

# THE ROYALS REPORT

FEBRUARY 2020

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Thanks for checking out our first Royals Report! Each month, we'll highlight a team or athlete who is helping put LRA Athletics "on the map." We'll also feature some key upcoming events and hear from our Athletic Boosters regarding things they want you to know or announcements they may have.

For this first edition, I wanted to extend a personal invite to this year's Night at the Races presented by the Athletic Boosters. This event is unlike any other at LRA and is a BLAST!!! Individual seats are \$30, however you can upgrade to a table of 8 and save \$40. Sponsorships are also available at many different levels. These are a key factor in the success of the event, so I encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity.

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT BENEFIT OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES AND THEIR TEAMS.** This year's date is April 24th at Tom's Country Place and doors open at 6:00 pm, with racing scheduled to begin around 7:30 pm. Below is link to purchase everything online. I hope to see you on April 24th!

<https://www.universe.com/events/2020-night-at-the-races-tickets-PLV1JC>

## FEATURE ROYAL

Our first Feature Royal is actually 2 athletes who are leading their teams this basketball season in almost every category. **Ted DeMarco (Soph)** has been a force to be reckoned with for the Royals so far this season. Ted was a key element as the Royals went on an 8-game win streak from December 20 until the streak ended on January 30th. In the month of January (8 games), Ted led the team with 143 points, which included a 78% free-throw percentage during that time, and was among the team leaders in Field Goal %. His athletic also helped him bring down 11 offensive rebounds and 51 defensive rebounds. Since **Carter McCray (Fr)** returned from a hip injury, it's no wonder why she's a "Player to Watch" for the Morning Journal. In the 7 games back, she's led the Lady Royals with 112 points, averaging 16.0 points per game, all while racking up 22 steals and 57 blocks during that stretch. A presence in the paint, Carter has also tallied 48 offensive rebounds and 65 defensive rebounds. Look for these two to continue to pave the way for their teams as they head into the postseason!

## NOTABLE UPCOMING EVENTS

**MS Boys Basketball Home Games** - 2/12, 2/13, 2/21, 3/4, all games 4:30/5:30 pm

**Varsity Girls Basketball OHSAA Postseason** - 2/22 vs East Canton/Lake Center Christian winner, 1:00 pm (HOME)

**Varsity Boys Basketball OHSAA Postseason** - 2/25 vs Open Door, 7:00 pm (HOME)

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## **ATHLETIC BOOSTERS**

The Boosters hope you can join us for the Night at the Races on April 24th at 6:00 pm at Tom's Country Place. This is our marquee event and all proceeds from the event help us in our mission of supporting our student-athletes and their teams. Volunteers on the night of the event are crucial to a successful event, so please consider donating your time, if even for a little bit that night. Contact Peter Eckendorf ([eckendorfp@lakeridgeacademy.org](mailto:eckendorfp@lakeridgeacademy.org)) or Athletic Booster President Gerald Manning ([gdmnng@yahoo.com](mailto:gdmnng@yahoo.com)) to volunteer.

We'd also love to see you at our next meeting. We meet regularly every month to discuss upcoming projects and initiatives, many of which may involve your student-athlete's team. Our biggest moving part that requires the most help from volunteers is the concession stand during Volleyball and Basketball season and are always looking for new people to help out.

Feel free to email Booster President Gerald Manning ([gdmnng@yahoo.com](mailto:gdmnng@yahoo.com)) with any questions and to find out when the next meeting time/day is!

**Thanks for your support of Lake Ridge Academy Athletics. As always, GO ROYALS!**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Eckendorf', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Peter Eckendorf, CAA**

Director of Athletics