
THE SCARLET AND WHITE

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IBA CHAMPIONSHIP

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By Ethan Riesenbeck

Who doesn't love a good underdog story? A few weeks ago, the 2022-2023 La Salle IBA championship game took place right on our very own Bill Cady Court. The game yielded an unexpected result, with Team 9, led by seniors Jackson Gruber and Logan Lewis, taking the win over Team 1, led by League Commissioners Drew Worrall and Patrick Villamgana.

Going into the game, it was clear that the underdogs were not favored to win, but they were much better received by the fans than their counterparts, who were greeted with boos during their team introduction. During the regular season, Team 9 had fallen to Team 1, which knocked them down in the power rankings, but that didn't stop them from taking home the trophy at the end of the day. When Gruber was asked about his team's performance, he said that "We went out there and played fundamental blue-collar basketball. With players like Sam Bley in the paint, it made the game easy. Things just clicked." He also added "We are a playoff team. I myself have been compared to a Vanilla Larry Bird. I took it as a great compliment but didn't let it go to my head. Trades throughout the season like the addition of Dylan Kaiser really helped with team chemistry.

I couldn't have asked for a better squad or more hardworking young men. This really showed in the championship when we pulverized Drew and Patrick."



One of the pitfalls for Team 1 was the lack of chemistry among the players on the court. It was obvious that Patrick Villamgna had a lot of feelings of frustration, showing clear disgust with some of the calls from the referees. When I asked for a quote from him, he said, "I had the most points out of everyone that played." Team 1 was short on words.

Due to his outstanding performance in the championship game, Logan Lewis was awarded MVP for the season. He said that "Vanilla Shaq (Lewis) and Kobe (Gruber) are very proud of the accomplishments of their team. We showed people who we are. We showed people the fundamentals of not only basketball but life as well. If anything is to be taken away from this thrilling IBA season, it is that hard work beats talent.

SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

By: Will Gavin

With the end of winter sports approaching, our spring sports are gearing up. Open gyms, swing time, and other training days have been going on for all sports, preparing athletes for their seasons. Tryouts start 2/20 for volleyball, 2/20 for baseball, and tennis tryouts are determined by the amount of athletes trying out. Track and field and lacrosse will both be no cut sports and are open to any student. All students are welcome to try out for all sports regardless of skill level.

The spring sport coaches are looking forward to the season starting as well. Coach Holman stated, “It’s great to see our guys improve. Tennis is a lifelong skill.” Coach Aultman commented on his coaching season coming up with, “Just the usual.” Meanwhile, the new volleyball coach Darien McDowell can’t wait for his first season with the Lancers. “Our goals for the season are to showcase what La Salle Volleyball’s true potential is all about. It’s high level, high energy, and fast paced. If we play our style of play there’s no reason we can’t compete to win the GCL and go up to state. I’m most excited about our guys playing in front of the La Salle Student Section. It’s the best in Cincinnati, and they’ll be able to make both home and away matches a hostile environment for any opponent.” This will be volleyball's first season competing in Division 1, and McDowell said, “The Division 1 move won’t phase our guys. We’ll play any team in any location with the expectation to win, even if we are the only ones that believe we’re capable.”



"VIOLENT NIGHT"

MOVIE REVIEW

By Peyton Broering

Violent Night is a gripping and intense thriller starring David Harbour as a man pushed to the brink of desperation. The film follows Harbour's character as he becomes embroiled in a dangerous and violent situation, and is forced to fight for survival.

David Harbour gives a powerful and nuanced performance in the lead role. He expertly conveys the character's internal turmoil and gradual descent into violence, making the audience feel a genuine sense of empathy for him. The supporting cast is also strong, with each actor bringing a unique energy and depth to their respective roles.



The film's pacing is well-done, with a slow build-up that gradually ratchets up the tension. The action scenes are intense and well-choreographed, making for a truly thrilling experience. The cinematography and visual effects are also top-notch, adding to the overall sense of danger and unease.

The film's script is clever and well-written, with a number of twists and turns that keep the audience guessing. The themes of violence and its consequences are explored in a thoughtful and nuanced manner, making for a thought-provoking viewing experience.

In conclusion, Violent Night is a must-see for fans of intense thrillers and anyone who appreciates a great performance from David Harbour. The film's strong script, pacing, and visuals, along with the well-crafted performances make it an unforgettable cinematic experience. With the great storyline, the film is highly recommended for fans of thrillers, crime, and drama genres.

IT'S TIME TO "SUIT" UP

By Leroy Hodge

Over the last two months, I have taken a deep dive into a hidden gem of a show called Suits. The show stars Gabriel Macht, Patrick J. Adams, Sarah Rafferty, the amazingly talented Gina Torres, and the Duchess of Sussex herself, Megan Markle. From the moment the first episode starts, you are immersed in the world of corporate law and all the scandals and drama that take place inside of it. Every episode leaves you on the edge of your seat, wanting more.



When I first started watching the show I had an immediate favorite character, Jessica Pearson. She is the Managing Partner of Pearson Hardman and a powerhouse lawyer. Jessica is played by Gina Torres and is not only a force to be reckoned with but a major lifesaver throughout the entire series. Overall, I highly recommend watching Suits, it lives in my top 3 favorite shows and deserves more recognition.

UKRAINE. WHAT'S HAPPENING?

By Aiden Scheibenzuber

If you don't already know, Ukraine has been under attack by the Russians controlled by Vladimir Putin. They have invaded Ukraine and have been attacking since February 24, 2022 to now. They started the attack to take control over Ukraine and keep them from becoming part of Nato. But what is happening now?

There was a missile strike on an apartment block in Dnipro and 45 have died. As the search teams continue to search through the rubble, they hunt for 19 missing people. The Netherlands have decided to join Germany and the US in sending patriot missile defense systems to Ukraine. Now the UK are sending heavy weapons to Ukraine including tanks. Also Spain has decided to help Ukraine in the fight against Russia.

According to Mark Rutte, the Dutch Prime Minister, he pledged to help aid Ukraine until the war is done. Joe Biden has signed a \$1.7 trillion funding bill that includes Ukraine aid. He gave 47 billion dollars to aid Ukraine which is a ton of money. It seems that Nato will continue to help Ukraine in fighting Russia, but how will Russia respond? Should Nato be involved in the war? We'll need to wait for what happens next.

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RIOTING IN BRAZIL: WHAT WENT DOWN

By Andrew Childers

Among many political conflicts and rioting stretching the world around, Brazil decided to throw its hat in the ring last month as well.

On January 8, 2023, supporters of former president Jair Bolsonaro stormed Brasilia, breaking into the Congress building, Supreme Court, and presidential palace, causing damage, as well as spraying messages in acts of vandalism. Bolsonaro, inaugurated in 2019, was a member of the Socialist Liberal Party, which he turned conservative. Current president Lula de Silva, a liberal, was inaugurated on December 31, 2022, less than two weeks before the insurrection.

Many of the onlookers have been quick to point out that security in the capital was surprisingly lax on January 8, especially considering some officials claimed that they were expecting some form of uprising. In fact, many were shocked by the incredible lack of force used against the protesters. Overall, it has been said that the changing of leadership among military forces in the capital led to such a laid back approach to the protesters. Former Federal District Security Chief Anderson Torres has been arrested on charges of terrorist attacks and planning a coup. To date, 39 have been arrested and accused on the same charges. Additionally, multiple law enforcement offices have been fired since, with no specific reason stated.

All in all, January 8 proved to be another lesson in the importance of the police force and other law enforcement. And although the protesting has since died down, this event will remain prevalent in the minds of the people who witnessed it.