

Box Village raises money for Emmaus Soup Kitchen

Cathedral Prep held their annual event Box Village on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Many of students signed up to help raise awareness for the homeless. The students had to camp out in only a box to see what it would feel like to be homeless for a night. The event took place from 3 p.m. on Saturday until 9 a.m. Sunday morning. Students stood out on the street corners to take donations from people driving by.

Everyone had to sign up for a shift taking donations. Another thing the students had to sign up for was adoration. They had to spend 30 minutes in adoration praying. From 11 p.m. until 12 a.m. everyone was to have an hour where they didn't talk. They spent that time praying and reflecting on their experience. The students then gathered to have a midnight mass.

"It really put it into perspective what homeless people have to go through," said junior Robert Wierbinski. "I have done this every year since I've been at Prep and it makes me feel good to know I could help out."

Junior Albert Caldwell stated, "Box Village really helped me come closer with my brothers, too."

It was a very good bonding experience for all the students participating. In the free time some students played football for fun. Other students had snowball fights and sat around the fire. All the participants helped clean up the boxes in the morning and threw them away. The students ended up raising over \$5,000. All the money went towards the Emmaus Soup Kitchen.

The Rambler's 2017-18 College Bowl Mania Contest

The 2017-18 college football bowl season kicks off Saturday, Dec. 16, and *The Rambler* is hosting its fifth annual bowl mania contest. The contest is open to current Cathedral Prep students, faculty, staff, and administration. Entry is free and limited to one entry per person. All submissions are due by Saturday, Dec. 16, at noon Eastern time.

To enter, fill out the form below (or use [this link](#)) to select your picks for each of the bowl games. You will receive one point for each correct pick. The person to amass the most total points will earn a \$35 iTunes gift card. Additionally, second and third place will each take home \$10 iTunes gift cards.

In the event of a tie, the procedures below will be followed until the tie is broken:

1st tiebreaker: Person closest to guessing total points of College Football Playoff championship game.

2nd tiebreaker: Person to correctly select the winner of College Football Playoff championship game

3rd tiebreaker: Person to correctly select the winner of the Peach Bowl

4th tiebreaker: Person to correctly select the winner of the Fiesta Bowl.

5th tiebreaker: Person to correctly select the winner of the Rose Bowl.

6th tiebreaker: Person to correctly select the winner of the Orange Bowl.

Good luck!

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Ramblers defeat Berks Catholic, advance to Hershey

The Cathedral Prep football team faced off against Berks Catholic in semifinals of the Pennsylvania Class 4A playoffs. The winner of the game would advance to the state championship game. Both teams came into this game with undefeated records. The Ramblers were 12-0, and the Saints were 13-0. Berks Catholic was looking to get revenge against Cathedral Prep because of their loss in the semifinals last year.

On the first drive of the game Berks Catholic drove down the field and scored on a Cooper Lutz touchdown. The Ramblers immediately responded when Joe Mischler threw a 59-yard bomb to Terry Roberts. The Saints offense continued to have their way with Ramblers defense and scored again to make it 14-7. When the Ramblers got the ball back they drove down the field, and their drive was capped off with a phenomenal Billy Lucas touchdown run. The Berks Catholic offense picked up right where they left off and made it 21-14 with 1:33 left until the half. The Ramblers then had one of their biggest drives of the game when they drove down the field right before half to score the game tying touchdown on another Lucas touchdown run.

It was 21-21 at the half, and the game seemed like it could go either way. Cathedral Prep came out energized in the second half as they took the lead on a huge Billy Lucas touchdown run on their first offensive play. The Ramblers defense then came up huge the next drive to hold Berks Catholic to a field goal. It was now 28-24 Prep. Lucas continued his great performance

and rushed for his 4th touchdown of the game and gave the Ramblers some breathing room. It was now 35-24 Prep, and things were looking bright. Cathedral Prep's defense played great in the second half and didn't let up a touchdown. Billy Lucas wrapped the game up with a long 89-yard touchdown run. Lucas finished his outstanding performances with 14 carries for 268 yards and 5 touchdowns.

The Ramblers will face off against Imhotep Charter in the state championship for the third straight year Thursday night at 7 p.m.

Prep, Villa, and Mother Teresa Academy celebrate All School Mass at Prep and Villa Events Center

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, Prep and Villa celebrated their third shared mass in the Joann Mullen Gymnasium. Along with the two sibling schools, the brand new Erie Diocese elementary school Mother Teresa Academy joined for the mass. The homily was given by Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria president Father Scott Jabo. Other priests present for the service were Father Feigh, Father McCormick, and Father DeMartinis.

Many of the participants in Wednesday's mass were students from Prep and Villa. Readers in the mass were Prep students John Hagerty, Christian Colantonio, and Simon Peter Mizner. Reading participants from Villa were Alexandra Karlinchak, Mary Katherine McGovern, and Brooke Kimet. Besides the readers, other high school student participants in the mass

were servers Patrick Kelly, John MacKenzie, Allie Dugan, and Abbie Stubenbort.

Later in the mass, Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria students Thomas Uht and Tori Purchase presented the gifts of the Eucharist. The Eucharist was presented during communion by students, faculty, and priests from the Cathedral Prep and Villa Maria community. After communion was finished, an amazing, flabbergasting performance of *Amazing Grace* was sung by Mother Teresa Academy seventh grader Jyleek Evans.

[Jyleek Evans singing Amazing Grace](#)

7th grader, Jyleek Evans, a new member of our Prep, Villa & Mother Teresa Academy family closes Mass with a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace. #Prep #Villa

Posted by [Prep-Villa](#) on Wednesday, September 6, 2017

This mass not only showed the strong relationship shared between the two sibling schools, but also the readiness for these two high schools to accept Mother Teresa Academy as a member of the Erie Diocese school system and community.

CP football returns many players from 2016 state championship team



As players and fans alike were driving home from the dreaded 2015 PIAA 4A state championship football game, questions began to arise as to whether or not Cathedral Prep was nothing more than a big fish in a small pond, if they could compete with next-level talent, if they were overrated, and ultimately, if they were nothing but a fluke. Less than a year later, starting linebacker/fullback Ian Malesiewski suffered his devastating neck injury that left him paralyzed. No one can truly describe what had happened after that and what it unleashed of the team, but there was no denying the change of intensity, attitude, and results the following year.

The Ramblers returned to Hershey, but this time, it was just different. Saying they had a chip on their shoulder is extremely underwhelming, but something special had changed. Guys were playing for each other, had a tenacious mindset, had a little more hop in their step, got up a little bit quicker after each hit, and asked themselves, "What would Ian do if he had one more play?" It was an emotional, historic 4th quarter comeback victory that no one will soon forget.

Now, the Ramblers enter the 2017 season with something they didn't have at the beginning of last, reassurance. Reassurance that they *can* get it done when it counts the most. Reassurance that they can put public criticisms aside and stay together and focused as a unit to accomplish their ultimate goal. Reassurance that Erie can produce big time players and compete with the best of them. Reassurance that the heart, soul, and identify of the team—Ian—will be on the sideline this year.

The Cathedral Prep football team has been the class of District 10 for quite some time now and judging off their impressive blowout victory to open the season against

Pittsburgh powerhouse, Central Catholic, it doesn't look like that's going to change anytime soon. The Ramblers are loaded with returning talent and are preparing for another special season with the one goal in mind- hoisting the heralded PIAA 4A Championship trophy above their heads at Hershey Park- and believe me, they have every intention of doing so.

OFFENSE



The Ramblers return co-2016 Big School Player of the Year and Ohio commit, quarterback Joe Mischler. He is highly regarded for his intangibles and leadership qualities, along with obvious talent and an unmatched Football IQ. Mischler is the prototypical dual-threat QB,

throwing for 2,924 yards and 38 touchdowns while also adding another 341 rushing yards along with 3 additional touchdowns on the ground in 2016. He can make every throw and is extremely mobile and elusive in the pocket.

Experience returns at virtually every position and that is no different at running back. Matt Lupo is back after finding the end zone 17 times as a junior. He offers elite lower body strength and is a hard worker, never backing down from the



defense. Lupo has earned high praise and was said to have had an impressive offseason. The second part to the two-headed monster in the backfield will be rising junior Billy Lucas. Having already received an offer from Bowling Green, Lucas possesses the rare blend of speed and power that coaches covet. He offers supreme athleticism and if healthy, should greatly contribute to this high powered offense. Joe Campbell

also is a tireless worker, getting the first nod at the fullback position, replacing former Allegheny commit, Kyle Mitchell. Mike Lupo also figures to be in the mix.



At wideout, Tyler Oedekoven is back. He was a sensation lining up on the outside and beating opposing defensive backs with his sub 4.5 speed and quickness at the line of scrimmage. Oedekoven has one standing offer from Albany. He and Mischler hooked up on 51 occasions with 17 of those going for scores

last year. Their chemistry and timing should only improve in their second year. Prep also has some complementary pieces that carry major potential in the passing game at receiver (due to their lack of tight end usage) with Henry Fessler and Adam Malesiewski figuring to get consistent playing time as seniors this year. Fessler has had college buzz around him for quite a while and it's only a matter of time before the offers come pouring in while Malesiewski also has an offer from Edinboro currently. Look for a breakout year for Fessler, as he embodies more of a typical receiver's skill set while Malesiewski specializes in making plays in open space with the ball in his hands. Anthony Bolden also will be a reliable, possession receiver. Terry Roberts is also assumed to rotate into the mix, but the hope is that the first 3 can hold the position down, leaving Roberts and Bolden to focus on defense.

The largest feat to overcome will be the in the trenches with the losses of University of Pennsylvania-bound Cam Landis, college recruits Dave Nies and Ben Fuhman, along with fill-in, Nick Carneval. However, there are still remnants of the dominant line and glimpses of hope that it could become the centerpiece of the team once more. Penn State commit, Juicy Scruggs, returns as the anchor at left tackle and also is

ranked inside ESPN's top 100 for the 2018 recruiting class (#99). Also returning is college prospect, Matt Carr. The young, big bodied Chris Oliver may get his first opportunity to start and has big time physical tools to work with. Junior Jordan Covatto could also find himself a starting spot. His attitude along with his grit-and-grind playing style overcomes his height deficiency. Will Burns, Chris Smith, Kawaun DeBoe, Andrew Samuels, and Adam Olszewski could also contribute.

DEFENSE

The Ramblers take pride in their defense and the havoc they cause for opposing offenses. The defensive line brings plenty of depth with Harvard recruit, Will Burns, along with the productive Chris Smith at defensive end. Burns needs to have a big year, as he has all the looks of becoming a breakout candidate. Juicy Scruggs is likely to man the interior of the defensive line also. This is a steady group that looks to stuff the run and be the first line of this ferocious defense. As a unit, they need to step up, however, having to deal with the graduation of Delaware commit, Dom Covatto.

Matty "Bo" Bauer is the motor that drives this team. The 6'3" 215-pound Notre Dame commit is just a complete monster. At times, it seems he is literally unstoppable. He blitzes routinely and offenses are aware he's coming, but there's simply nothing they can do sometimes.



He is relentless in his pass rushes and finishes with power but also can get to the quarterback with his unique blend of lateral quickness, speed, and an opportunistic knowledge of the game. Coach Mike Mischler always finds different ways to get Bo involved in different blitz packages, coverage schemes, and even in the running game, making it nearly impossible to gameplay for him. Regardless of where he lines up, he is a

player that needs to be accounted for at all times. Look for seniors Ryan Sargent, Joe Campbell, Hunter Orlando, Nick Maloney, and Dyjheir Norman, along with junior Billy Lucas, to get time alongside Bauer at LB this year, as it will take a collective effort to replace Bowling Green commit Jerry Roberts.



The Ramblers also have a star-studded secondary highlighted by Iowa commit Terry Roberts. Lining opposite Roberts will be Navy commit Anthony Bolden. Roberts is more of a speed, lockdown/ball hawk corner while Bolden is a big, physical, quality number 2. Look for senior Amory Coleman-Reeves to make an impact when healthy with his speed in the secondary and for Fessler to get some time covering the slot. Jaelen Carson offers additional depth. At safety, the Ramblers have plenty of options to choose from. Hunter Orlando shined down the stretch last season and looks to be off to a nice start while Matt Lupo is another capable, physical safety. Adam Malesiewski also should get time after starting some games there last year.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Anthony Lupo is still firmly entrenched as the placekicker while the strong-legged Junior, Colin Kelly, took over on kickoffs last year. Kelly will most likely handle punting duties as well. Terry Roberts and Oedekoven are the primary kick returners while Roberts and senior Robert Bannister handle the punt returning duties. Look for Adam Malesiewski to take over as the return specialist sometime this season. Senior John MacKenzie takes care of the long snaps while senior Nick Wisinski is a reliable holder.



Cathedral Prep has all the looks of a championship team. MaxPreps currently has them as a top-16 national squad as well as ranking them #1 in the state. The sky is the limit for this group of kids, and they know that. One thing that is also abundantly clear is the overwhelming support and excitement that surrounds this team, through their school, community, friends, and family.

The Ramblers are 1-0 on the season after defeating Pittsburgh Central Catholic 40-7 in the season opener last Friday night. With the longterm goal of winning back-to-back state championships in mind, the Ramblers focus their attention next on the brand new Erie High School Royals as the teams prepare for their inaugural game tonight at 7 p.m. at Veterans Stadium.

Entrepreneurial students pitch ideas to local investors

Most students at Prep have watched or at least heard of the television show *Shark Tank*. On the program, entrepreneurs pitch business ideas to a panel of investors, and if an investor likes the potential investment opportunity, they invest. Average Prep students have admired the show for some time, but they never imagined that they would be able to participate in a similar type of pitch, at least not until they entered the professional world as adults.

According to Mr. Bhatti, “[My entrepreneurship] class gave

their 'pitch' to panelists who are entrepreneurs in the Erie area. The panelists included Cathedral Prep alumni Alex Brychinski, Carl Nicolia, Bill Scholz and Prep-Villa board member Owen McCormick, local inventors Josh Layne and Max Weber, as well as Innovation Collaborative executive director Beth Zimmer."

The products presented by Prep students included a pen stylus, a hunting app called Predator, a baseball tee for perfecting your swing, headphones, cup holders, a wash rag, and a dish-washing cabinet. Mr. Bhatti is reportedly very proud of his students in how they handled themselves, describing them as having delivered their presentations in a "professional, engaging manner," which was very well received by the panelists. Three of the products presented are receiving serious consideration for possible investment opportunities.



One such product is Lucian Cuzzola and partner Kyle Burger's hunting app, cleverly named Predator. The partners realized that there were no quality hunting apps on the market and wanted to make a superior one. Once developed, Predator will include a trail log, route tracker, in-stand logging, GPS Weather, hunt log comparison (with other hunters on the app), and various safety features. They have several ideas for potential updates, including a wake up alarm, and State Wildlife informational updates. They hope to have the app developed and ready to launch by next September. It will be free for the first month to new users, and if a user refers another person to the app they get three months free.



A prototype 3-D print rendering of Señor Scrubby

Fellow senior Will McCormick is also having his product looked at by potential investors. McCormick's idea, Señor Scrubby, was dreamt up to eliminate wasted shower gel. Basically, Señor Scrubby consists of a sponge attached to a cartridge. The cartridge is filled with shower gel, and then the sponge is attached. The shower gel flows directly out of the cartridge through the sponge, so no shower gel gets wasted by falling on the floor. A prototype has been 3-D printed.

Ethan Sacco's product, Progression, is a baseball tee designed to perfect an athlete's swing. Their slogan is "Why practice 1,000 times the wrong way when you can be doing it right from the very start?" The angle of the tee can be adjusted for the athlete to find the perfect swing.

Overall, Prep's shark tank presentations were a success, not only for those looking at investments, but all students who gained experience developing and presenting products. Those with possible investors are looking at starting their own business by their freshmen year of college or before, which looks great on a resume. This type of innovation is what Prep is all about.

The 2017 Ultimate Faculty Fantasy Fighting Championship Bracket

Note: All situations discussed in this article are hypothetical and created for the enjoyment of Prep students.

Final Results

With nearly 75 percent of the vote, Mr. Ng defeated Mr. Ladouceur in the finals of the 2017 Ultimate Faculty Fantasy Fighting Championship Bracket. Congratulations to Mr. Ng, who came in as a 16-seed and finished as a champion!

Semifinals Results and Finals Preview

This is it. The last two standing. On one end, you have the experienced underdog, and on the other stands the young stud. What a championship match this will be and an even better end to the school year.

Mr. Ng has defied all odds. Not only did he knock off the number one seed, Mr. Smith, he also beat defending champion Mr. Achille in yesterday's semifinal. Barely even qualifying for the tournament, Mr. Ng has quickly made his mark. He seems unstoppable at this point and is easily on fire coming into today. If Mr. Ng can somehow pull off this victory, the student body would go crazy. Never, even in the NCAA tournament, has a 16 seed even gotten to the second round. So, regardless of a heartbreaking loss or a courageous victory, I'm sure Mr. Ng will be satisfied with how far he got and perhaps even inspire future 16 seeds. Sometimes, the best competitor doesn't win, it's the one who is riding the most momentum and has the best matchup. This could be Mr. Ng's day.

On the other side, don't be fooled by J Lads' charming good

looks, strong build, and youthful self. He's athletic, strong, motivated, spiritual, a little crazy, and will do anything to win. After defeating Mr. Biebel in the semifinals, Mr. Ladouceur has the potential to completely annihilate Ng and stride through the finish line. Ladouceur is another who has breezed through this tournament thus far. The difference though is that Ladouceur was supposed to be here. Meanwhile nobody thought Mr. Ng was getting past the first round. So the question remains, can Ladouceur live up to the hype, or will the pressure prove to be too much for him?

2nd Round Results and 3rd Round Preview

#16 Mr. Ng vs. #5 Mr. Achille

Here we go. Mr. Ng vs. Mr Achille in the Final Four. The 16-seed has made it this far and there is no reason to believe Mr. Ng will be stopped. Mixed with his sheer intelligence is his drive and motivation that comes from being overlooked and under-seeded. He is carrying a large mass of voters behind him and looks primed to reach the championship. Mr. Achille on the other hand is more prepared now than ever. Entering his second consecutive Final Four, he has the most experience of any of the remaining competitors. He is a legend and simply can't be counted out. Look for Mr. Achille to come out with a sense of urgency and power his way to victory.

This will be one heck of a match which will send the winner one step closer to hauling in the beloved championship. If these two ever truly did step into a ring together, it would make for prime time entertainment. This is truly an elite field of competitors left and all of them seem as if they can make some noise towards the end of this tournament.

#2 Mr. Ladouceur vs. #3 Mr. Biebel

This week, Mr. Ladoucer and Mr. Biebel will square off to earn a spot in the finals. This fight is probably one of the best in the bracket.

Mr. Ladouceur stands at approximately 6'2" with a large, athletic frame. A former college football player, specifically a wide-receiver, Ladouceur is quick with the feet and hands, making it tough for his opponents to get anything by him. The most important characteristic that one should know about Mr. Ladouceur is that his beard is one of the key components. Ladouceur's beard is approximately 4-feet in length, with some gorgeous blonde highlights. You may refer to him as Hulk Hogan.

On the other side, Mr. Biebel has some pretty funny comebacks for his opponents. Don't be surprised if Biebel throws at you some of his magic acid he keeps in his back pocket at all times. It can burn his opponents if they aren't careful with their own individual moves. He can also be very dangerous when using his right-left-right uppercut move to the jaw.

This week's fights are going to be some of the best we've seen in the bracket. Make sure to get out and vote for your favorites!

1st Round Results and 2nd Round Preview

#8 Mr. Colwell vs. #16 Mr. Ng by Alec Thomas and Trent Robison

Mr. Colwell breezed through his first round defeating Mr. Baltzer with ease as the history teacher couldn't find a winning strategy in the history books. Mr. Colwell looks to face the 16 seed Mr. Ng after the draw was blown up after he topped Mr. Smith, the number one seed. When asked about his match up, Mr. Colwell didn't sugar coat his abilities saying, "There are no other competitors that can match my sneaky athleticism and my knowledge of the human body to systematically take down my opponent regardless of their physical ability. After having reached the Final Four last year, I have spent the past year training and preparing for just this event. My tolerance for physical pain and mental

anguish will set me apart from the competition.” We can see how well he performed in the first round look for him to heat up as he battles Ng.

Mr. Ng is the big talk of the week as he defeated Mr. Smith in the first round of the teacher fight bracket. This week he takes on Mr. Colwell. Although Ng faces a tough task this week as he takes on the Seminoles fan, Mr. Colwell, Ng has a lot of special hidden talents when it comes to fighting. First off he stands at approximately 6’3” and weighs in at just over 175 pounds. A tall, lean cut of a human-being, Ng loves to go with the upper cut. In fact, he used that move ninety-five percent of his fight against Mr. Smith. Ng doesn’t want to tell any of his other secrets as he told the media that he could not answer any questions at this time. Mr. Ng is staying calm, cool, and collected as he prepares to face a tough opponent. With his win last week over Mr. Smith, there shouldn’t be any reason to not pick Ng for not only his round two fight but to win the whole bracket. With his large, strong frame, Ng is unstoppable for the remainder of the fights, and for the rest of the school year.

#4 Coach G vs. #5 Mr. Achille by Jaryn Simpson and Mark Majewski

Mr. Achille, defending champ of the fight bracket, is coming in with a huge win over the 12th seed, Mr. Markley. His matchup for this second round is against Coach G, beloved gym teacher and former Villanova lineman. He thinks that even if Coach G has the body advantage on him he has the experience of winning. From his winnings at the Casinos to the Rambler Cup and even last year’s bracket, Mr. Achille is always a fan favorite. He has a great shot of winning it not only just this matchup but also the whole Bracket Challenge.

Coach G has now passed the first round. His next opponent is Mr. Achille. Coach Grychowski feels like he has the upper hand do to his physical ed experience against “math skills”.

Physical beings can go a lot of way in a fight and that is what Coach G has made his mind up on. Personally, I believe mass and strength would win, but Mr. Achille feels differently. So Coach G could have his hands full, but he looks ready to go. This one will be a mental breakdown for the best to advance to the semifinals. Who will win?

#2 Mr. Ladoucer vs. #10 Mr. Flanagan by Charles Deitrick III and Brian Buseck

Our next matchup is Mr. Mike Flanagan vs Mr. Jason Ladouceur. It is the face off of the facial hair: Mr. Flanagan's handlebar mustache vs Mr. Ladouceur's mountain man beard. Mr. Flanagan has stated that "handlebar is clearly superior against the beard." As far as Flanagan's experience goes, his grandfather was a professional boxer and "taught him some tricks." When Flanagan was in grad school he worked as a bartender and bouncer at a bar. He did not enjoy the job, but he definitely gets +20 man points for that occupation. Moving on, Mr. Ladouceur knows he has got a tough fight with statements like, "It's gonna be a tough fight, he's pretty athletic and still somewhat spry." But Mr. L is a very, tough quick opponent who shows zero mercy to anybody. He is very mobile as he played football at Gannon University, and is able to portray his skills he had back then, today. "I predict a third round hip knock out," is what he had to say about the end outcome of the fight. The age difference between the two is crucial. While Mr. Flanagan has more experience, Mr. L is younger and a lot more shifty and agile. This is the battle between a conservative war hero and a young hippy. We will let you decide which one is which.

#3 Mr. Biebel vs. #6 Mr. Parsons by Roman Zegarelli and Alex Welz

Biebel vs. Parsons? Laughable matchup. Biebel has more reach, far superior speed, plus military training. Biebel had to fight a professional boxer for coastguard training, so you

know Biebel can eat any punch thrown his way... that is if Parsons can land one. Also, Biebel can turn any item into a weapon of opportunity with his vast knowledge. Biebel, a visual learner, has picked up fantastic swordsmanship skills through watching Adventure Time on Cartoon Network. Another advantage Biebel has is his lack of hair. Mr. Biebel can pull Parsons' hair if the battle turns in to a cat fight, but Parsons can't pull Biebel's hair. When asked what the outcome of his fight would be, Mr. Biebel said, "In real life, I've never fought someone who wasn't larger than me, so this would be different." All in all, Biebel would totally take down Parsons.

Welcome to the second annual Ultimate Faculty Fantasy Fighting Championship Bracket, or the UF³C. Our goal is to determine the answer to one simple hypothetical question: if the teachers in the school were to fight, who would reign supreme? We will have regular updates on matchups as well as the results of who moves on to the next round and commentary from some of the competitors. The staff of *The Rambler* started with 16 teachers and power ranked them to create a bracket. Revisit [last year's results](#) and then read below for a breakdown of this year's field, which includes five new competitors.

#1 seed: Mr. Smith by Charles Deitrick III

Mr. Smith came in hot this year as principal, cracking down on the rules and telling the Prep boys to follow the student handbook. He is also coming in hot for the UF³C bracket as the number one seed. Can he back up his minor league baseball fighting skills that we saw footage of during the first rally? Mr. Smith is often seen at the gym, and takes lots of Creatine, so whoever is in his path, look out! He may very well be the most feared competitor, despite his short stint with the school thus far. Whether its telling students to button their top button or simply giving a hypothetical whooping to these teachers in the UF³C bracket, Mr. Smith is a

force to be reckoned with.

#2 seed: Mr. Ladouceur by Charles Deitrick III

Mr. Ladouceur, otherwise known as Coach L, is coming in this year as the second seed after losing in the quarterfinals against Mr. Parsons last year. This teacher is a crazy man. Although his knee isn't really a knee anymore, he can still use his upper body to club and rip. He is often seen running through the woods without shoes on. He is chill for the most part, but if you mess with his garden or tell him to wear shoes, he will unleash his Wolverine side. Ladouceur was once known as Wolverine for his facial hair, but it has gradually transformed into a caveman-like beard. Coach L is young, athletic, and experienced. He provides a lot of energy and should be greatly feared coming into this tournament. He is insane and will do anything to win.

3 seed: Mr. Biebel by Roman Zegarelli

This "friggin' dude" is ready to go back to battle after being upset in the quarterfinals last year by his Science Department colleague, Mr. Colwell. Mr. Biebel was in the Coast Guard, so he is no novice to fighting. In fact, Mr. Biebel had to fight a professional boxer while on duty, so he can take punches like a champ. As a physics teacher, Biebel has calculated exactly how to throw the most powerful punches using the WUKWUK equation and projectile motion. Opponents should beware of his powerful spit attacks; they are accurate and deadly. He hasn't missed the trash can all year with his spit practicing, and sometimes tears a hole in the bag from the sheer force alone. With such an impressive résumé, it would be impossible for Biebel not to be considered an early favorite this year.

#4 seed: Mr. (Chris) Grychowski by Jaryn Simpson

Last year's top seed, Coach G. is physical education/health teacher at Cathedral Prep. He is well known for his energy boosts of NOS that can really make him stand out in a fight. He is also a very muscular man that has the instincts from his football career. If he is coming at you, you better watch out.

He has a great time teaching students how to hit a volleyball and can use that same motion to destroy his opponent. Additionally, he played college football at Villanova and is ready to finally live up to the hype of this tournament after losing in the semifinals last year. He is big, scary, and the last person many want to see matched up against them in this tournament.

#5 seed: Mr. Achille by Mark Majewski

The man, the myth, the legend, Mr. Bob Achille comes into this fight bracket as the defending champion and with years on years of experience. He is also a two-time winner of the Rambler Cup golf tournament. Surely, Mr. Achille knows how to win. He also knows what linear means. He beat some high quality opponents last year on his way to winning the first UF³C. Widely recognized for his fury in the classroom and even on Twitter, Mr. Achille will try to translate that intimidation to this tournament. Coming into this bracket challenge, Achille is the five seed and is looking to become a back-to-back winner of the UF³C.

#6 seed: Mr. Parsons by Alex Welz

Although young, Mr. Parsons has consistently showcased his poise and readiness for the big stage. He played football all through high school and also was heavily involved (and still is) with wrestling. Mr. Parsons possesses the rare skill set of someone with his level of fitness. He works out constantly, being able to bench press over 400 pounds and making sure cardio is still a priority. Muscle milk is a huge part of his diet, as he also happens to be a health freak in tip top shape. So why is such a young, healthy athlete who works out constantly somehow a six seed? With the given description, how can he possibly be this low, especially after he made a run all the way to the finals last year? Well, despite his brute strength, Mr. Parsons stands a meager 5'6" tall. He lacks the elite wingspan that other participants have. However, his most notable disadvantage may very well be his two knee surgeries

along with his limited mobility. Despite these limitations, he has the overall strength, competitiveness, motivation, skill, and drive to overpower anyone he is matched up against.

#7 seed: Mr. Pituch by Trent Robison

Mr. Pituch is looking particularly strong in this year's bracket. Pituch, a member of the 1,000-point club as a Villa basketball player, listed at 6'8" and 220 pounds in the program has massive explosive power. An experienced fighter, he brings a lot of fighting knowledge and tools to the table as he also boxed for Villa back in his day. He can verbally abuse his opponent, always being able to think of quick, effective comebacks on the dime. He can also use logic to talk his way out of trouble as his intellectual/debate skills are off the charts. Look for Mr. Pituch to turn some heads and finally get over that hump this year after losing in the quarterfinals last year.

#8 seed: Mr. Colwell by Alex Welz

Well known for his athletic ability, Mr. Colwell is ready to take on this tournament after being defeated in the semifinals last year. By now, many students have caught on to his incredible hops, insane strength, and all around savvy. Although Mr. Colwell doesn't hold a Prep legacy like others in this tournament, he has the background and experience to compete with anyone. He isn't scared and won't back down. It would be a huge mistake to undermine the potential of this AP Biology stud as he has overcome the odds time and time again. Watch for him to use his athleticism to his advantage and make a run throughout this tournament. He may look and talk nice, but surely, he is not someone to mess with.

#9 seed: Mr. Baltzer by Mark Majewski

As a Civil War Union soldier reenactor, Mr. Baltzer is familiar with combat. The "veteran" is known for his hand-to-hand combat as well as work with a rifle and a bayonet. The new father is getting his "dad bod" into mid-season form, coming in as the nine seed in this bracket for the second

straight year and looking to avenge last year's first round loss. Baltzer is a student favorite and also has some experience on the football field. He is an expert on literally every topic known to man and has the intelligence, along with the physical build, to make a run in this tournament. His matchup against Mr. Colwell could be the most intriguing of this first round.

#10 seed: Mr. (Mike) Flanagan by Jaryn Simpson

Mr. Flanagan served in the Vietnam War, so you can believe he has some major fighting skills. He is a very wise and aggressive man that is willing to do anything for his country. Anyone who has had him as a teacher knows that he exemplifies this exact anger and retaliation in the classroom. Many of his opponents are defeated before they can even throw a punch due to his sheer intimidation skills. Mr. Flanagan is very tactical and knows the perfect times to attack. He is a scary first round matchup and poses a major upset possibility. This man will do anything to win and has the experience, expertise, knowledge, and fearlessness to get the job done.

#11 seed: Mr. Hubert by Brian Buseck

After a first-round loss last year, seasoned English and Journalism teacher, Mr. Hubert, also known as Hu-bot, is looking to pack a punch in this year's UF³C. He's all charged up and ready to go. He is truly nuts and bolts for this tournament. Know that when his opponent is only starting to plan an attack, Hu-bot's gears have been turning for quite a while, calculating the most precise and advantageous attack possible. Don't make him upset, or he'll short circuit with anger. When this happens, the AP Language and Composition teacher will use his remarkable rhetorical skills to verbally assault his opponent. He will wield his words to get at his opponents deepest insecurities, convincing them that they are no match for the mighty Hu-bot, and making them crumble to the arena floor in tears. This is when he goes in for the win. His basketball career has continued throughout his life, having

played against the likes of NBA legend LeBron James in grade school and with Cathedral Prep legend Mr. Colwell in the faculty vs. CYO All-Stars game. These skills prove invaluable. Don't mess with Hu-bot. His energy is electric, and he's laser focused. He's wired and programmed to attack, and he will terminate anyone in his way.

#12 seed: Mr. Markley by Alec Thomas

One of the most underrated contenders coming into this year's UF³C, Mr. Markley looks to make some noise after he was overlooked. Last year, Markley entered the tournament as a 3-seed before being upset in the quarterfinals by eventual champion Mr. Achille. Time and time again, Mr. Markley is proving that he still has what it takes to be the last one standing when the dust settles. After leading the Cathedral Prep wrestling team to one of its most decorated seasons in school history, we can see he still has that wrestling firepower to put his opponents on the floor. With Mountain Dew as his fuel, we can be sure that we will not see him waver as the fight goes on. A skilled chemist, Markley has hinted that the mysterious element "Marklanium" will be the Kryptonite for his opponents. Look for Mr. Markely to brew up some exciting results.

#13 seed: Mr. Wrigley by Roman Zegarelli

Standing at roughly 7'5" tall, the Muenster of a man, Mr. Wrigley, is ready to give any opponent a knuckle sandwich. His arms are massive from stirring his award winning soups, and his fists are powerful from kneading dough. He's ready to beat any chicken of an opponent, tenderizing them with his clubs. He knows what's at steak in this tournament. Although he is usually at a simmer, he's ready to turn the heat up on the competition. He will take down any opponent... piece of cake. He's ready to put on the sauce. Who has the onions to take on this beefy man in his UF³C debut?

#14 seed: Mr. Daeschner by Trent Robison

Mr. Daeschner was inexcusably left out of last year's

inaugural UF³C tournament. Mr. Daeschner isn't one to mess with either. He stands at approximately 6'3" tall and weighs in at approximately 180 pounds with some very thick biceps. The man can really throw a punch. When it comes to intimidation, no one does it better. Just ask some of the freshmen and junior students who have taken his World History classes. Known for his strict rules, and intense classroom discipline, Mr. Daeschner is more than ready for this tournament. He is the longest tenured Prep teacher and is ready to add to his already impressive legacy. Everyone knows not to mess with Mr. Daeschner, and if another faculty member does, don't expect them to show up to class for a few days.

#15 seed: Mr. Vicary by Brian Buseck

Don't mistake Mr. Vicary's inclination towards art as a disinterest in more traditionally masculine activities. Spending hours a week painting and sketching have made Vicary's arms truly massive. The eons he has spent sculpting clay have sculpted his body into a real life sculpture, comparable in physical condition only to Michaelangelo's iconic David. Along with his physique, Vicary has acquired numerous skills while working out at Pennbriar. His kettle bell workouts have made him into a lean mean fighting machine. Racquetball gives him cat-like reflexes. Spin classes tone his legs to make him capable of darting around any arena faster than Usain Bolt. Rest assured, Vicary plans to paint a masterpiece with his opponents in an attempt to rebound from his first round defeat last year.

#16 seed: Mr. Ng by Alec Thomas

An absolute wildcard in this tournament, Mr. Ng rounds out a highly competitive field as the 16th seed. His scrappy fighting style and verbal abuse of his opponents could leave them flat on their backs as Mr. Ng looks to grind out these fights. The school's 3D printers have been fired up and may produce a WWE-style steel chair for him to use to strike his opponents. With the help of the robotics he has access to, a

few modifications could be made to terminate his opponents. On the tactical side, Mr. Ng has to be one of the smartest coming into the fight. Look for complex fighting styles as he turns this into a battle of brain over brawn.

Students honored at third quarter sessions

The third and final quarter sessions for the year and final quarter sessions for the Class of 2017 was held Thursday, April 13, before the Cathedral Prep student body left for their long Easter Break. Rory Monahan was the master of ceremonies. Following the opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance, the honor cards were passed out to those students who earned first or second honors for the third quarter.

The freshmen earned 23 first honor cards and 45 second honor cards for a class average of 49.64 percent. The sophomores earned 18 first honor cards and 59 cards for second for the highest class average at this quarter sessions with 55.4 percent. The juniors earned 10 first honor cards and 64 second honor cards for a total of 54.01 percent. Finally, the seniors in their last quarter sessions earned 5 first honors and 44 second honors for a grand total of 41.53 percent.

In addition to the honor cards the newly implemented Man of Prep award was given out to one student of each class who demonstrate what it means to be a true man of vision in spirit, mind and body. The third quarter winners were Jack Kloecker, Justin Hall, Ben Feldman, and David Roach.

The guest speaker at the third quarter sessions was the

Honorable Ernest DiSantis, class of 1976. He talked about the impact Cathedral Prep had on him and his family and even had sons who attended Prep. He also urged the students to make difference in the community of Erie or wherever the students go to in the future. Judge DiSantis emphasized that to be a true man of Prep students and alumni to make a difference in the world not just for themselves but for others as well. After thanking Judge DiSantis for his words, Father Jabo told the students to enjoy their break and led us in the school song. After the song, the student body took a picture and Easter Break 2017 began for the students of Cathedral Prep.

Students honored for academic success at 2nd quarter sessions ceremony



The second quarter sessions of the 2016-2017 school year took place on Feb. 1. Quarter sessions is the time of the year when the students are recognized and rewarded for their acts in the classroom. The opportunity to get a first honors card or a second honors card is a great

deal because this is a college preparatory school. It prepares students for the future of their lives. Students are called up by their class (freshmen through seniors) based on whether they earned first honors or second honors.

Freshmen were awarded a total of 29 first honor cards (11 more

than last quarter) and 45 second honor cards (6 more than last quarter) for a total of 74 and a class percentage of 53.26 percent.

The sophomores were awarded a total of 18 first honor cards (5 more than last quarter) and 64 second honor cards (3 more than last quarter) for a total of 82 and a class percentage of 58.57 percent. Once again the sophomore class achieved the highest percentage of students with honor cards this past quarter.

The juniors were awarded a total of 12 first honor cards (5 more than last quarter) and 59 second honor cards (6 less than last quarter) for a total of 61 and a class percentage of 51.45 percent.

Now for the senior class. They were awarded a total of 6 first honor cards (the same as last quarter) and 37 second honor cards (2 less than last quarter) for a total of 43 honor cards and a class percentage of 36.44 percent.



Every quarter sessions, there is an award given to one student of each class that best describes the realization of being a Man of Prep. The second quarter sessions Man of Prep awards went to:

- Freshman – Jack Oedekoven
- Sophomore – Evan Selker
- Junior – Ethan Rys
- Senior – Lucian Cuzzola

As always, there are a list of students from each class that

are recognized for the highest QPA. For the second quarter sessions, the highest QPA awards go to:

- Freshmen – Jacob Clark, Roman Miksa, Mark Miller, Luke Misko, Michael Oblich, Quentin Santillan, Tyler Wiseman
- Sophomores – Jared Heidt, Alex Kolodychak, Conor McEnery, Ryan Sweny
- Juniors – John Hagerty, Chris Parks
- Senior – Doug Spirzany

The guest speakers for the second quarter sessions were Aaron Hertel ('97) and Michael Brown ('95). Aaron Hertel graduated from Cathedral Prep in 1997 while getting his Master of Physical Therapy from Gannon University in 2003. After working as a facility director in outpatient physical therapy for three years, he co-founded Hertel & Brown Physical Therapy.

Michael Brown graduated from Cathedral Prep in 1995. He earned a Master of Physical Therapy from Gannon University in 2003. He began his career as a therapist in an inpatient physical therapy facility and then spent two and a half years as an outpatient facility center manager before founding Hertel & Brown Physical & Aquatic Therapy in 2007.

Besides the laughter and jokes that Hertel and Brown entertained the Cathedral Prep crowd with, they often spoke of continuing our future and following our dreams. They had an admirable amount of inspiration to add to their speeches from what happened in their life. Cathedral Prep thanks them for providing their time for this event.

Mr. Peightal receives Golden Apple Award

The Golden Apple Award is given to a teacher who is nominated by a student(s). This year, Cathedral Prep English teacher Mr. Kent Peightal was awarded with the Golden Apple recognition. He was given this award for his hardworking ability in the classroom and staying loyal to what his true colors are.

Mr. Peightal loves teaching his students while telling stories that he has endured along the way. Nicholas Hedderick and Nicholas Trageser are the two students who nominated Mr. Peightal for this award. Hedderick stated, "I'm really glad Mr. Peightal won this award because he is a fantastic teacher who really cares about his students and wants them to succeed. He doesn't just teach us about English, he teaches us about life."

Trageser added, "I've known Mr. Peightal since preschool when he used to teach me tennis lessons. Ever since he's been a great person to look up to throughout the years. It was very lucky for me to then have him for my senior year of high school. He has taught me how to be a man of Prep and to work for what I get. "

From these words, you can tell that Mr. Peightal has touched students' lives not just by being in the classroom but in relation to what students are going through at this time in their lives. When asked about his own receiving of this award, Mr. Peightal said, "I was caught off guard with this surprise. I had no idea that it was even being given out nor did I know that I was getting it. I'm very thankful and astounded that I was honored with this. It truly means a lot. I guess me wasting time in class about my life stories paid off."

He was really surprised by this due to the fact that the

Senior Class of 2017 got an email saying "After 1st Lunch, Mr. Peightal is being awarded with the Golden Apple Award so get as many students as you can to go shock him. Do not tell him." After lunch that day the students all piled into his room without saying a word until the news came in to come interview him. Mr. Peightal was just sitting there in shock about what was going on. He was right then and there awarded with it, which brought a gracious smile to his face.

Be sure to tune in tonight, Jan. 11, to Action News 24 (WJET 24) to watch a replay of the JET 24 and Edinboro University presentation of the Golden Apple Award to Prep's own Mr. Kent Peightal.