

## 2007-08 Mentor Basketball Regular Season Review

- Shaun Spence (February 19, 2008)

How does one wrap up a regular season that Coach Krizancic called the most fun team he has ever had coaching? Well, let's look at just *some* of the accomplishments the individual players, coaches, and the team as a whole has accomplished during the regular season in 2007-08:

- Mentor's 16-4 record gives them the most regular season wins since the 2000-01 team that went 17-3.

- The Cards went 7-1 in league play and won the LEL, which has been one of the toughest conferences in the state over the past 10-15 years. Conference foes like Euclid and Shaker Heights were mainstays in the Plain Dealer's Top 25 all season. Cleveland Heights remained around the top 5 in the PD's rankings all season and even spent some time in the state poll.

- Speaking of polls, Mentor finished No. 1 in the final News-Herald poll, No. 4 in the Plain Dealer, and No. 13 in the Associated Press state poll.

- Veteran head coach Bob Krizancic picked up his 400th career victory in the season-opener against Berea. Coach K's career win total is now at 415 and counting...

- Senior guard Joe Meyer became the fourth Mentor player to eclipse the 1,000 point plateau. He passed the milestone on a three-pointer (how poetic) in the second half against VASJ on February 9th. Meyer's career scoring total is at 1,021 and counting...

- On January 25th, Mentor made 19 three-pointers. This broke their all-time single game mark (18) set in the 1999. The team's 19 treys in a single game is tied for third all time in the state record book.

- The team as a whole made 207 three-pointers (about 11 per game) on roughly 40% shooting from beyond the arc. If they win several tournament games and advance out of the district, this team should challenge Mentor's all-time single season mark of 270 three-pointers made back in 2000-01.

This team has accomplished ALL of this despite bringing back only two players (Joe Meyer and Scott Branchick) who played significant minutes on last year's team. This team has accomplished all of this with starting three guards who are all 5'10 or shorter and without any player taller than 6'3. With four underclassmen in the starting lineup, the future is also bright. Don't let the youth fool you – this team is primed to make a run in the tournament in the present. The regular season has been quite a success and Mentor fans should look for more of the same as the tournament is starting.

## 2007-08 Final Regular Season Statistics

### Points-Per-Game

Joe Meyer	21.4
Scott Branchick	13.8
Jaron Crowe	10.3
Daniel Hammonds	8.8
Ben Pike	7.9
Cole Krizancic	6.1

### Rebounds-Per-Game

Ben Pike	5.6
Scott Branchick	4.3
Joe Meyer	3.6
Mike Johanek	3.4
Daniel Hammonds	3.2

### Assists-Per-Game

Jaron Crowe	3.4
Scott Branchick	2.3
Joe Meyer	2.2

### Total Steals

Scott Branchick	26
Cole Krizancic	26
Joe Meyer	26
Jaron Crowe	18
Ben Pike	17
Mike Johanek	15

### Field Goal Percentage

Ben Pike	53.0%
Daniel Hammonds	51.4%
Scott Branchick	50.5%
Joe Meyer	48.2%

### Free-Throw Percentage

Joe Meyer	88.9%
Cole Krizancic	73.3%
Jaron Crowe	67.6%

### Three-Pointers Made

Joe Meyer	66
Jaron Crowe	48
Cole Krizancic	30
Daniel Hammonds	25
Scott Branchick	21

### Three-Point Percentage

Joe Meyer	50.0%
Daniel Hammonds	43.1%
Jaron Crowe	37.2%
Cole Krizancic	37.0%

## **Quick Questions with Coach K**

*MH.com: What do you think about the Euclid District's top seeded team, Glenville?*

Coach K: As always, extremely athletic. They have a great point guard (Kendall Holt) and a great big man (Rayshawn Goins).

*MH.com: What is the most important thing for the team to do to be successful in this tournament?*

Taking care of basketball and playing fundamentally-sound.

*MH.com: How far can you guys go?*

That's always a loaded question. You want to believe you can get to Columbus, but you don't want to sound brash or over-confident. I think we can go far, but with a team that is not tournament-tested, we will have to limit our mistakes and shoot well.

*MH.com: Do you have to win the district for this season to be considered a success?*

No. It would be a great accomplishment and it is definitely our goal. But our record (16-4) has greatly exceeded anyone's expectations. To win the LEL, be ranked 13th in the state, No. 3 in the Plain Dealer and probably No. 1 in the News-Herald, it has been an exceptional year. Nothing can take that away from these kids.