Bulked up, Caupp a force for Xenia

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Xenia senior Matthew Caupp is having an outstanding season, averaging 10.8 points and 8.0 rebounds per game. He is also averaging 2.2 blocks per game. He is shown against Butler earlier in the week playing tough defense.

XENIA — Matthew Caupp does the bulk of his work inside the paint.

So the Xenia High School 6 foot, 5 inch senior spent the off-season bulking up.

"I was lifting every single day for I think three months before the season," Caupp said. "It all starts out in the weight room. My body was just prepared for the season. Mainly just putting in the work in the off-season really turned out to be the best thing."

The best thing for Caupp and the Bucs.

After averaging 3.8 points and 2.7 rebounds per game last season, Caupp has supersized his stat line, averaging 10.8 points, 8.0 rebounds per game, and 2.2 blocks per game this season.

His emergence has given Xenia — 2-4 overall and in the Miami Valley League — a third legitimate scoring threat and a third big body in the paint to go with 6-5 Zack Gaither and 6-3 Isiah Hoyt.

"Matthew's development has made us a lot better in many areas, not just scoring," Coach Kent Anderson said. "If we can play all three bigs at the same time, one of them is going to get a mismatch. Not everybody has a 6-3 and two 6-5s."

Caupp has become Xenia's main rebounder, using his height and muscle to his advantage.

"I feel like rebounding makes up a lot of the game," he said. "You really can win the game just by rebounding. Just being stronger. It's just made a huge difference."

Anderson called Caupp a "blue collar, lunch pail" type of guy, which Caupp embraces.

"I just kind of play my game," Caupp said. "I'm not too fancy when it comes to moves and all that. When I work out in the off-season, I'm not practicing moves and all that. I'm working on my game."

One thing Caupp focused on was improving his launch angle.

"My previous shot I started low," he said. "It's now high-arching so I can get above the guys that are way taller than me."

Caupp is shooting 44.8 percent from the field this season, which is lower than last year when he shot 55 percent. But Caupp took just 59 shots in 20 games. This season he has already taken 67 shots and should surpass last year's total of 33 made the next time Xenia plays — which is always a question due to COVID-19.

And remember, he changed his shot this season in an effort to improve his overall game.

"All the fundamentals," Caupp said. "Fundamentals will take you farther."

Said Anderson, "He just kind of found his little niche. He comes everyday to play. It's been a great, great find for our team this year."

Caupp could be a great find for a college team as well.

He just received an offer from Division-II Walsh University, which earned its first NCAA Tournament berth last season and has not had a losing season under Coach Jeff Young, who began his first full year coaching in the 2004-05 season.

The "bulk" of the offers are likely yet to come.

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SPORTS DIGEST

Basketball
Boys
Greeneview 72, Triad 55

The Rams used a strong second half to pull away after game was tied at the half. Cole Allen scored 21, Rhett Burtch 16, Jordan Erisman, and Ethen Caudill nine, Isaiah Marvin seven, Myles Witt four, and Mason Witt, and Carter Williams three each. The Rams are 8-2 overall and 6-1 in the Ohio Heritage Conference South.

Greeneview reserve 50, Greenon freshmen 17

Chase Allen scored 12, Ian Rinehart 11, Ben Myers eight, Gavin Dailey, and Noah Sylvester five, Gabe Younker four, Ronnie McKinney three, and Landon Gardner two for the Rams. Greeneview is 5-5 overall and 3-3 in the OHC.

Tippecanoe 75, Fairborn 50

Blake Huffman had 18 and Dwight Lewis and Bailey Snapp added 11 each for Fairborn.

Bowling
Boys
Carroll 2,452, Fenwick 1,862

Eric Bui rolled games of 219 and 172 for a 391 series. Michael Goubeaux had a 317 series with games of 219 and 152. Carroll is 6-2 overall and 5-1 in the Greater Catholic League Co-Ed.

Girls
Carroll 2,056, Fenwick 1,730

Kaylee Stemmer led Carroll with a 375 series with games of 180 and 195. Heather Thomas had a 345 with games of 167 and 178. Carroll is 7-1 overall and 5-1 in the GCL.

Send Greene County sports information to sports@xeniagazette.com. Game reports should include the final score and first and last name of players who deserve mention, along with their stats from the game. Reserve, freshmen, and middle school information is welcomed as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pursuant to Section 2.14(b) of the Charter of the City of Fairborn, Ohio, notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 19th day of January, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Building, located at 44 West Hebble Avenue, Fairborn, Ohio, public hearings will be given on the following Ordinances of public nature, which will be considered for action by the Council of the City of Fairborn, Ohio:

Ordinance 1-21
An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Notes in the Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of $2,075,000, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Various Public Infrastructure Projects.

Ordinance 2-21
An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Notes in the Maximum Principal Amount of $837,500, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Constructing and Equipping a Public Works Facility, together with all Necessary Appurtenances Thereto.

Ordinance 3-21
An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Notes in the Maximum Principal Amount of $2,100,000, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Improving the Municipal Water System by Replacing Existing or Constructing and Installing New Water Lines and Replacing the Mad River Well Field Well #2, together with all Necessary Appurtenances Thereto.

Ordinance 4-21
An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Notes in the Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of $3,525,000, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of (A) Acquiring and Improving Certain Properties in Several Locations within the City and Providing for the Demolition and Site Preparation Thereof, (B) Acquiring Approximately Three Acres of Real Property Located in the Broad Street Corridor and Providing for the Demolition and Site Preparation Thereof and (C) Improving Various Parcels of Real Property Located on Main Street or 3rd Street, including Demolition, Site Preparation and Rehabilitation, Each all in Support of Economic Development and Job Creation within the City.

Ordinance 5-21
An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Notes in the Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of $2,584,300, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Improving the City's Public Roadway System and the City's Parks and Recreation Facilities.

Ordinance 6-21
An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Notes in the Maximum Principal Amount of $200,000, in Anticipation of the Issuance of Bonds, for the Purpose of Paying the Property Owners' Portion, in Anticipation of the Levy and Collection of Special Assessments, of the Costs of Constructing and Repairing of Certain Sidewalks, Curbs and Driveway Approaches in the City of Fairborn, Ohio.

Anyone interested therein may appear and after the Ordinance is read by title or in full be heard thereon at said time and place or anytime or place to which such hearing shall from time to time be adjourned. Copies of said Ordinances are on file in the office of the City Clerk and are available for public inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

By order of Council dated: January 4, 2021

PAUL KELLER
MAYOR

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