

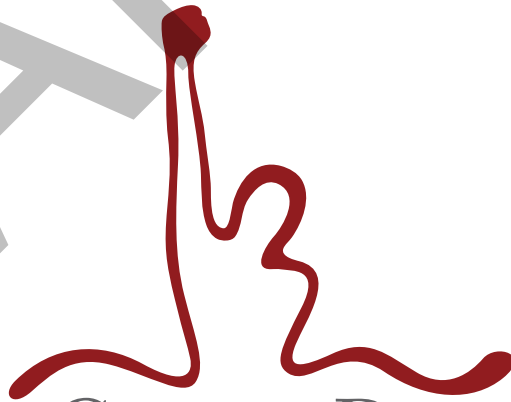


Central Catholic Cardinals

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League Record: 13 - 0 | Overall Record: 27 - 4 | Season: 10-11

Date	Type	Opponent	Score
Fri, 12/10/2010	N	Penn Manor	W 63-58
Sat, 12/11/2010	N	Lampeter-Strasburg	W 69-60
Fri, 12/17/2010	N	Neumann Goretti	L 58-46
Tue, 12/21/2010	L	Kutztown	W 82-40
Thu, 12/23/2010	N	Parkland	W 45-34
Mon, 12/27/2010	N	Pottstown	W 53-66
Tue, 12/28/2010	N	Danville	W 44-52
Tue, 1/4/2011	L	Antietam	W 63-49
Thu, 1/6/2011	L	Wyomissing	W 33-52
Tue, 1/11/2011	L	Oley Valley	W 67-37
Thu, 1/13/2011	L	Holy Name	W 27-44
Sun, 1/16/2011	N	Holy Redeemer	W 58-46
Wed, 1/19/2011	L	Hamburg	W 71-28
Thu, 1/20/2011	L	Schuylkill Valley	W 62-49
Sat, 1/22/2011	N	Perkiomen Valley	W 62-52
Sat, 1/29/2011	N	Philadelphia Roman Catholic	L 47-58
Mon, 1/31/2011	L	Brandywine Heights	W 64-28
Thu, 2/3/2011	L	Kutztown	W 25-60
Fri, 2/4/2011	L	Antietam	W 36-65
Mon, 2/7/2011	L	Holy Name	W 60-35
Tue, 2/8/2011	L	Wyomissing	W 62-36
Thu, 2/10/2011	L	Tulpehocken	W 33-70
Mon, 2/14/2011	N	Wilson	W 34-42
Wed, 2/16/2011	N	Muhlenberg	W 57-35
Fri, 2/18/2011	N	Reading High	L 50-58
Fri, 2/25/2011	N	New Hope Academy	W 43-48
Mon, 2/28/2011	N	Lancaster Country Day	W 22-37
Fri, 3/4/2011	N	Greenwood	W 24-18
Fri, 3/11/2011	N	Sayre	W 41-58
Tue, 3/15/2011	N	Old Forge	W 21-32
Fri, 3/18/2011	N	Constitution	L 53-55

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Roster

Jersey #	Player Name	Position	Class	Jersey #	Player Name	Position	Class
33	Arabia, Tyler	F	Jr	23	Hoffa, Andrew	G/F	Sr
12	Ashcroft, Justin	G/F	Sr	32	Jack, Donovan	C/F	Jr
20	Bilinski, Chris	C/F	Sr	42	Marshall, Marquis	G/F	Jr
10	Dawkins, Marcus	G	Sr		Reber, Tyler		Sr
15	Fleming, Adonis	G	Sr	22	Reiley, Michael	G	Jr
50	Foster, John	F	Jr	14	Rys, Joe	G	Sr
	Foulland, Nana		Sr	34	Stricker, Gregory	G	Jr
24	Hafer, Tyler	G	Jr	35	Werley, Quinn	F	Jr

Stats

Average Points	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	OT	Final
Central Catholic	14.0	13.1	14.8	13.7	0.3	55.8
Opponents	9.1	9.6	10.7	10.7	0.1	40.2

SCORING

#	Player	GP	FG	FT	FTA	FT%	3P	TP	AVG
32	Donovon Jack	30	186	111	155	71.61	0	486	16.2
10	Marcus Dawkins	31	146	119	162	73.46	29	440	14.2
42	Marquis Marshall	31	140	66	95	69.47	26	371	12.0
15	Adonis Fleming	31	31	16	28	57.14	16	94	3.0
14	Joe Rys	27	30	20	30	66.67	7	87	3.2
23	Andrew Hoffa	30	30	9	18	50.00	16	85	2.8
12	Justin Ashcroft	31	35	10	24	41.67	2	82	2.7
50	John Foster	17	11	5	12	41.67	0	27	1.6
33	Tyler Arabia	19	6	0	0	0.00	0	12	0.6
24	Tyler Hafer	16	4	0	0	0.00	3	11	0.7
20	Chris Bilinski	22	4	2	9	22.22	0	10	0.5
35	Quinn Werley	17	3	1	1	100.00	2	9	0.5
34	Gregory Stricker	15	3	1	3	33.33	0	7	0.5
	Nana Foulland	11	3	0	2	0.00	0	6	0.6
	Tyler Reber	3	0	2	4	50.00	0	2	0.7
22	Michael Reiley	16	1	0	1	0.00	0	2	0.1
Total:		31	633	362	544	66.54	101	1731	55.8

Games

DECEMBER 10, 2010

Central Catholic vs Penn Manor

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
Central	13	15	12	15	8	63
P. Manor	7	14	12	24	3	58

Highlights: At Lampeter, Marcus Dawkins scored six of his team-high 20 points in overtime as the Cardinals withstood a barrage of 3-pointers to down the Comets. Penn Manor made four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to overcome a nine-point deficit and force overtime. Dawkins had 14 rebounds and six assists and Marquis Marshall had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Cardinals. Donovan Jack scored nine points in the first quarter for Central but had to leave the game in the third quarter with an ankle injury after scoring 12 points. Other semifinal: Lampeter-Strasburg 58, Conestoga Valley 50. Today's matchups: Consolation, Penn Manor vs. Conestoga Valley, 6:30 p.m. Championship, Central Catholic vs. Lampeter-Strasburg, 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 11, 2010

Central Catholic vs Lampeter-Strasburg

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Central	17	16	16	20	69
L-Stras.	16	8	13	23	60

Highlights: At Lampeter, tournament MVP Marcus Dawkins posted a triple-double to lead the Cardinals (2-0) past the Pioneers (1-1) in the championship game. Dawkins had 25 points, 14 rebounds and 12 assists. Also for Central, Marquis Marshall had 15 points, Adonis Fleming had 13 and Justin Ashcroft had 10. Miller scored 19 points for Lampeter-Strasburg.

DECEMBER 17, 2010

Neumann Goretti vs Central Catholic

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
N. Goretti	14	15	16	13	58
Central	13	11	13	9	46

Highlights: At Bollman Center, the Cardinals (3-1) scored the first seven points of the game but fell behind late in the first quarter and trailed the rest of the way in falling to the Saints (1-1). Donovan Jack had a game-high 19 points for Central. Marcus Dawkins had 15 points and 13 rebounds.

DECEMBER 21, 2010

Central Catholic vs Kutztown

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Central	20	21	23	18	82
Kutztown	10	9	14	7	40

Highlights: At Kutztown, Donovan Jack tied a career-high with 21 points as the Cardinals (1-0, 3-1) cruised to victory over the Cougars (0-1, 0-5). Central outscored Kutztown 21-9 in the second quarter and led 41-19 at halftime. Marcus Dawkins scored 15 points and Marquis Marshall had 14 for the Cardinals. Alex Faust and Andrew Gernert were the leading scorers for the Cougars with 10 points.

DECEMBER 23, 2010

Central Catholic vs Parkland

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Central	14	8	12	11	45
Parkland	8	8	3	15	34

Highlights: At Allentown, Donovan Jack scored 13 second-half points to lead the Cardinals (4-1) over the Trojans. Jack finished with 19 points. Marcus Dawkins had 12 points for Central; teammate Marquis Marshall finished with 11.

DECEMBER 27, 2010

Pottstown vs Central Catholic

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Pottstown	11	15	10	17	53
Central	14	20	18	14	66

Highlights: At Physical Education Center, Marcus Dawkins had eight of his 23 points in the first quarter to get the Cardinals (5-1) off to a hot start against the Trojans (3-2). Donovan Jack had nine of his 24 in the second to help put Central up 34-26 at halftime. Dawkins put in nine more in the third as the lead lengthened and the Cardinals earned a spot in the championship game. Elijah Jackson had 21 points for Pottstown. Other semifinal: Danville 55, Maria Barcetti 46. Today's matchups: Consolation, Maria Barcetti vs. Pottstown, 6 p.m. Championship, Central Catholic vs. Danville, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 28, 2010

Danville vs Central Catholic

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Danville	15	11	8	10	44
Central	10	13	20	9	52

Central buckles down on Wilson

Cards hold Bulldogs scoreless for more than 11 minutes; will face Muhlenberg in semis

Berks Conference Quarterfinals

Central Catholic	42
Wilson	34
Muhlenberg	48
Tulpehocken	42
Reading High	60
Wyomissing	39
Schuylkill Valley	71
Daniel Boone	56

By Mike Drago
Reading Eagle

Central Catholic can play pretty basketball at times, when Marcus Dawkins soars through the lane, Marquis Marshall pumps in his silky jumper or Donovan Jack unleashes one of those smooth post moves.

Monday the Cards rolled up their sleeves and got tough.

They got down and dirty and played some defense, just what they needed to beat Wilson 42-34 in a Berks Conference quarterfinal before a packed house at Gov. Mifflin Intermediate.

The Cardinals stopped the streaking Bulldogs in their tracks, shutting them out in the second period and holding them scoreless during one 11 1/2-minute stretch.

The 6-9 Jack sealed off the interior and, with the help of the 6-3 Dawkins, controlled the paint, the duo combining for 19 rebounds and half-a-dozen blocked shots.

"We're lucky to have two players that can jump like that," Marshall said.

"They did a good job clogging up (the lane)," said Wilson coach Matt



READING EAGLE: LAUREN A. LITTLE

Wilson's Zach Zweizig attempts to block a pass by Central's Marcus Dawkins on Monday.

Coldren, who saw his team shoot just 23 percent from the field.

The Berks IV champion Cardinals (21-2) advance to Wednesday's 6:30 semifinal against Berks II champ Muhlenberg (15-7), which got six 3-pointers and half its points from Brad Botch in beating Berks III runnerup Tulpehocken 48-42.

The Cards seem to be peaking at the right time, especially on defense.

They held the Bulldogs 22 points below their average, and held their seventh straight opponent below 37.

They're allowing just 32.1 points during that stretch.

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With rematch in sight, Cards, Knights can't get trapped

By Mike Drago
Reading Eagle

Marquis Marshall knows that when he arrives at school today, with Central Catholic set to play tonight in a Berks Conference semifinal, all anyone will want to talk about is Friday's championship showdown with Reading High.

The Cardinals and their legion of fans have been waiting 364 days to avenge that defeat.

They're not there yet, though.

"We still have to look at Muhlenberg," the Cards junior forward said of tonight's 6:30 tip at the Sovereign Center, the first half of a double-header that includes Reading High vs. Schuylkill Valley. "We can't let someone sneak up and beat us."

While both games seem one-sided they fall into the category of "trap game" for the Berks IV champion Cardinals (21-2) and the Berks I champion Red Knights (19-3).

Central is coming off a hard-fought win over Wilson and looking forward to erasing the memories of that 62-57 loss to Reading on the same court a year ago.

Reading High, which has won 13 of 14, figures to breeze past Berks III champ Schuylkill Valley (18-4) and play for its fourth straight Berks championship.

It's unlikely to be as easy as all of that, of course.

"It doesn't happen if we don't win

Wednesday, right?" said Central coach Snip Esterly, checking to make sure his club hasn't drawn a bye to the final.

"We're not taking anyone lightly," Esterly said. "As long as I've been at Central I don't think we've taken anyone lightly."

Central will be going after its sixth — and final — Berks title.

Reading High has won a record 18.

And Schuylkill Valley?

The Panthers are playoff neophytes. They had never won a Berks quarterfinal before beating Daniel Boone Monday — they had been 0-for-8 in that round — and hadn't won a county playoff game in 35 years.

And they've never beaten Reading High. (Of course, they've never lost to the Red Knights, either.)

"It's pretty funny that we haven't come across them," said Schuylkill Valley coach Chris Gallo, who has guided the Panthers to the Berks playoffs eight times in the last 11 years. "We've always avoided them."

There will be no hiding from them tonight. The Red Knights are bigger, faster and deeper, all of which Gallo realizes.

And as much as the Panthers enjoy getting up and down the court at a fast pace they'll have to be guarded doing that against the Knights, who can play faster.

Gallo's biggest concern is on the

boards. He doesn't have a starter taller than 6-2.

"They really go after the basketball," Gallo said of the Knights. "I've always been impressed with the way Reading rebounds the ball. I think their rebounding is relentless."

He knows protecting the ball against the press, and not letting the Knights score off their defense, will be key also.

"A lot of things have to go our way," he said.

Same goes for Berks II champ Muhlenberg (15-7).

Rebounding will be a key in this game, as well. The Cards controlled the glass against a physical Wilson team, with 6-9 center Donovan Jack and 6-3 Marcus Dawkins combining for 19 rebounds in the 42-34 win.

Avery Price, a 6-2 forward, averages 12 rebounds per game but he's the Muhls' tallest starter.

Reggie Weiss, the former Central coach, will have to come up with some magic to prevent the presumed championship rematch.

Esterly, a former Weiss assistant, is certain not to let his guard down.

"They play Reggie-ball," he said of the Muhls, who have won five straight. "They have three really nice players who can score. They'll play great defense, they'll move the ball, take 45 seconds off the clock ... they've got a nice ballclub, (but) we'll be ready."

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ball well, and got a big shooting night out of junior Marquis Marshall.

He knocked down four of his first five shots and scored 10 of his 17 points in the first quarter, when the Cards led 12-0 and 18-4.

Donovon Jack had a big night, too, with a game-high 19 points and 17 rebounds.

"They played very well," Miller

said. "They knocked down shots that they haven't been knocking down."

"As the momentum went their way, they kept knocking them down."

The Cards will wrap up their regular season tonight, against Tulpehocken at Albright's Bollman Center. A win gives them a second straight perfect run through Berks IV; they wrapped up their 16th

Berks IV title a night earlier by beating Holy Name.

Concerns they wouldn't be ready to go, after an emotional battle against the Blue Jays Monday, never materialized.

"They were ready to play," said Cards coach Snip Esterly. "We're looking a little sharper. I think the kids are starting to focus."

Cards don't look ahead until after beating Muhls

By Jason Guarente
Reading Eagle

The team Central Catholic has waited a year to face was lined up in the seats behind one of the baskets.

Donovon Jack said he didn't notice Reading High.

Central	57
Muhl	35

"I rarely ever look in the stands or look around," Central's 6-9 center said. "I was focused on the game."

This is the kind of tunnel vision coach Snip Esterly wanted from his players. Before the Red Knights could be on the radar, Central had to push aside Muhlenberg.

The Cardinals did it with the relative ease everyone expected. They knocked off the Muhls 57-35 in the Berks Conference semifinal game at the Sovereign Center Wednesday night.

Central (22-2) will get its shot at Reading High for the county championship Friday at the Sovereign Center at 8 p.m. The Knights eliminated Schuylkill Valley 83-69 in the other semifinal Wednesday.

While it's understandable to think the Cardinals could get caught looking ahead to a showdown against the city rival that ousted them in last year's Berks semis, they were too experienced to fall into that trap.

There was only one anxious moment Wednesday night.

Muhlenberg used an 11-0 run to pull within 28-25 with 4:52 left in the third



READING EAGLE: BEN HASTY

Central Catholic's Marcus Dawkins (10) yells to his teammates as Muhlenberg's Brad Botch defends.

quarter. It was enough to make one briefly wonder if Reggie Weiss could coach the Muhls to a huge upset.

"We took two or three quick shots and we got out of rhythm," Esterly said. "They banged home two or three 3s and it changes just like that."

The trepidation proved fleeting.

Central called a timeout, reasserted itself on defense and executed better on offense. The Berks IV champs closed the third quarter with a 16-3 run to regain control and held Muhlenberg to two field goals over the final 12:52.

It was a reminder that this is a poised group. Central has four starters back from the team that won the District 3-A title and was a PIAA finalist last season.

"We just had to calm down," Jack said. "We got our momentum back. That helped us the most and got us going again."

Joey Rys played a major role as Central re-



READING EAGLE: BEN HASTY

Central Catholic's Donovan Jack battles Muhlenberg's Jeremiah Sanders and Muhlenberg's Avery Price (15) for the ball during their Berks Conference semifinal Wednesday.

grouped. The senior point guard hit a 3-pointer to halt Muhlenberg's surge and made two layups to spark the Cardinals' responding run.

Esterly said Rys is just starting to feel comfortable after a hip infection kept him off the court for a month and forced him to ease into the season. That's a good sign for the Cardinals' playoff hopes.

Muhlenberg (15-8), which needed to be perfect to prevail, was flawed for that stretch. It left Rys open on the perimeter, failed to cover the back door on his first layup and failed to get back on defense for his fast break hoop.

"Little things like that in these kinds of games will kill you," Weiss said. "You don't need everything to go right, but you need a lot of things to go right."

Muhlenberg's biggest problem was Jack. The Muhls, with no starter taller than 6-2, had no one to guard Central's polished junior.

The Berks II champs tried to play Jack straight up and use a second player to collapse on him when he got the ball.

It wasn't enough. Jack made 8-of-11 shots, scored a game-high 21 points and had nine rebounds. Muhlenberg was simply

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"Any time we did get in there it was rough going for us," Coldren said. "I think we were a little intimidated by Donovan Jack. Once he blocked one or two shots I think we just settled for jumpers, and that's not our thing."

The Cards had trouble scoring themselves as the Berks I runner-up Bulldogs (18-5) sealed off the inside, limiting Jack's touches. They also prevented Dawkins from getting any easy baskets on breakaways.

Central had just 16 points at half-time. That was enough for a six-point cushion, one they maintained for most of the rest of the way as they slowed the Bulldogs with their effective 2-3 match-up zone.

Dawkins was especially engaged, apparently relishing the opportunity to go head-to-head with Wilson star Zach Zweizig throughout. Dawkins played a big part in limiting Zweizig to just seven points on 3-of-12 shooting.

Dawkins also sparked the offense with a team-high 15 points and five assists.

Despite the extended scoring drought Wilson was still within 16-13 when Seth Klein hit a 3-pointer 2 1/2 minutes into the third quarter.

Dawkins answered with a three-point play, then closed the quarter with a 3-pointer for a nine-point lead.

"It's playoff time for Marcus," Central coach Snip Esterly said. "He's ready. He's ready."

In the opener, Muhlenberg struggled to find open shots against Tulpehocken's stingy 1-3-1 zone but stayed afloat because of the hot shooting of Botch.

He knocked down five of his first six 3s on the way to a game- and career-high 24 points. He had 18 of Muhlenberg's 24 first-half points.

"Give credit to Botch," said Tulpehocken (12-10) coach Kevin Quimby. "He made shots. We didn't expect that."

Botch had never made more than three in a game before. "I've just been waiting to get my opportunities all season to show what I could do," said the 5-9 junior. "My shot was falling tonight and I just kept going with it."

Despite Botch's shooting the short-handed Trojans, playing without two of their top six players, stayed in it.

They tied it at 37 when Derek Stephan hit the first of two free throws with 5:28 left.

Christian Burgraff, who had just one basket for the Muhls in the first three quarters, got hot at the right time, answering with a pair of mid-range jumpers to push the lead to four.

Botch helped keep it there, converting a pair of one-and-ones in the final minute.

"Give credit to Kevin and his kids," Muhls coach Reggie Weiss said of his former player, "they were into the game."

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CENTRAL | Cards don't look ahead

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outmanned. "We played the best we can play," Weiss said. "We broke down some places. I can't fault the effort. I thought they played their hearts out. It's just a helluva ball-

club they played against."

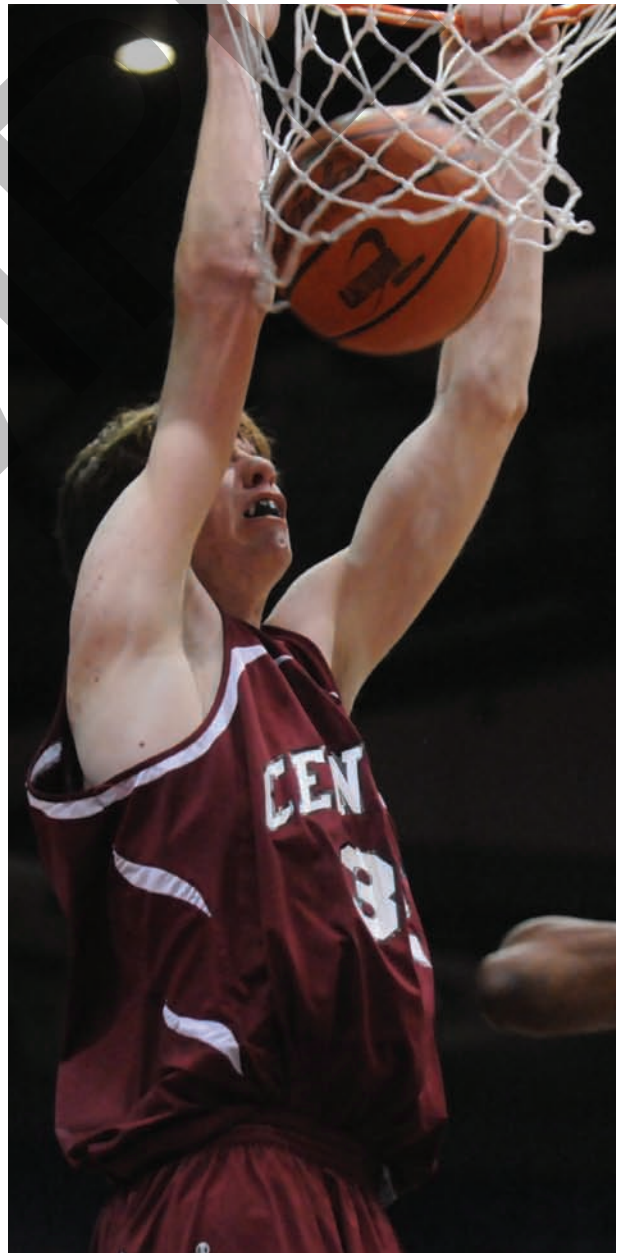
Central is headed to the county final for the first time since winning the championship in 2006.

The Cardinals finally can look ahead to Reading High.

"If we wouldn't have come to play today, there would have been no Friday," Esterly said. "These kids are sharp. They know."

Their reward is the rematch they've longed to play.





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