

# Chiefs hoping to start fast

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**WEST CALDWELL** — The Caldwell High School boys basketball team hopes for a quick and productive start at home as it opens the 2013-14 season Friday night versus Barringer with a scheduled 6 p.m. tipoff.

Barringer upended Caldwell in the season opener for both schools last season, 42-40, on Dec. 14.

Last season, Caldwell, which finished with a 10-16 record, got off to a slow start losing three straight, five of its first six and eight of its first 10 games with only one victory: a 37-30 home victory over Cedar Grove back on December 27.

However, seven of those eight losses to start the season were just by nine points or less.

Only two players from last year's squad return for Caldwell: 6-foot-4 senior forward Jack Kinney, who led the Caldwell football team this year to a 10-2 record and led the team with five touchdown receptions, and 6-foot-2 junior forward Hunter Smith.

Kinney and Smith both came off the bench last season and each averaged 2.1 and 3.5 points per game respectively.

This season, the Chiefs did pick up two transfers who look to make an immediate impact.

Austin Scott, who must sit out until late January, is a 6-foot-2 sophomore guard coming over from Gill St. Bernard's and Nick Berlangieri, a 6-foot-3 junior forward from Seton Hall Prep.

Others who will play a significant role this year include: junior guard Kenny Barone, senior

forward Sean Clarkin, senior guards Steve Brown and John Hunter, along with junior forward Brian Zales.

"Although the Chiefs will lack in playing experience, our kids will make up for it in grittiness, tough play and teamwork," said Caldwell head coach Mike Mancino, who will be starting his 14th season at the helm. "I am very excited about this group of kids we have."

Last season, Caldwell lost to Fort Lee, 56-42, in the first round of the NJSIAA North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 tournament on February 25 to end the year.

After the Barringer season opener, Caldwell hosts its holiday tournament and will face Cedar Grove at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, December 27th. The winner will face the winner of Verona and West Essex on Saturday, De-

ember 28th in the championship at 6 p.m.

## Caldwell 2013-14 Boys Basketball Varsity Roster

**Seniors (6):** Steve Brown (G), Sean Clarkin (F), John Hunter (G), Jack Kinney (F), John Orfanakas (G), Edwin Ramos (G).

**Juniors (7):** Kenny Barone (G), Nick Berlangieri (F), Kurt Senif (G), Collin Silver (F), Hunter Smith (F), Brian Zales (F), Jake Zimmerman (G).

**Sophomore (1):** Austin Scott (G).

**Head Coach:** Mike Mancino (157-154, 14<sup>th</sup> season). **Assistant Coaches:** Jeff Edwards, Mike Fess, Ryan Redfern.