, 25-6. The volleyball team will next hit the court on the home opener at the Green Palace on Tuesday, August 21st against CCA. Ballard Memorial sits at 5-2 on the season.

2nd Annual Corvette Ride set for Saturday, August 25th

by Kelly Paul
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WICKLIFFE- The 2nd Annual KY Great River Road Corvette Ride will be held on Saturday, August 25th starting at 2:30 p.m. at the Fort Jefferson Memorial Cross in Wickliffe. Corvette enthusiasts will head down to the Kentucky Veterans and Patriots Museum where they will take a tour. After the museum, participants will make their way to view the Veteran's Memorial at the Carlisle County Courthouse. After that, it's off to Columbus –Belmont Park to take in the spectacular view of the Mississippi River. From there, the Corvettes will make their way to Clinton to check out the "Hot August Block Party." Hickman County Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt will present a Proclamation for Corvette Day at the courthouse in Clinton. From there, participants are encouraged to head down to The Keg Bar and Grill in Fulton to enjoy dinner and drinks on their own, thereby, wrapping up the Ride.

Corvette owners who participate in the Ride will all get a chance at winning some great prizes from businesses along the route. The prizes will be given out at the different stops along the Ride. The National Corvette Museum in Bowling

Green is also offering free entries into the museum as prizes.

Members of the Paducah Corvette Club as well as members from the Murray and Mayfield Corvette Clubs are scheduled to participate, but the Ride is not just for club members. It is open to anyone who owns a corvette, wants a corvette, or simply likes corvettes.

The 1st Annual Kentucky Great River Road Corvette Ride last year saw seventeen Corvettes convening upon the Fort Jefferson Memorial Cross in Wickliffe. Participants came from all over the Purchase Area to show off their vehicles while



driving down the Great River Road. This year's Ride is sure to bring out even more Corvettes

Norma Pruitt, Executive Director KY GRRO, organized the event. She said she hopes to have more events like this in the future to pro-

mote the four counties along the Great River Road. She sees these types of events as opportunities to promote tourism in the communities of Ballard, Carlisle, Hickman, and Fulton Counties.

2nd Annual Corvette Ride schedule:

2:30 p.m. Meet at Fort Jefferson Memorial Cross at the Confluence
3:00 p.m. Private tour Kentucky Veterans and Patriots Museum
4:00 p.m. View Veterans Memorial, Carlisle County Courthouse
4:30 p.m. View Mississippi River, Columbus-Belmont State Park
4:15 Travel to Clinton, KY Cruise-In to Enjoy "Hot August Block Party"—Enjoy local talent from 5-6:00 p.m. and Jeremiah Johnson and the Grizzly Six band playing from 6:30-9:00 p.m.; Corn-hole tournament; Chances to win iPod Touch; Food vendors available
6:00p.m. Presentation of Proclamation Corvette Day at the Courthouse in Clinton by Judge/Executive of Hickman County
7:45 p.m. Travel to Fulton, KY. Enjoy dinner & drinks on your own ending the tour at The Keg Bar & Grill, 444 Lake Street, Fulton, KY. Questions & More information, visit www.kygrro.org or call Norma Pruitt, KY GRRO (270) 705-0506

Winners of Bomber Bash drawing announced; families of over 900 students attend annual event



Barbara Logsdon and daughter Nikki are shown here with the Samsung tablet they won for answering an electronic survey at Bomber Bash, Ballard County Schools' annual back-to-school event on Aug. 4. The families of over 900 students attended the event, which included registration and orientations, a com-

munity health fair with over 35 presenters, and on-site give-aways for qualified families. The Ballard County Welfare Association distributed \$16,000 in clothing vouchers, and Ballard County Family Focus gave out school supplies to 333 students. (BCFF photo)

Local Special Olympics athlete raising money for this year's Big Brown Truck Pull

The Big Brown Truck Pull returns to Lower Broadway in Historic Downtown Paducah on Saturday, August 18. That's when teams from companies and organizations through the Paducah area will take on the Biggest Challenge in Town, seeing who can pull a loaded UPS 18-wheeler 12 feet in the shortest time.

The Big Brown Truck Pull works just like a walk-a-thon, with team members raising money (a minimum of \$50 per person or \$750 per team) to take part, but instead of going for a walk, teams grab a rope and play tug-o-war with the truck.

Prizes are awarded to the fastest pulls in men's, women's and co-ed divisions, and additional prizes are awarded to the top fundraising team, the top fundraising individual and the top fundraising Special Olympics Athlete. There are also awards for the best team T-shirt and the team with the best cheer. One lucky participant could even win an iPad3 Wi-Fi

Last year, more than 25 teams came together to help raise nearly \$40,000 for Special Olympics through this fun, exciting event.

There is still time to help with fundraising. Ballard County resident Kimberleigh Robinson is pulling on an honorary team that consists of specials needs participants. Kimberleigh is also a part of the "Bowled and Buff" Team. She is hoping to raise as much money as she can as a Special Olympics Athlete. To help Kimberleigh, go to www.SOKY.org and click on Special Event. Click Brown Truck Pull and then click Paducah. Next, Click "Here to register today" and find the Bowled and Buff team. Scroll down until you find Kimberleigh's name and then follow the donation directions. Kimberleigh appreciates all the support she can get with raising money for the Special Olympics.

If you would like to donate by check, make check payable to SOKY and write Kimberleigh Robinson in the memo line. Send donation to Kimberleigh Robinson, 3405 County Line Rd. Kevil, KY. 42053

Information for this article was found at www.SOKY.org For more information about the Big Brown Truck Pull, contact Julie Owsley at (270) 210-1440.