

SCRATCHMARKS

Whitefield Academy Athletic Update

August 2017



August is Hall of Fame month. In the last two weeks, both the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio and the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, inducted new classes. The inductees into each of these institutions are greeted with several days of ceremonies, pomp and circumstance, concluding with the actual day of induction. Speeches by the recipients of this honor are sincere (though often formulaic) reminiscences of those who helped them achieve this goal, anecdotes of their experiences, and perhaps some motivational words for those pursuing the same dreams. Another common theme of the “Hall of Fame Weekends” is controversy—usually in regards to those that many think should be inducted but have not at this time. In the case of Cooperstown, that controversy has, in recent memory, been centered upon the game’s most prolific hitter.

Pete Rose.

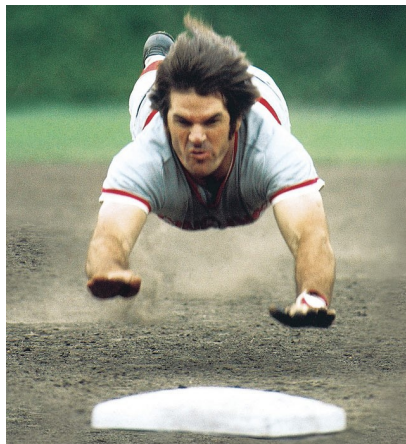
Pete Rose is the reason I grew up loving the game of baseball. From my earliest recollections, I was a Cincinnati Reds fan, having attended several games by the age of 5 or 6. And then I was a Phillies fan. And then an Expos fan. (For those younger than a certain age, the Expos were a major league baseball team. In Montreal. That’s in Canada. Now they are the Washington Nationals.)



Yes—an Expos fan in Louisville, Kentucky. And then the triumphant return to Cincinnati as not just a player, but eventually a manager as well. The hit record fell into his hands, and he was bound to become the first UNANIMOUS selection into Cooperstown. Then came the fall. Peter Edward Rose became the sporting symbol of a self-inflicted American tragedy.

The details of that fall are not needed—and in some cases not appropriate—for this space. However, the lessons that can be learned cannot be ignored. From watching Pete Rose, baseball hero, I learned that hustle is not just an attribute, it is a requirement to get every ounce from the talent you are given. I learned that passion can be infectious when witnessed by teammates, coaches, and fans. I learned that competitors are willing to sacrifice for their teams in order to obtain success as a group—he was elected an All-Star at four different positions in his career. I may or may not have learned that replicating Charlie Hustle’s head-first slides down grocery store aisles could earn quarters, or on a good day dollars, to buy there would be the most recent Pete could ever feasibly occur.

But there are also lessons to be learned from the fall. For all the accomplishments and accolades earned during a storied career, my hero was flawed. All of our heroes are flawed. Even our most moral examples fall short. I learned that no one person is greater than the game—of the omission of this great player, baseball has continued to thrive. Is that really so different from our entertainers, our politicians, even our preachers and teachers? That when we abandon what we know



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Be right, the fall from the public pedestal often comes quick and hard. Life must go on. And are we training those future leaders and “heroes” in the right way to encourage a life that is being looked upon by others as a positive role model? And I learned that most people are very forgiving. Baseball fans across the world willing to forgive Rose’s transgressions in the hope that one day he might grace that Cooperstown stage and be immortalized in those halls. Yet it appears Rose does not seek forgiveness.

How often do we find ourselves in the same position? We think we can handle everything on our own. Or perhaps we ignore wise council from a peer or a leader. Sometimes we are just wrong. Are we in a constant state of denial? Or do we turn to a forgiving Father who will welcome us into his halls, able to worship perfection at last. The theme for Whitefield Academy this year is “Shine” based on Psalm 80:3. The focal verse is repeated twice more in Psalm 80. The chapter ends,

“Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand,
Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.
Then we shall not turn back from You;
Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.
O Lord God of hosts, restore us;
Cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved.”

This year, like any year, we will have our share of successes as an athletic program. And we will have our fair share of challenges as well. At all times, might we remember the appeal to the Lord that our strength and our light comes through Him. And as His light shines upon us, might we be a reflection of that light which offers hope, peace, and joy. And forgiveness for those who seek it.

Roars of Approval

Congratulations!

Jaya McClure (8) and Nylaia Carter (6) were recently selected to represent Kentucky in the Battle of the Bridges All-Star Basketball Games!

Welcome to Whitefield Academy!

Varsity Girls Basketball Coach Tarreka Walker and Varsity Volleyball Coach Heather Sanders have taken over programs this summer while Daniel Newton ('10) and Danny Harris have changed roles to take over Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer teams. Carey Murphy also joins the coaching staff leading Varsity Cheer.

PICTURE DAY

Fall sports pictures will be held Wednesday, August 23rd
Players should be dressed and ready 15 minutes ahead of their scheduled
time! Preliminary times below—coaches will be given a final schedule next
week:

3:00 Varsity Boys Soccer

3:10 JV Boys Soccer

3:25 Elementary Cross Country

3:35 Middle School Cross Country

3:45 High School Cross Country

3:50 High School Girls Golf

4:00 High School Boys Golf

4:10 Elementary Boys Soccer

4:20 Middle School Boys Soccer

4:35 Varsity Girls Soccer

4:50 Middle School Blue Volleyball

5:00 Middle School Gold Volleyball

5:10 JV Volleyball

5:20 Varsity Volleyball

*Weather permitting, outdoor sports pictures will be taken by the pavilion or
on the soccer field.

*Picture forms are available in the front office or the athletic office.

COMING UP:

HS Boys Soccer

8/11 vs. Waggener (Scr)	6:00
8/14 at St. Francis	5:30
8/15 vs. PRP (V/JV)	5:00
8/18 vs. St. Francis (JV)	6:00
8/21 at Seneca	5:30
8/23 vs. Brown	5:00
(All A at St. Francis)	
8/24 All A Semifinal	5:00
8/26 All A Final	10:00
8/29 vs. J-town	5:30
8/31 at Rock Creek	5:30
9/5 vs. Walden	5:30
9/7 vs. DeSales (V/JV)	5:00
9/12 at Bullitt East (V/JV)	5:00
9/14 at Moore	5:30
9/16 Whitefield Inv.	9:00/TBA
9/19 at Fern Creek	5:00
9/21 vs. N. Bullitt (V/JV)	5:00
9/25 at Butler	5:00
9/28 vs. Southern	5:30
10/3 at Henry Co.	6:00
10/5 vs. Portland Chr.	4:30

HS Girls Soccer

8/10 vs. Central (Scr.)	6:00
8/14 vs. Presentation	6:00
8/15 at Carroll Co.	6:00
8/22 vs. Mercy	5:30
8/25 vs. KCD	5:00
(All A at St. Francis)	
8/26 All A Final	12:00
8/28 at J-town	5:30
8/31 vs. Southern	5:30
9/5 at PRP	5:30
9/11 vs. KCD	6:15
9/12 at Fairdale	5:00
9/14 vs. Collegiate	5:30
9/18 at Bullitt East	5:30
9/21 at Central	5:30
9/25 vs. Fern Creek	5:30
9/28 at Moore	5:30
10/3 vs. Waggener	5:30
10/5 vs. Bullitt Central	6:00

HS Golf

8/10	G vs. Assumption	4:00	Quail Chase
8/14	G vs. HC/PRP	4:00	Quail Chase
8/15	B vs. DeSales	4:00	Quail Chase
8/18	G All A Regional	4:00	Quail Chase
8/21	B vs. Holy Cross	4:00	Quail Chase
8/22	G vs. Collegiate	4:15	Quail Chase
8/24	B All A Regional	4:00	Quail Chase
8/28	B vs. Collegiate	4:15	Quail Chase
8/29	G vs. Assumption	4:30	Vettiner
8/31	B vs. Male	4:00	TBA
9/5	B vs. DeSales	4:30	TBA
9/7	B vs. KCD	4:30	Quail Chase
9/9	All A State Tournament		
9/11	B vs. Collegiate	4:15	Cherokee
9/12	G vs. HC/PRP	4:00	Sun Valley
9/14	B vs. N. Bullitt	4:00	Quail Chase
9/18	G vs. Assumption	4:15	Cherokke
9/19	B vs. KCD/HC	4:30	Quail Chase
9/21	G vs. N. Bullitt	4:00	Quail Chase
9/25	Boys Regional	TBA	Seneca
9/26	Girls Regional	TBA	TBA

Cross Country

8/19	Pink/Blue Run (Vettiner)	El/MS/HS
8/21	GLCC Series (Vettiner)	El/MS
8/26	Tiger Run (Champ. Park)	HS
8/28	GLCC Series (Vettiner)	El/MS
9/2	Shelby Inv. (Shelby East)	HS
9/11	GLCC Series (Vettiner)	El/MS
9/16	Central Hardin (ETown)	HS
9/26	FCA Meet (SECC)	El/MS/HS
9/29	Great Louisville (Sawyer)	El
9/30	Great Louisville (Sawyer)	MS/HS
10/9	GLCC Series (Vettiner)	El/MS
10/14	Noe Invitational (Vettiner)	HS
10/14	Area 3 Champ. (McNeely)	El/MS
10/17	Private School (Seneca)	HS
10/21	KTCCCA (Lexington)	El/MS/HS
10/28	Region 3, Class A (TBA)	HS

MS BOYS SOCCER

8/17	vs. CAI	5:30/6:45	9/11	vs. Collegiate (B)	5:00
8/21	vs. Walden	5:00/6:15	9/12	at KCD	4:30/5:45
8/25	vs. Waldorf	5:00	9/15	vs. Meredith Dunn	5:00
8/28	at Latin	5:00/6:15	9/16	at Collegiate	10:00/11:15
9/1	vs. OSL	5:00/6:15	9/18	at Anchorage	5:00/6:15
9/5	at Rock Creek	5:30	9/19	vs. KCD (B)	5:00
9/8	vs. St. Francis	5:00/6:15	9/22	vs. Latin (C)	TBA

HS Volleyball

8/10	vs. Portland (Scr)	6:00
8/15	at Shelby Co.	6:00/7:00
8/21	vs. St. Francis (All A)	7:00
8/22	All A Semis/Finals	5:00/7:30
8/24	at J-town	6:00/7:00
8/26	First Spike Tournament	
8/29	vs. Mercy	6:00/7:00
8/31	at Oldham County	6:30/7:30
9/2	E-town Tournament	
9/5	at Rock Creek	6:00/7:00
9/7	vs. Fern Creek	6:00/7:00
9/8	at Walden	6:00/7:00
9/11	at N. Oldham	6:00/7:00
9/14	vs. Thomas Nelson	6:00/7:00
9/16	All A State Tournament	
9/18	vs. Christian Acad.	6:00/7:00
9/19	at North Bullitt	6:00/7:00
9/21	vs. PRP	6:00/7:00
9/25	at Bullitt East	TBA
9/29	JCIVT Tournament	
9/30	JCIVT Tournament	
10/3	vs. KCD	6:00/7:00
10/5	vs. Atherton	6:00/7:00
10/10	at Bullitt Central	6:00/7:00

MS Volleyball

8/14	at CAI	6:00/7:00
8/18	at Little Flock	5:00/6:00
8/19	vs. OSL	11:30 (Gold)
	vs. Walden	12:15 (Gold)
	vs. Portland 2	1:45 (Blue)
	vs. Latin 2	2:45 (Blue)
8/28	vs. KCD	5:00/6:00
9/9	vs. CAL-SW	12:15 (Gold)
	vs. Portland I	5:00 (Blue)
	vs. Mer. Dunn	5:45 (Gold)
	vs. Mer. Dunn	6:30 (Blue)
9/12	vs. Little Flock	5:00/6:00
9/15	vs. Portland	5:00/6:00
9/16	vs. Latin I	9:45 (Blue)
	vs. Beth Haven	3:30 (Gold)
	vs. Cornerstone	4:15 (Gold)
	vs. Sayers	5:00 (Blue)
9/26	vs. TBA	5:00/6:00
9/28	at KCD	5:00/6:00
9/29	Whitefield Tournament	
9/30	Whitefield Tournament	
10/2	at Portland Chr.	5:00/6:00

Coming Soon

If you are interested in participating in Whitefield Athletics this year, sign-ups are posted for winter and spring sports! Elementary sign-up are located in the gymnasium, High School sign-ups are on the athletic bulletin board outside of the library. Middle school sign-ups are in both locations.



MS GIRLS SOCCER

Any 5th-8th grade girls interested in playing soccer should contact the athletic department. There will be two games with KCD this fall in preparation for the spring season in the JCPS league (numbers permitting).

ELEMENTARY BOYS BASKETBALL

5th/6th Graders: There will be a short players meeting in the locker room immediately after school on Thursday, August 24th. Tryouts will take place Sept. 6th (3:00-4:30) and 11th (6:30-8:00). Sept. 16th (5:45-7:30) will be used if needed.

3rd/4th Graders: There will be a players meeting in the locker room immediately after school on Friday, August 25th. Tryouts will take place September 9th (7:45-9:45 AM). Sept. 16th (5:45-7:30) will be used if needed.



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CROSS COUNTRY

Practice begins Thursday, August 10th from 5:00-7:00 at McNeely Lake Park. Please make sure all paperwork is turned in to the Athletic Office before the end of school on Thursday.

VARSITY CHEER

Coach Murphy will have an informational meeting Friday, August 11th at 3:30 PM for any 7th-12th grade students interested in trying out for Varsity Cheer. Conditioning will begin next week on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons starting at 3:30.



SOFTBALL WORKOUTS

Coach Carpenter will begin working with any middle school or high school girls interested in participating in an off-season hitting/throwing/conditioning program. Meet at the batting cages on Tuesdays at 3:30.



Save the Date!

ATHLETIC ORIENTATION DATES FOR 2017:

*Parent attendance is required at one of the following if a session was *not* attended during the 2016-2017 school year. MOST PARENTS ARE DUE TO ATTEND THIS YEAR!

August 21st (8:00 PM—World Cafe)

September 14th (7:00 PM—World Cafe)

*ANY FALL SPORTS PARENTS WHO HAVE NOT MET THE REQUIREMENT SHOULD PLAN ON ATTENDING ON AUGUST 21st

*ANY WINTER SPORTS PARENTS WHO DID NOT ATTEND LAST YEAR OR THIS SUMMER SHOULD ATTEND IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER

*SPRING SPORTS PARENTS MAY ATTEND EITHER OF THESE SESSIONS OR A SESSION TO BE HELD IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY

COLLEGE WORKSHOP

Parents—if your high school student athlete is interested in pursuing athletics in college, make plans now to attend the College Athletics Workshop on Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 PM in Room 101 (across from the sanctuary). We will discuss the NCAA and NAIA requirements and clearinghouses, understanding the recruiting process, and what to expect as a college athlete. Please RSVP to the athletic office if planning on attending and let us know if you have any specific questions that you would like answered!

SPONSORS

Help get the local community behind Whitefield Athletics! On the following pages you will find sponsorship forms. We offer a variety of ways to sponsor the Wildcats including banner sponsors, team sponsors, and game sponsors. Act now to get the most value out of a season sponsorship. Contact the athletic department for more details.

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Physical Exams

Physicals: Prior to participation (practices or games), student-athletes must have a current sports physical on file in the Athletic Office. All physicals must be on the appropriate KHSAA physical forms. Forms can be picked up in the athletic office or found at:

High School:

<http://khsaa.org/forms/CombinedGE04andPPEForm.pdf>

Middle School/Elementary:

<http://khsaa.org/forms/CombinedMS01andPPEForm.pdf>

PASS TO PLAY

In an effort to allow our coaches more time to coach and less time in handling paperwork, we are implementing the “Pass to Play” form. You will find a copy of the form on the next page. This form will ensure coaches’ that the athletes coming to them are eligible to play by virtue of their enrollment, documented forms, etc. Players need to have the athletic office sign the form stating all items are completed. The signed form then is to be turned in to the coach in order to begin participation. Physical forms and waiver forms may be obtained in the athletic office or at orientations or parent meetings



WHITEFIELD ACADEMY

Pass To Play Checklist

_____ **School Enrollment**

(or Alternative Education Program – Select sports for Elementary / Middle School only)

_____ **Academic Eligibility**

(Age / Grade level / Progress towards graduation)

_____ **Current Athletic Physical on KHSAA Form**

(Good for one year from date of exam. Expiration date: _____)

_____ **Waiver and Responsibility Form**

_____ **Parent Attendance at Athletic Orientation**

Date: _____ *(Parents are asked to attend an Athletic Orientation every two years.)*

_____ **Athletic Fee** _____

**Elementary Team - \$35*

**Middle School Team - \$40*

**High School Team - \$45*

(Turn in this portion to your coach prior to starting practice.)

Athlete's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Sport: _____

Signature of Athletic Director: _____

Date of physical expiration if during season: _____