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## Mitchell Rylee

### Covington Catholic High School



Covington Catholic High school this season had an all-star basketball player in senior Mitchell Rylee, who, in a preseason poll, was named by the Kentucky Prep Report as the top-rated player in Kentucky. He has scored 1000+ points in his great career.

He entered this season with impressive stats, averaging 16 points-8 rebounds per game in his junior year. His 69.8% field goal percentage was the highest in Northern Kentucky. He helped lead the Colonels to a 24-4 record and a 35th District championship.

Mitchell earned numerous honors, including being named NKAC Div. I Player of the Year, first-team NKY (Enquirer), first-team all-region and first-team all-state.

He had a strong senior season, too, with great games against Dixie Heights (34 points-9 rebounds), The Villages (25 points-7 rebounds), North Laurel (19 points-10 rebounds) and Louisville Male (15 points-12 rebounds). He made 68.7% of his field goal attempts. He helped his team win a District championship, scoring a double-double (20 points-14 rebounds) in the win vs. Holy Cross. Then, the senior center was MVP of the Ninth Region Tournament after scoring 25 points in the championship game win over Dixie Heights. He also had nine rebounds, two assists and two blocked shots in the game. He was also named 9th Region Player of the Year. The Colonels won the Ninth Region title for the fourth time in the past five years and the 14th time over all. The Colonels then lost to Warren Central in the state Sweet 16 semi finals to go 30-5 on the season. A shining moment came in the postseason for Mitchell, when he got a key dunk in overtime to help Kentucky seal an 85-84 overtime win vs. Ohio in the Ohio-Kentucky All-Star Game. He was the only local player on the Kentucky all-star team roster. He was also named second-team all-state by the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Active in community service, Mitchell also plays for the Midwest Basketball Club Adidas 3SSB team and has committed to play collegiately next season at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

His favorite athlete is Ja'marr Chase, favorite entertainer is Kevin Hart, favorite book is The Bucket List, favorite movie is Coach Carter and most-like-to-meet is Michael Jordan.



**NAME:** Mitchell Rylee

**GRADUATING YEAR:** 2022

**SCHOOL:** Covington Catholic High

**SPORT:** Basketball

**ACHIEVEMENT:** Committed to play at Miami University, OH.

**HEIGHT:** 6'8" -220 lbs.

**PARENTS:** Ken Rylee-Tonya Arvin

**INFLUENCE:** Sisters Madison and Mackenzie Rylee

**GOAL:** Win a state championship and a MAC championship

"Mitchell has worked extremely hard and has dedicated himself to improving his all-around game which has earned him a scholarship to Miami of Ohio. I take great inspiration from him in the way he has persevered through the challenging times in his life. His future is bright and I am fortunate to get an opportunity to teach and coach him."

– Scott Ruthsatz, varsity head basketball coach

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