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Lots to discuss

I have several things I want to "talk" about and I don't want to choose just one, so I'm not going to.

I love football, I played football and I coached football. Seeing what happened to Ryan Shazier and Tom Savage makes me hope my 6-year-old son grows up to love playing basketball, soccer or baseball. The sport is violent and I enjoy that part of the game, but there seems to be more questions than answers regarding the long term effects it has on those who play.

If my son does decide to play football, I certainly hope he gets a chance to play in the snow. I watched the Army - Navy game on Saturday and was instantly flooded with memories of my one and only football game in the snow, a match-up against Greenville Rose in high school. I couldn't imagine football could get any better than that. Then I saw the snow at the game in Buffalo on Sunday. How much fun must that have been?

The NFL may be dealing with some PR issues but financially, they are doing just fine. Verizon just agreed to pay the NFL half a billion dollars every year to stream games. First and foremost, that's a nice chunk of change for the league and players to enjoy. Secondly, how much money does Verizon expect to make off customers streaming NFL games if they are prepared to pay out 500 million dollars a year for the right to do so? My guess is, net neutrality laws will have a large impact on that answer.

If you are a college basketball fan and you aren't getting excited about what Carolina versus Duke might look like this year, I just don't know what to think of you. The

See **FOURTH, B2**

Warriors finish pre-holiday slate

LA varsity teams go into break with 3 wins combined

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MERRY HILL - The varsity basketball teams from Lawrence Academy completed their pre-Christmas schedule Monday and emerged with three wins combined between them.

The Warrior boys remained winless (0-11) after a 56-19 loss to Community Christian of Wilson at home.

The Lady Warriors enter the break with a 3-8 record after falling 43-33 to the Cyclones.

As with most of their games this season, experience has played a big factor in the outcome of the varsity boys games.

Lawrence, which suffered heavy losses due to graduation and transfers, is essentially starting a junior varsity team. Against Community Christian - a squad that four seniors and one junior - the Warriors started one junior (Jason Guo) and four sophomores (Riley Ratzlaff, Benson Zheng, Brian Hughson and Tyler Wheeler).

The Cyclones held



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See **WARRIORS, B2** Lawrence Academy's Lindsay Smith (No. 5) concentrates on the shot during Monday's game against Community Christian.

Bethel girls hoops teams are 8-1

From Staff Reports

ASKEWVILLE - Bethel Assembly Christian Academy's varsity girls and junior varsity girls basketball teams are both 8-1.

The Eagles defeated Trinity Christian 54-30 in the varsity girls game on Monday (Dec. 4), while the JV Eagles earned a 42-14 triumph.

BACA proved strong offensively in the second and fourth quarters, respectively, to ease past the Tigers in the varsity girls game.

Bethel led 8-4 after one quarter but used a 15-4 edge in the second stanza to lead 23-8 at halftime.

Trinity Christian cut into the deficit slightly with a 13-10 advantage in the third quarter, but Bethel pulled away with a 21-9 outburst in the fi-

nal quarter.

Kayley Minton was 11-for-25 from the field and finished with 25 points for BACA.

Lindsey Todd added 16 points on 6-for-13 shooting.

Haley Northcott provided 10 rebounds for the Eagles, while Minton and Lauren Farless added six boards each, Todd chipped in five and Sarah Conner had four rebounds.

Minton led the Bethel defense with eight steals.

In the JV girls game, Bethel had no trouble with Trinity Christian, as a 20-0 run in the first stanza sent the Eagles on the way to their eighth victory of the season.

Eliana Bazemore led BACA with 12 points.



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See **BACA, B2** Bethel varsity basketball player Kayley Minton (No. 22) drives for two against Trinity Christian.

Bertie Ledger-Advance congratulates this week's Athlete of the Week.

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