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McKENZIE REBELS BOYS' BASKETBALL TSSAA CLASS A SEMI-FINALISTS



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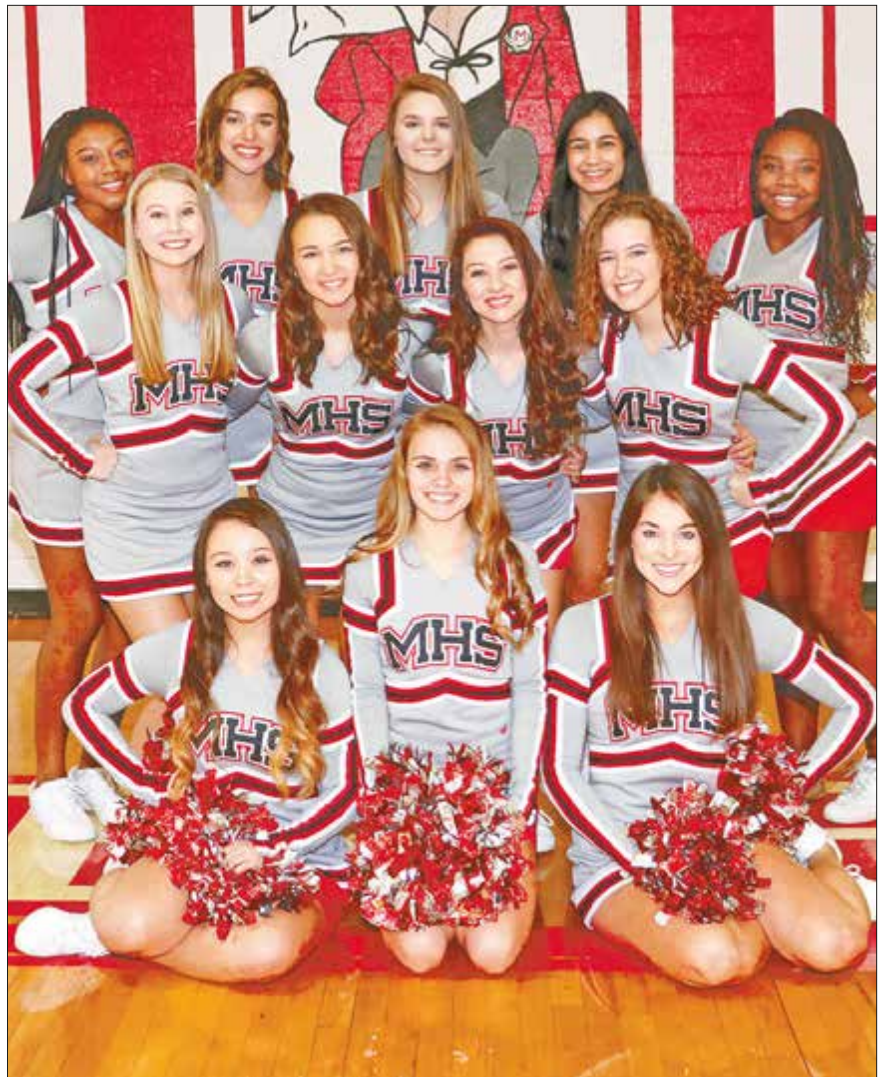


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Left, 2018-19 McKenzie Rebels Basketball Team. Right, MHS Basketball Cheerleaders (L to R): Front Row — Haven Hargrove, Marisa Nunnery and Sydney Pate; Second Row — Ashlyn Drewry, Anna Grace Spivey, Savannah Hill and Taylor Hall; Back Row — Jessica Moore, Lauren Mansfield, Madison Hendrix, Momi DeLoach and Kristen Taylor.

2018-19 McKenzie Rebels Season

28-3 Overall • 11-1 District 11A

Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 13	Madison Academic	W 80-43
Nov. 16	Stewart County	W 70-44
Nov. 20	at #12 Peabody	W 69-67
Nov. 27	at Bradford	W 62-52
Nov. 30	#22 Camden	W 89-82
Dec. 4	at Clarksburg	W 73-19
Dec. 7	Obion County	W 71-40
Dec. 11	at Big Sandy	W 76-27
Dec. 14	West Carroll	L 62-69
Dec. 17	Bradford	W 63-41
Dec. 27	Lexington	L 47-53
Dec. 28	Waverly	W 72-38
Jan. 3	Dresden	W 74-21
Jan. 4	at Hollow Rock-Bruceton	W 75-56
Jan. 8	Natchez Trace	W 68-10
Jan. 11	Huntingdon	W 67-33
Jan. 15	Clarksburg	W 77-31
Jan. 18	#2 Columbia Academy	L 38-51
Jan. 19	at Dresden	W 57-45
Jan. 22	Big Sandy	W 76-37
Jan. 25	at West Carroll	W 66-54
Jan. 29	Hollow Rock-Bruceton	W 56-39
Jan. 31	Natchez Trace	W 64-10
Feb. 1	Greenfield	W 66-46
Feb. 5	at Huntingdon	W 67-45
Feb. 12	Hollow Rock-Bruceton <i>D11A Semifinal</i>	W 77-32
Feb. 15	Huntingdon <i>D11A Championship</i>	W 52-43
Feb. 22	Perry County <i>Region 6A Quarterfinal</i>	W 63-50
Feb. 26	#11 Summertown <i>Region 6A Semifinal</i>	W 66-42
Feb. 28	#8 Loretto <i>Region 6A Championship</i>	W 54-51
Mar. 4	#10 East Robertson <i>Class A Sectional</i>	W 69-57
Mar. 14	University School-Johnson City <i>Class A State Quarterfinal</i>	W 68-49
Mar. 15	Humboldt <i>Class A State Semifinal</i>	L 55-66

2019 Class A State Boys' Basketball Tournament

March 13 - March 16, 2019 · MTSU - Murphy Center

Eagleville (28-3) 66	Eagleville (29-3) 63	Columbia Academy 76
Game 1 Thu. Mar. 14 1:15 PM MTSU	Game 5 Fri. Mar. 15 4:30 PM MTSU	Game 7 Sat. Mar. 16 6:00 PM MTSU
Cosby (24-8) 55	Columbia Academy (29-5) 76	Humboldt 60
Columbia Academy (28-5) 77	Manassas (30-3) 53	Columbia Academy STATE CHAMPION
Game 2 Thu. Mar. 14 2:45 PM MTSU	Univ. School - JC (29-5) 49	
McKenzie (28-3) 68	McKenzie (29-3) 55	
Game 3 Thu. Mar. 14 4:30 PM MTSU	Humboldt (28-3) 65	
Humboldt (28-3) 65	Humboldt (29-3) 66	
Game 4 Thu. Mar. 14 6:00 PM MTSU	Fayetteville (26-7) 53	

2018-19 McKenzie High School Boys' Roster

2018-19 McKenzie High School Boys' Statistics

#	Player	25	Nate Whitsell
1	Lucas King	32	Ben Austin
2	Elijah Seivers	33	Eli Surber
3	Tyler Spivey	34	Caleb Gill
4	West Cook	42	Jake McDaniel
5	Lazarick Hill		Head Coach: John Wilkins
10	Jaden Currie		Assistant Coach: Larry Joe Smith
11	Brandon Hobson		Managers: Stephone Haynes, Drew Beeler,
12	Zayden McCaslin		Allie Chappell and Claire Wilkins
15	Lane Horton		Videographer: Logan Green
20	Evan Jarrett		Team Scorekeeper: Ladona Herrin
21	Jonathan Moore		Social Media Director: Tim McBride
22	Andrew Cole		Principal/Athletic Director: Tim Watkins
23	Micah Austin		

#	Names	GP	FGM-A	3PTM-A	FG%	FTM-A	Tot. Pts	AVG/GM	TREB	REB/GM
1	Lucas King	31	163 - 365	51 - 155	44.7	98 - 123	472	15.2	125	4.0
3	Tyler Spivey	32	6 - 40	3 - 22	15.0	6 - 6	21	0.7	27	0.8
5	Lazarick Hill	33	123 - 256	21 - 78	48.0	55 - 87	329	10.0	116	3.5
15	Lane Horton	33	32 - 63	0 - 3	50.8	17 - 30	84	2.5	80	2.4
20	Evan Jarrett	26	15 - 40	3 - 10	37.5	13 - 15	48	1.8	41	1.6
23	Micah Austin	19	31 - 104	16 - 54	29.8	19 - 32	88	4.6	40	2.1
25	Nate Whitsell	33	114 - 205	15 - 37	55.6	31 - 47	263	8.0	173	5.2
32	Ben Austin	33	238 - 395	26 - 78	60.3	102 - 136	604	18.3	350	10.6
34	Caleb Gill	33	50 - 130	12 - 44	38.5	26 - 39	137	4.2	37	1.1

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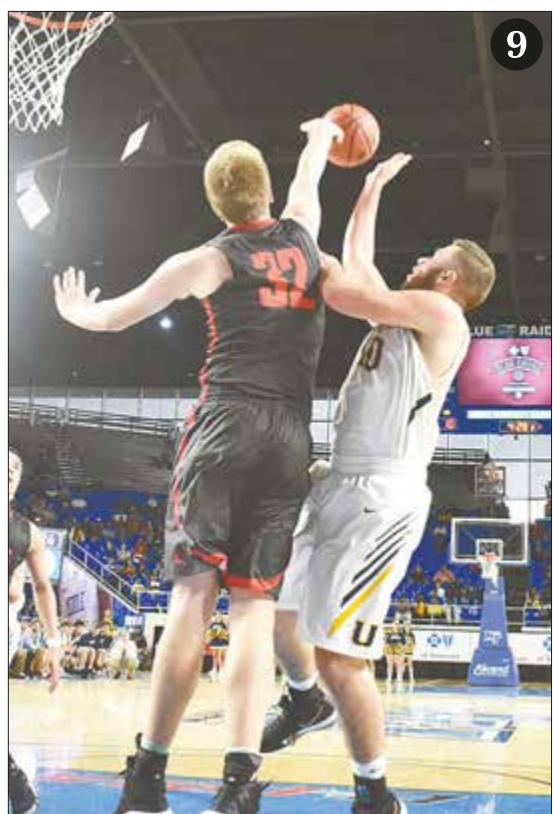
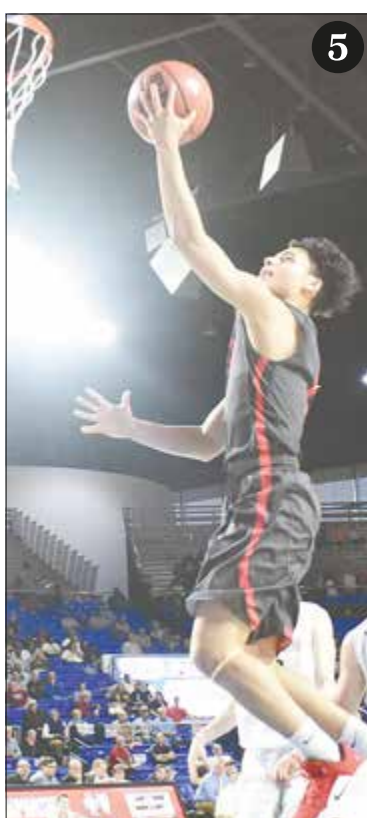
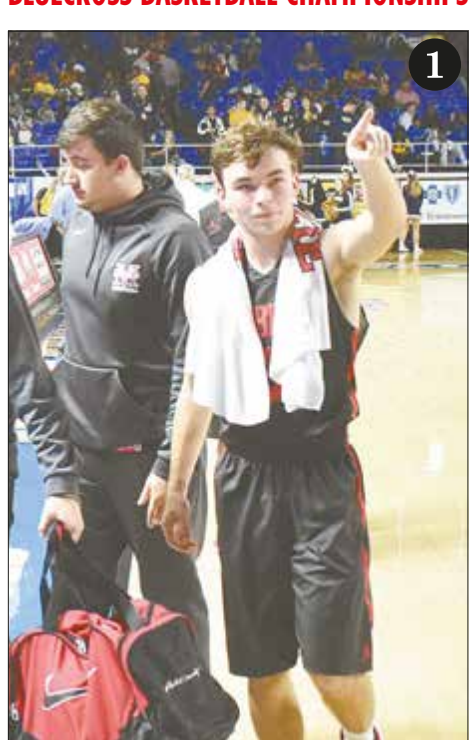
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1. Rebel Tyler Spivey acknowledges the fans as he exits the court following McKenzie's win. 2. McKenzie High School Principal Tim Watkins congratulates the Rebels on their historic win. Pictured from left are Watkins, Ben Austin and Nate Whitsell. 3. The McKenzie faithful welcome the Rebels to the floor for Thursday's quarterfinal. 4. Rebel Lazarick Hill scores on a fast break. Hill scored 13 points in McKenzie's quarterfinal win. 5. Rebel Lucas King floats to the basket on a fast break. King had 12 points in the win. 6. Rebel Micah Austin drives into the lane for a pull-up jumper. Austin scored ten points in the win. 7. McKenzie fans go wild as the Rebels win their first state tournament game in program history. 8. The Rebels return confidently from the locker room to the court for the second half with a ten-point lead. 9. Rebel Ben Austin blocks a USJC shot in the paint. He had eight blocks in McKenzie's quarterfinal win. 10. Rebel Nate Whitsell floats to the basket on the baseline. Whitsell scored 14 points in McKenzie's quarterfinal win. 11. The Rebels and cheerleaders stand in anticipation on the ramp, waiting to take the floor for the quarterfinal. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels Make History with First State Tournament Win

BY BRAD SAM

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MURFREESBORO (March 14) — The McKenzie High School Rebels earned the first state tournament win in program history Thursday with a 68-49 victory over the University School-Johnson City Buccaneers in the quarterfinal round of the TSSAA Class A Boys' Basketball Championships.

The Rebels led from the opening tip, jumping out to a double-digit lead in the first three minutes. The Buccaneers would make several brief runs to cut into the deficit, including an impressive burst in the third quarter to cut the gap to six, but overall, the Rebels outscored USJC in each period.

McKenzie Rebels 68, University School-Johnson City Buccaneers 49

The Rebels had an 18-10 lead after the first frame, led by Lucas King with six points. Nate Whitsell scored five, including a three-pointer. Lazarick Hill also hit a three, and Ben Austin and Micah Austin each had a pair.

le Meredith led the Buccaneers with five points. Charles Vargo hit a three, and Jonathan Fleenor had a pair.

McKenzie had a 13-11 edge in the second quarter, led by Whitsell with five points, again with a three. M. Austin also hit a three, and Hill scored three points. B. Austin added a pair. Meredith led USJC with nine points, including a three, and Vargo added a pair. At the half, the Rebels led 31-21.

The Rebels enjoyed a 20-15 advantage in the third, led by B. Austin with seven points. King and Hill each scored four, M. Austin hit another three-pointer, and Whitsell added a pair. Meredith had 14 of the Buccaneers' points with a pair of threes, and Mason Broome hit a free throw. Heading into the final frame, McKenzie led 51-36.

McKenzie outscored the Buccaneers 17-13 in the fourth to seal the win, led by B. Austin with six points. Hill scored three points, King, Whitsell and M. Austin each added a pair, and Lane Horton and Caleb Gill each hit a free throw. Meredith led USJC with eight points, including a pair of threes. Daniel David also hit a three-pointer, and Jacob Hubbard

had a pair.

Ben Austin led McKenzie in scoring with 17 points, including a perfect 5-for-5 at the free throw line. He was just two blocks shy of a triple-double with eight to go along with 18 rebounds. Nate Whitsell had 14 points with a pair of threes, five rebounds and a block. Lazarick Hill scored 13

points with a three and had five rebounds, five assists and two steals. Lucas King had 12 points, six assists, three rebounds, a block and a steal. Micah Austin scored ten points with a pair of three-pointers and had three rebounds and a steal. Caleb Gill had one point and one rebound, and Lane Horton had one point. Tyler Spivey

had two rebounds and two assists. Evan Jarrett had a rebound.

Overall, the Rebels shot 58.1 percent from the field and 62.5 percent from three-point range. Their free throw percentage was 76.5. They out-rebounded USJC 39-31. Buccaneer Kaleb Meredith led all scorers with 36 points including five three-pointers.

He was 7-for-8 at the free throw line and led the team with nine rebounds. He also had a block and two steals. Charles Vargo scored five points with a three and had five rebounds and a steal.

USJC was held to 26.6 percent shooting from the field and 23.3 percent on threes but shot 66.7 percent from the line.



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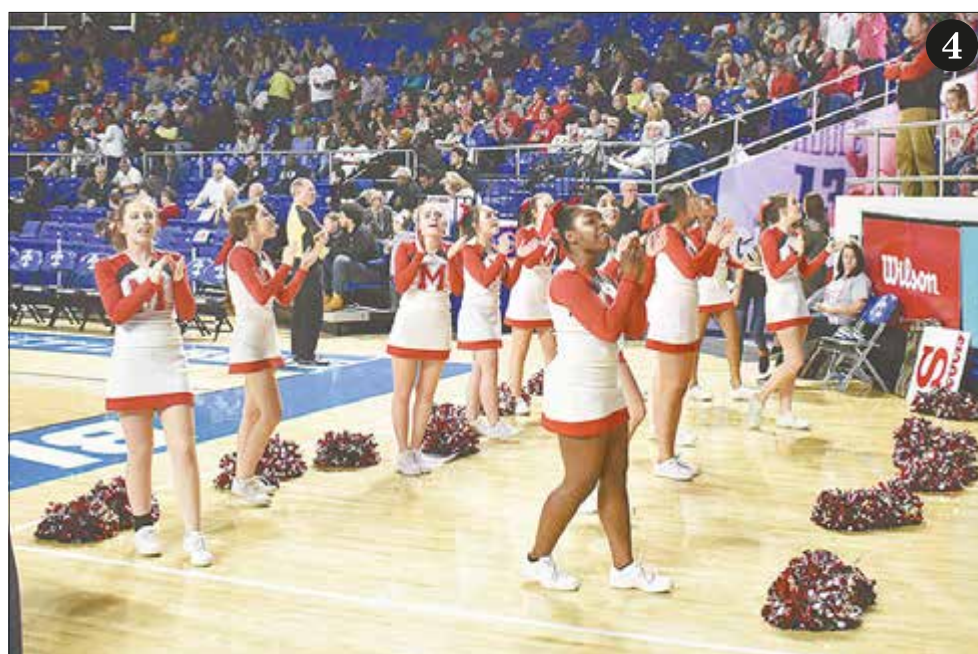
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1. Rebel Ben Austin gets in front of the Humboldt defense for an easy layup. Austin led McKenzie with 20 points. 2. The Rebels and Vikings shake hands after a hard-fought semifinal contest. 3. Rebel Ben Austin goes up strong to the basket. Austin led McKenzie with 20 points. 4. The McKenzie High School cheerleaders rev up the Rebel fans during a timeout. 5. Nate Whitsell leads the Rebels in warm-up drills prior to Friday's semifinal. 6. Rebel Nate Whitsell cuts under the basket for an off-balance reverse layup. Whitsell scored seven points for McKenzie. 7. Rebel Lucas King splits a pair of Viking defenders in the paint. King scored 19 points for McKenzie. 8. Rebel Nate Whitsell floats to the basket for two points. Whitsell scored seven points for McKenzie. 9. Rebel Lucas King pulls up short of a defender and extends for a one-handed shot. King scored 19 points for McKenzie. Photos by Brad Sam/The Banner

Rebels End Historic Season with Semifinal Loss

BY BRAD SAM

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MURFREESBORO (March 15) — The McKenzie Rebels saw a historic season come to an end Friday as they fell 66-55 to the Humboldt Vikings in the semifinals of the TSSAA Class A State Boys Basketball Tournament at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center.

The Rebels never had a lead in the contest. The Vikings led by a dozen at the half, but McKenzie came out strong from the break with a 16-6 run to pull within two points. Humboldt stifled the rally and built the lead back to

double digits with two minutes left to play. The Vikings hit their free throws late to hold off the Rebels and claim the win.

The loss ends the high school basketball careers of seniors Ben Austin, Tyler Spivey, Brandon Hobson and manager Stephanie Haynes.

Humboldt Vikings 66, McKenzie Rebels 55

The Vikings jumped out to an 18-11 lead after the opening frame, led by Anthony Jones with six points. Ronald Abernathy and Montrez Ward each scored five, Abernathy with a three-pointer, and Reginald Manley had a pair. Ben Austin led the Rebels with six points,

including a three. Lucas King scored three points, and Nate Whitsell had a pair.

Humboldt added to the lead with a 20-15 advantage in the second quarter, led by Abernathy, Ward and Jones with six points each. Ward on a pair of threes. Malik Cox had a pair. B. Austin led McKenzie with eight points. Whitsell hit a three-pointer, and King and Lazarick Hill each had a pair. At the half, the Vikings led 38-26.

The Rebels rallied 20-11 to cut the deficit in the third, led by King with nine points, including a three-pointer. B. Austin scored four, and Hill hit a three. Whitsell and Lane Horton each had a pair. Jones led Humboldt with

four points, and Trent Green hit a three. Ward and Manley each added a pair. Heading into the final frame, the Vikings led 49-46.

Humboldt sealed the win with a 17-9 tilt in the fourth, led by Ward with eight points. Abernathy scored seven, and Jones added a pair. King scored five for McKenzie, including a three, and Hill and B. Austin each added a pair.

Ben Austin led the Rebels with 20 points, including a three-pointer. He also led the team all players with ten rebounds and had two assists and three blocks. Lucas King scored 19 with a pair of threes and had three rebounds and four assists. Nate Whitsell had seven points

with a three, seven rebounds, three assists, a block and a steal. Lazarick Hill also scored seven with a three-pointer and had two rebounds, an assist and three steals. Lane Horton had two points and an assist. Tyler Spivey had a rebound and an assist. Micah Austin had a rebound, an assist and a steal.

McKenzie shot 45.3 percent from the field and 27.8 percent from three-point range. They hit two of just four free throw attempts for 50 percent. The Rebels out-rebounded Humboldt 30-22.

Viking Montrez Ward led all scorers with 21 points, including a pair of threes and a perfect 7-for-7 at the line. He had three

assists and a steal. Anthony Jones scored 18 points and had nine rebounds, an assist, seven blocks and four steals. Ronald Abernathy also scored 18 points, including a three-pointer, and had four rebounds, a block and three steals. Reginald Manley had four points and two rebounds. Trent Green hit a three-pointer and had three rebounds, five assists and a steal. Malik Cox had two points.

Humboldt shot 56.1 percent from the field and 44.4 percent from three-point range. They hit 16 of 21 free throws for 76.2 percent.

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