



Taking the Shot: Triton Basketball 2012

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The Triton Vikings basketball team began the season with high hopes. Along with the new season came a new coach, and he's holding some high expectations for the team.

The new coach this year is Dave Clay, who was the assistant coach last year, but with no head coach for the start of this season Coach Clay stepped up and has looked for all players to play a role.

"If one player takes a play off and doesn't box out then it negatively affects our team."

As the assistant coach last year Clay has experience with the team he's now leading, but he isn't the only one leading the team. "The captains are Jedd Hutchins, Richard Fecteau, and John Manning," said

Clay. "There are many ways to lead a team. Some lead by example and others are more vocal."

Triton's vocal leader (who's also leading the team in assists) is captain Jedd Hutchins. When you see the Vikings basketball team huddled up before a game you can bet Hutchins is giving a small speech to get the team's blood pumping.

When it comes to leading by example the team counts on captain and leading scorer (16.5 pts/gm) Richard Fecteau to set the teams pace. "Richard consistently stays after practice or goes to his local park in order to get more shots up," said Clay. "He pushes his teammates in practice to go 110 percent."

It's not just the captains who are winning these games though. Every player is leaving their heart out on the court. "Three other players that

are doing everything that is needed to win but won't show up in the newspaper or stat book are Mike Campbell, John Mills, and Ryan Clark," said the coach. They bring the toughness and intensity that rolls in the wins. These leaders acting together pull a great group of players together and make a strong team.

When asked about the team bond this year, senior forward Derek Paquette said, "Our bond this year is very strong; it all seems to flow together."

Coach Clay agrees saying, "The team bond is phenomenal. In the beginning of the year we did a team bonding exercise which if completed they were rewarded with breakfast at 'Mad Martha's' on Plum Island."

The team also holds pasta par-

ties at each others' houses in order to pull the team together outside of school and practice.

Along with the new year comes new goals as well, according to Hutchins.

"Our number one goal for the year is to make it to the State Tournament. "(We want) to hold the opposing team to fewer than 10 points every quarter. We feel if we can hold the team to under 40 points, then we can be competitive each game."

When it comes down to Triton's strengths on the court it's their heart and leadership.

"Our strengths come in a form that can't be scouted," said Clay.

The intensity and passion that each player is putting into every game is 110 percent, right were Fecteau would want it.



Senior Blaise Whitman brings the ball up court in a recent game (courtesy photo)

Former Celtic to Speak Against drugs

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Chris Herren is a man who may on the outside look like any other person walking down the street. But his story is anything but normal.

Herren was a man who got only inches away from accomplishing his dream, only to have it ripped away in an instant after a series of bad decisions.

On Wednesday, February 15, Triton will host a school-wide student assembly in the auditorium, during which time Herren will take students through the journey he has traveled. The event was coordinated by teacher Mrs. Carla Wagner, who wants to bring an awareness of drug addiction to Triton Students.

Wagner said she knows the effects drugs can have on our generation, and she is putting in an effort to stop the downward spiral while it can still be caught.

Part of that effort is bringing in Herren, whose own basketball dreams began as a 6-foot, 2-inch guard at Durfee High School in Fall River, Massachusetts. As a high schooler, Herron had dreams of playing for the Boston Celtics in the NBA, and he had everything qualifying him to have a spot on those benches.

But he soon lost that dream to drug addiction. Herren's basketball success concealed a darker side, and his dream soon became a nightmare of addiction—first alcohol, then cocaine, and finally heroin.

According to his web site, ahoopdream.com, Herron has been drug-free since June 4, 2008, and alcohol-free since August 1, 2008. Since then, Herren has refocused his life to put his sobriety and family above all else. He battled for a time to come out to share with kids that drugs are not worth it, which Wagner is hoping is the message kids will get out of this assembly.

Wagner began to put together this event after watching an inspirational TV show on ESPN that Herren was featured in. When brought to Principal Ms. Kathryn Dawe for approval, Dawe's immediate response to the idea was, "Go for it!"

Dawe said she hopes kids will have an eye-opening experience.

"No one is immune to drug addiction," said Dawe. "It can happen to anyone."

Asked if she thought there was an addiction problem here at Triton, Dawe said that like many high schools, "drugs do exist at Triton. The school needs to try our best to stay on it and make it a priority to keep things safe here."

Herren's talk won't be the first time in the past few

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Best Valentine's Day Gifts

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Valentine's Day is a very special time of year. It may be a romantic day for some and a very sad day for others. It isn't just a day filled with presents, it's a day that should be spent with the ones you love. Whether it's your boyfriend or girlfriend or even just your family, you should share how you feel about the ones you love.

While presents are always a nice thought, whether you've been with your partner a few months or a few years, Valentine's Day gifts are an especially important part of any relationship.

Valentine's Day is a time to show your appreciation to a person who might not even know that you care for him or her.

After polling students around Triton, classmates here said the top five gifts for a girl would be: flowers, chocolate, stuffed animals, dinner and a movie date or jewelry. The top five gifts for boys, according to the poll would be: a watch, a jacket, cologne, flowers or a box of chocolates.

"I would get my boyfriend a huge teddy bear and a box of chocolate, and I would expect a dozen roses and pretty jewelry," said Triton senior Beatrice Maloney.

"My ideal gift is: I would like a boyfriend," said Triton Senior Collette Newcombe.

Students suggested good ways to have a perfect date for your loved ones, including taking your loved one to a romantic dinner and seeing a movie. Or, cook at home and rent some movies.

To spice things up, add some candles to the table and around the room. You may even want to use fancy dishes, and put on some quiet music.

By the time you pick up this newspaper, Valentine's Day will be just a few hours away. It's time to start thinking of your Valentine, letting them know how you feel about them and getting him or her the perfect gift.

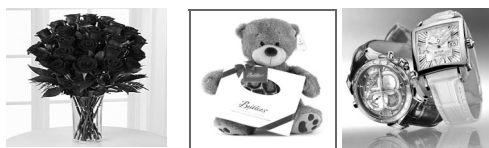
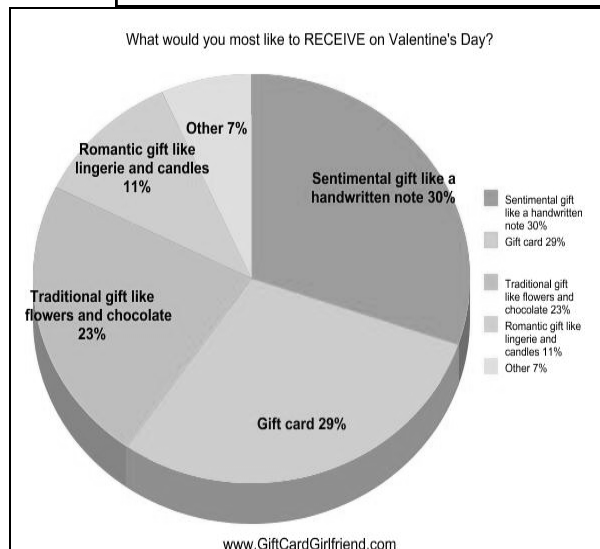


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MA Primary voters: Meet the Candidates

Ron Paul

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Ron Paul was born and raised in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and graduated from Gettysburg College and Duke University's School of Medicine, before serving as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force during the 1960s.

Paul moved to Texas in 1968 with his wife Carol where he delivered more than 4,000 babies, with his specialty being in obstetrics/gynecology.

During the late 1970s to the early 1980s, Paul sat on the House Banking Committee, where his campaign says he was a strong advocate for monetary policy and an outspoken critic of the Federal Reserve's inflationary measures.

His stance on issues are include: he is against abortion, wants to reform the healthcare system, wants to reform the economy, understands the need for national defense, wants to put an end to the Federal Reserve, and he wants to lower taxes.

Paul also says he wants to protect gun rights and worker rights, believes in homeschooling, doesn't agree with current immigration laws, and is pro-energy.

All of this information can be found on www.ronpaul2012.com



Picture of presidential candidate Ron Paul (photo courtesy ron-paul.com)

Newt Gingrich

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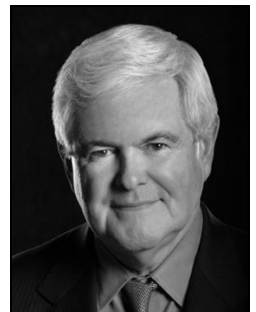
Newt Gingrich started in politics in 1994 as the architect of the "Contract with America," a campaign which helped republicans in 1994 by gaining them the house majority for the first time in 40 years.

Among the other successes he notes are: under his leadership, Congress passed the first balanced budget in a generation, leading to the repayment of over \$400 billion in debt. During his tenure congress also cut taxes for the first time in sixteen years and reformed welfare, leading to over 60 percent of welfare recipients getting a job or going to school.

The *Washington Times* has called Gingrich "the indispensable leader" and *Time* magazine named him Man of the Year for 1995. Born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, he says his experience as the son of a soldier convinced him at an early age to dedicate his life to his country.

This thinking has led Gingrich to take the following stances on policy: defending citizens' right to own guns, being pro-life, allowing for "religious liberty," standing up to activist judges, reforming schools towards a 21st century learning system, reforming healthcare, and creating jobs and rebuilding the economy.

All this information can be found on www.newt.org



Picture of presidential Candidate Newt Gingrich (photo courtesy newt.org)

Barack Obama

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Barack Obama was born in Hawaii where he worked hard in school and got scholarships to put himself through college. He went on to Harvard Law School, where he became the first African-American president of the *Harvard Law Review*.

Obama was elected President of the United States on November 4, 2008, and sworn in on January 20, 2009. He and his wife, Michelle, are parents of two daughters: Malia, age 13, and Sasha, age 10. Another resident of the White House is the family dog, Bo. During his term in office, his latest work has been ending the war in Iraq.

Obama wants to fix the economy by doing several things: build job recovery by bringing jobs back to America, investing in American products instead of foreign markets, supporting small businesses, rescuing the U.S. auto industry and reforming Wall Street in order to protect consumers. He wants to help education by supporting teachers and students, reforming the No Child Left Behind Act, and raising the standards for public schools. He also has other ideas in the areas of energy and the environment, equal rights, health reform, and national security.

All this information can be found on www.obama.com



Picture of the current president of the United States of America, Barack Obama. (photo courtesy inquisitr.com)

Mitt Romney

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Mitt Romney served as governor of Massachusetts where he eliminated a \$3 billion deficit without borrowing or raising taxes. By 2007, at the end of Romney's term, the state had accumulated a \$2 billion rainy day fund.

Romney was married in 1969 to Ann Romney, who he first met in elementary school when he would toss pebbles at her when she was riding her horse by him and his friends. Years later they met again at a friend's house and fell in love. They have five children and 16 grandchildren; Ann recently won a fight with breast cancer and in 1998 was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

If he becomes president, Romney wants to open new markets and maintain old ones to grow the U.S. economy. He wants to reform regulations, believes in human capital, and wants to reform the U.S. tax structure. He also wants to reform energy regulations, help people with unemployment and labor problems, and has his own ideas for fiscal policy.

All of this information can be found on www.mittromney.com



Picture of presidential candidate Mitt Romney (photo courtesy mit-tromney.com)

Primary: "[an] election held to nominate a candidate for a particular party at a forthcoming election for public office."

— Anthony Bakersfield, CBS News



Picture of the Iowa Caucus logo 2012 (image courtesy amerikabulteni.com)

Caucus: "A private meeting of members of a political party to plan action or to select delegates for a nominating convention."

— Anthony Bakersfield, CBS News



Picture of the New Hampshire Primary (photo courtesy politico.com)

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years that Triton students have heard of struggles coming from addiction. Roughly four years ago a speaker came to talk about his battle with lung cancer. The Triton faculty wants to try to stop any bad addictions at an early stage before it becomes a problem. Even if they can reach one kid, that is all that matters, said Dawe and Wagner.

Dawe said that in the end, the credit should go to Ms. Wagner for bringing this speaker and this serious issue to the school's attention.

"I would hope that a high school education would allow a rational decision to be made about the platform views (of candidates) — Triton Superintendent Christopher Farmer

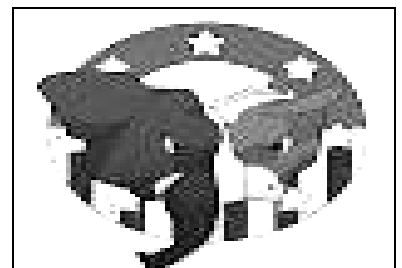
Caucus vs. Primary What's the difference?

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The caucuses of some states are unlike the primary we here in Massachusetts are used to.

In places such as Iowa and Hawaii where citizens have a caucus, voters go to town meetings, in a sense, where they are talked to about each candidate by a representative. After these discussions they vote on who they think is closest to their beliefs.

In a primary, candidates are not allowed to campaign on site, and voters need to know who they want to vote for going into the polls; there is no one to change their minds at last minute. While the caucus is much like a town meeting the primary is much like the election process in November.



Caucus vs. primary (photo courtesy GOP-vs--DEMS_Stew-art.jpg)