

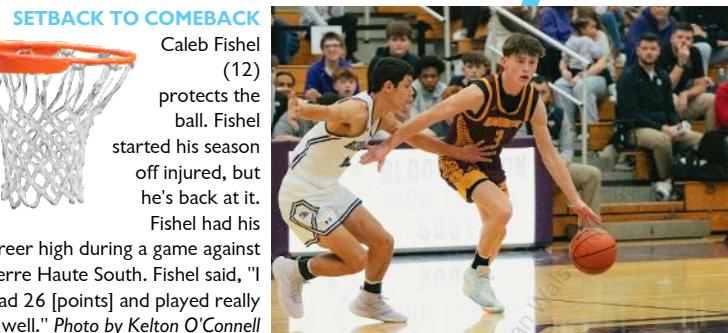
MONEY SHOT

Nathan Walker (10) takes a shot against South. He talked about the importance of "standing on the court before tip off against South." Walker has played basketball since second grade and is starting varsity his second year at North.

Photo by Kelton O'Connell

**SETBACK TO COMEBACK**

Caleb Fishel (12) protects the ball. Fishel started his season off injured, but he's back at it. Fishel had his career high during a game against Terre Haute South. Fishel said, "I had 26 [points] and played really well." Photo by Kelton O'Connell

**HOOP DREAMS**

Tevin Grimes (10) goes up for a shot. At the start of the season, Grimes said, "The first game I played was really, really good." He continues playing for JV and is double-rostered.

Photo by Audrey Crider

IN THE ZONE

Rashon English (10) handling the ball. Going into the JV season, the team is ready to improve and grow together. English said, "The biggest thing is just playing defense and playing hard every time on the court." He also commented on how fun the season has been.

Photo by Juliana Edwards

**COURT VISION**

Blake Davis (9) guards for his team. This season, Davis has been "empowered to play defense." Davis had a previous injury, but now he's back and more motivated to win.

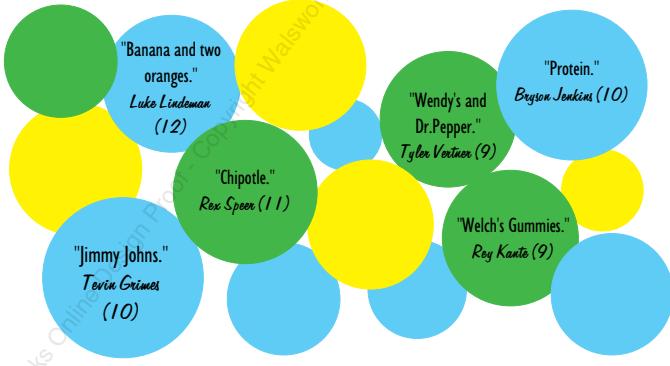
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**BACK IN ACTION**

Luke Lindeman (12) strives to get back into his game after a long season of injury.

Lindeman said, "It's been a little rough; I had injuries almost the whole time."

Photo by Kelton O'Connell

**Pre-Game Fuel**

It's All About...

... our favorite players.

NEW TEAM, NEW GAME

Ka'Mareon Washington (11), a new junior at North, describes his transition to North's program as being "a lot better, because South basketball was strict." He said the adjustment has been easy and that he and the head coach "are pretty close already." Photo by Hattie Wisler

**PASSING THE WIN**

Frank Keefer (11) passes the ball back into play. Despite bumps in the road, Keefer said, "We're all competing our hearts out."

Photo by Casey O'Connell



"Stephen Curry."
Carter Matthew (9)

"Anthony Edwards."
Javen Brooks (9)



BONDED FOR SUCCESS

Javen Brooks (9) has created a tight bond with many players on the team. Brooks said, "We had good chemistry this year and everyone got along pretty good."

Photo by Audrey Crider



SUPPORT FROM THE SIDELINE

Jonathan Josefy (9) sits with the freshman team, awaiting a varsity play. Josefy said that one of the highlights this season was "when we beat Center Grove." Photo by Casey O'Connell

IT TAKES A TEAM

CJ Vaughns (12) values his team. Vaughns said, "My favorite moment is when Levi (Lindeman) got his first in-game dunk." As a senior, Vaughns is hopeful for the future of the team. Photo by Kelton O'Connell



NOTHING BUT NET

Levi Lindeman (10) shoots against South. Lindeman said, "your defense [gets] better because you want to get back [into the game]." Photo by Kelton O'Connell



DRIBBLE TO THE TOP

Drew Hipskind (10) dribbles the ball up court against Center Grove. Hipskind said, "The best motivation is the drive to win." Photo by Juliana Edwards



FULL COURT FOCUS

Alex Miller (10) goes for the free throw. Miller said that he feels excited during games because the pressure is low and the team "is kind of a family, and we all play together." Photo by Casey O'Connell



ON THE ROAD TO REBOUND

With the season starting off with injured players and slower momentum, the Cougars made their comeback.

JR Cross (10) said their season "hasn't gone exactly how we expected it to, but we're getting better." Despite differences between each player, one commonality teammates share is their drive to win.

At the beginning of the season, Nathan Walker (10) said, "I hope to go far in the playoffs."

Another teammate, Bryson Jenkins (10), said his goal was "to win championships and just to have a good season."

The boys finished out their

season with Luke Lindeman (12), one of the three seniors on the varsity team, coming back from recovering an ACL tear. Win or lose, the team admits how important it is to push each other to be better. Lindeman describes how he feels like "the best player in the world" when he makes a shot.

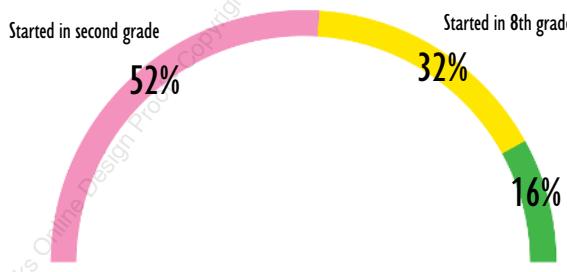
While Rey Kante (9) expressed how he feels confident when making a basket along with his most memorable moment was "hitting a buzzer beater at the end of the quarter in someone's face."

Despite the injuries in the beginning, the Cougars were able to finish strong as a team, with hopes to improve and succeed.

Story by Emma Bubalo

Ball Beginnings

How long has the team been playing?



"LeBron James."
Rashon English (10)

"Victor Wembanyama."
Rex Speer (11)

"Paul George."
Luke Lindeman (12)