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CHSSA WINTER HOCKEY SEASON BEGINS, AND PERSONAL SUCCESSES ARISE

**J**unior Steven Kannenberg and his teammates, just coming out of their CPHL (Colorado Prep Hockey League) season, are preparing for the upcoming CHSAA (Colorado High School Activities Association) season for the Castle View varsity hockey team.

Kannenberg walks through his hockey journey, when it all started and why he plays this amazing game.

“I have been playing hockey for 12 years, and started playing because my dad was a huge Ottawa Senators fan and it got me into the game. I play left wing for the Varsity Castle View team,” Kannenberg said.

Kannenberg has been playing for Castle View since he was a freshman, a total of 3 years now. When he was an freshmen, he chose to take the next step and play high school hockey as the team attracts athletes from all grade levels.

“I chose to play for Castle View because not only did I go to the school and it’s fun to play with my school friends, but because of the winning culture and intensity this program brings,” Kannenberg said.

This team consists of athletes from Castle View, Rock Canyon and Douglas County High School, so playing with people within the district and at the same school builds friendships and team bonding both on and off the ice. This is very important to have as a team, with many memories they make with each other.

“To keep our team more like a family and to keep our strong bond, we spend a lot of time hanging out with each other so we are all close on and off the ice. On the ice, we stay positive and hold each other accountable to make sure that we succeed and when we do, we do it together,” Kannenberg said.

As for success, they have had many

victories, losses and turnarounds in previous seasons that keep this team going and striving for more. Especially as this season starts up, it is critical that they capitalize on these opportunities.

“Our biggest success so far as a team has been upsetting tough teams such as Monarch, Denver East, and Ralston Valley twice. Hopefully, we can keep going forward and have more successes like this,” Kannenberg said.

As a student athlete, Kannenberg has been tested both physically and mentally on and off the ice. Being a part of this program has helped make him a stronger and more tough person and hockey player.

“The hockey program’s hard practice schedule consisting of three practices, two workouts, and games each week has turned me into a much better and stronger athlete. As a person, it has shown me that hard work pays off and to always bring my best,” Kannenberg said.

Being a part of a program for over three years has come with plenty of memories and experiences that will live with these athletes for a while and or the rest of their lives.

“The most memorable part of the team so far is winning the Dallas tournament last year for sure. It was such an amazing experience and I would want to do it again,” Kannenberg said.

As the CHSAA season is upon the team, the Castle View Boys Varsity team is ready to go and fight for the spot they know they deserve.

“We as a team need to prove that we are one of the best and we have the opportunity to do so as long as we stick to our schedule, and show up to play. Not just for ourselves, but as a team as well,” Hannenberg said.

The Castle View carsty hockey team is ready to go and is ready for action.



Steven Kannenberg and his teammates battle through a tough game against Ralston Valley. The Castle View Varsity hockey team is ready to get going for the CHSAA season and hopes to progress forward. “Our team always puts in 100% effort and never gives up no matter how hard it may be,” Kannenberg said.



The varsity hockey team has many important upcoming games within the months of December and January. Other teams haven’t seen what’s coming. “Our team is ready to face challenges and perservere through to be the best,” Kannenberg said.

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