

Pike punishes Perry, Keck reflects on athletics

By Fabian Contreras

With a record of 4-18, the Falcons faced the Red Devils from Pike with a record of 12-10 at the first round of sectionals. Both teams played at Ben Davis on Feb. 27.

Before the game, Southport faced Roncalli in an intense game. The Cardinals lost a three-minute lead before the end and lost the game 48-53. Both fans of the Cardinals and Rebels supported their teams until the last second.

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-Brent Keck, speaking before the sectional game

Before the game, Coach **Brent Keck** described Pike as a very talented basketball team with a lot of offensive weapons, and they have played at times at the highest level.

Keck also explained a way in which his team could win the game, "offensively we must take care of the ball, defensively we must stop their transition and keep them off of the offensive."

During the match, Pike started displaying their offensive power and defense that the Falcons couldn't stop during the whole game.

By the end of the game, the differences of team powers were demonstrated as Pike defeated Perry 74-31 in a game dominated by the Red Devils.

After the game, Keck described the team's rival as having great athleticism. He said that Perry struggled to keep Pike off the offensive glass.

Keck said, "The team needs to be more patient on the offensive end to get the rival to make mistakes on the defensive end."

"We must have great commitment to skill development, strength and conditioning," Keck said about the off-season training to prepare for 2019.



Junior Semaj Danely pivots to pass to his teammate during the Pike game at Ben Davis (Photo by Fabian Contreras).

A day in the life of a drumline student

By Olivia Lighty

Junior **Michael Sears'** orange cape stands out against the black background of the gymnasium floor. Spending around three hours a day, drumline has been perfecting its performance "Full Circle" since the start of their season Nov. 29.

Sears is a snare drum player in the PM winter drumline. His day does not start with after-school drumline rehearsals.

"My day 'musically' consists of third period wind ensemble, fifth period jazz band, pit orchestra after school, and then drumline."

His daily routine has setbacks, he says. Playing the same instruments while practicing the same music for months at a time can become tedious.

But musician friends and teachers help him stay upbeat.

"The connection and friendships I have with some of the students and instructors helps me be at my best even when I don't feel that way."

Being involved in an activity on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday forces members of the drumline to become good planners.

Sears says that he uses his planner to sort out his homework priorities.

He targets what he needs to do and then allows himself an allotted time to get work done.

His busy schedule leaves his time with his friends unscathed. Sears says that he makes time for his friends during school and in between school and drumline rehearsal.

Sears's favorite part of the winter drumline season is the end of the season. He loves witnessing that "our hard work has paid off."

Drumline will compete in regionals tomorrow at Franklin Central at 9:36 a.m.



Drumline prepares to start their performance "Full Circle" by sitting in a meditation pose (Photo by Olivia Lighty).

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