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COVINGTON CATHOLIC YOUTH FOOTBALL WINS FIRST GCYL CHAMPIONSHIP

Covington Catholic's Colonel Youth Football (CYF) 7th & 8th Grade Team won its first ever Greater Catholic Youth League (GCYL) Championship with 22-12 victory at LaSalle High School in the 10th year of CYF Football. Coached by Scott Silbernagel, the team was in the Division 2 Championship Game for the second time in the past three years. The GCYL is comprised of Catholic parishes and schools that feed into Covington Catholic, Moeller, Elder, St. Xavier, Roger Bacon, McNicholas, Purcell Marian, LaSalle, and Hamilton Badin.

The team started the season slow, winning only one of their first three games. However, everything seemed to come together for the Colonels as they fired off wins in four of five games to finish the regular season with a 5-3 record. Next, they kicked off the Division 2 Championship Tournament with two straight wins to put them in the Championship Game against defending champion Queen of Peace who held a 10-0 record and had only given up 26 points all season.

In the first quarter, the two teams traded touchdowns and in the second quarter the Colonels scored and added a 2 point conversion to lead 14-6 at the half. In the second half, another Colonel touchdown and a safety provided a 22-6 lead. The Colonels would hold Queen of Peace to one more score and eventually celebrated its first championship in the GCYL, winning 22-12.

The CYF 7th & 8th grade team is coached by Bill Hentz (Class of 1980), Joe Hummel, Joe Hunt, Greg Johnson, Tim Shields (Class of 1982), Gary Snyder Class of 1990), Rodney Black, and Head Coach Scott Silbernagel, and coordinated by team parent Tara Blessing.

Covington Catholic High School is a Blue Ribbon of Excellence award winning college preparatory high school within the Diocese of Covington. It is an all-male school of 592 whose mission is to embrace the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in order to educate students spiritually, academically, physically and socially.

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