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Chaminade shoots past Francis Howell for district crown

MARYLAND HEIGHTS — Chaminade senior Nate Straughter had a good look, but he passed up the chance when he saw a teammate who had a better shot.

That formula worked to perfection Saturday for the Red Devils.

"We wanted to focus on getting the best shot we possibly could," Straughter said.

The Red Devils shot lights out from the field in the second half and cruised to a 59-40 victory against Francis Howell in the Class 6 District 3 boys basketball championship at Pattonville High School.

It's the third consecutive district title for Chaminade and the program's ninth since 2010.

"It's about the kids," Chaminade coach Frank Bennett said. "For this group of kids, this group of seniors has been through a lot. They're good high character kids who have sacrificed to get a little bit more as a team, I'm extremely happy for these kids."

Chaminade (22-7) advanced to play in the Class 6 quarterfinal round at 2:45 p.m. March 12 at Maryville University against the winner of Class 6 District 4 final between Fort Zumwalt South (25-2) and Troy (22-4).

After a semifinal scare against Hazelwood Central, Bennett was pleased to watch the Red Devils run their offense to clinical perfection.

"When we played Hazelwood Central, we were rushing shots," Chaminade senior Jotham Daniels said. "It almost cost us the game. We weren't going to make that mistake. We'd pass up that good shot for a great shot."

Daniels led all scorers with 14 points, 12 in the second half while going 4 for 4 from the field.

STANDARD DEMOCRAT

Robinson named emerging superintendent for SE Missouri



SIKESTON — Sikeston R-6 Superintendent Dr. Tony Robinson has been recognized by the state for demonstrating outstanding educational leadership skills in Southeast Missouri.

The R-6 district announced on Tuesday Robinson was named the Missouri Association of School Administrators, or MASA, Emerging Missouri Superintendent of Schools for the Southeast region.

“I am honored and grateful to receive this award,” Robinson said. “I’m proud of the work that our teachers and administrators continue to accomplish in the classrooms. I am extremely proud of our new facilities we are building.”

The facilities Robinson is referencing are the new Lee Hunter Elementary and Bulldog Hall (C Building) on the high school campus under construction, and the kindergarten center multipurpose room project also underway.

Each year, MASA presents an award to an outstanding Emerging Missouri Superintendent of Schools from each MASA region. The award is in recognition of outstanding performance in the demonstration of those skills that reflect the best in educational leadership.

Nominees must be a practicing superintendent in their second or third year of employment as a superintendent; have never served as a superintendent of schools in another state; made a measurable contribution to the school district they serve as a Superintendent of Schools as verified by one or more practicing Superintendents from their MASA region; and be a member of MASA at the time of nomination.

Robinson, who is in his third year as superintendent of the R-6 district, began working for the district on July 1, 2019, with the 2019-2020 school year being his first with the district.

Prior to becoming the R-6 superintendent, Robinson served as the deputy superintendent for Cape Girardeau public schools. He has also worked as a teacher, coach and principal at various times over the years in the **Hazelwood School District**, Ferguson-Florissant School District, Pattonville School District, Ritenour School District and the Jennings School District.

Robinson also holds a bachelor’s degree in history with an emphasis in social studies; a master’s degree in secondary education administration; and a doctoral degree in education administration.

Local bus drivers seek help as the state comes after them after it wrongfully paid them unemployment money



HAZELWOOD (KMOV) - News 4 Investigates has reported on Missouri asking for its money back after overpaying people for unemployment during the height of the pandemic. It's affected thousands of Missourians, and now, it's hitting close to home. Several local school bus drivers said the state is now knocking at their doors for money they spent while out of work.

News 4 talked with three **Hazelwood School District** bus drivers who wanted to remain anonymous. We'll refer to them in this story as Driver 1, Driver 2 and Driver 3.

"Starting March, when the pandemic hit, we were told we were not gonna be able to return to work due to COVID. They were shutting everything down," Driver 1 said.

Driving for Hazelwood is Driver 1 and 2's only job and source of income. When they stopped transporting students as school shut down, they said Hazelwood paid them for a period of time.

"Hazelwood paid us up until the last day of school," Driver 1 said.

On May 29, 2020, dozens of Hazelwood school bus drivers filed for unemployment with the state of Missouri after school leaders sent a letter to drivers telling them they wouldn't protest any unemployment claims. This letter meant they were allowed to file for unemployment.

All three drivers said they got paid from that day in May until school started back up in August 2020.

"I needed it so I could survive," Driver 1 said.

Dozens of drivers said they received federal and state unemployment payments weekly through August 2020. However, in September 2020, is when things started shifting.

"I started receiving letters back from them [the state] saying that I owe \$10,200," Driver 2 said.

"I been made to pay \$2,800. It first started at \$9,000," Driver 1 said.

"The state is telling me that, I think, I owed about \$900," Driver 3 said.

Football notebook: Webster Groves begins new search as Prince leaves for college job; MCC vacancies remain

ALTON, GRANITE CITY UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP

David Parker made the move across town.

After serving one year as a volunteer assistant at Alton Marquette, Parker was announced as Alton High's new football coach this week. Parker has extensive experience around the area as he's been an assistant at St. Louis U. High, Webster Groves and was Hazelwood East's defensive coordinator when it won the 2008 Class 5 state championship.

Parker replaces Eric Dickerson, who resigned in December after seven seasons as the Redbirds coach. Alton went 18-54 during his tenure and qualified for the playoffs in 2017 and 2018.

Granite City hired Kindle Lyons, who spent the last three seasons as an assistant at O'Fallon. Lyons replaces Jake Janek, who took over the program in the spring of 2020. The Warriors went 0-5 in the COVID-19 altered spring season of 2021 and then went 0-9 this past fall.

Janek took the reins from Orlando "Doc" Gooden, who was the Warriors coach for the fall of 2019. Granite City went 3-6 in Gooden's one season.

Since 2010 the Warriors have made two playoff appearances and finished with a winning record once. They went 6-4 in 2011 and had a 5-5 record in 2018.

Parker named new AHS football coach



Alton High School has a new head football coach. The Alton School Board approved the hiring of David Parker to replace Eric Dickerson who resigned last fall after 7 seasons.

David Parker comes to Alton after serving last year as a volunteer assistant across town at Marquette Catholic High School.

Parker has also been an assistant coach at St. Louis University High School and Webster Groves High School and was also defensive coordinator at Hazelwood East High School the year they won a Missouri Class 5A State Football Championship in 2008.

Parker currently serves as an RTI Attendance/Behavioral Interventionist in the Riverview Gardens School District.

Hannibal holds on to defeat Hazelwood East in district semifinal



WARRENTON, Mo. — There was plenty of drama and momentum swings during the Class 5 District 4 semifinals between Hannibal and Hazelwood East on Wednesday night.

After a lackluster start to the game, Hannibal surged back into the game and defeated Hazelwood East 54-52.

“That’s the best part of the game right there,” said Hannibal head coach Marty Hull. “In games like that, you feel sorry for the other team for losing, but I’m so excited for my kids to pull out a close win.”

Spartans junior guard Malcolm Wisham drained a 3-pointer to start off the game and Hazelwood East would race out to a 6-0 lead.