

## Young team looks to turn the ship around

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The CCA Boys Golf Team's season is underway, and here's how it has been going for the Clippers. The young Clipper team is return-

ing its 2017 top player with Sophomore Brandon McCarty. Brandon is son of head coach Chad McCarty. Brandon led the team last year

being the number one golfer on the team, and is still playing in that role this year.

This year's team is a young one with only two upperclassmen on the six man varsity squad. The team started two sophomores, two freshman, one junior, and one senior. Their first meets didn't go the way the team would have liked, but there is still a lot to improve on. "The boys need to realize how mental the

game is to be successful," McCarty said. "You have to get out of your own way."

However, there is always opportunity to focus on improving: "But being young and inexperienced leaves a lot of good things to improve on, which we need to take advantage of."

The weather hasn't been great this spring for the team either. Already having three meets postponed, and the others being played

in colder temperatures. "I'm hoping the weather is to blame for some of our performances so far," said McCarty. "We've only been able to practice a few times on the Amana golf course this season, so hopefully after more practice the boys are able to turn the ship around."

With everything factoring in the team hopes to see better scores and weather in the upcoming days and meets; with that, they

will need to see improvement all around to make sure good things start happening.

Up to this point the team has only played two meets and are hoping to see improvements from the team in the near future. "The drive to get better continues, and I feel we will see the improvement that I know these boys can show."

## Chasing Larry O'Brien

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As the hype of college basketball dies off, The NBA hype comes up just around the corner. Teams from the Eastern and Western conference will duke it out, in the hopes of making it to the final battle.

The 6 is looking to make their push for a very first championship. Riding on the hot hand of Demar DeRozan and the court vision of Kyle Lowry. Toronto native and musician Drake can be seen court-side watching his team put up a hefty 112 points a game on average. Star guard Demar DeRozan accounts for 23 of those points, and has looked unstoppable against all teams in the East.

Who is SpaceX, when we have the Houston Rockets? Since acquiring Chris Paul, the Rockets have had potential as high as the moon. Alongside Paul is franchise guard James Harden, who is in the running for this seasons MVP award. The dynamic duo of Paul and

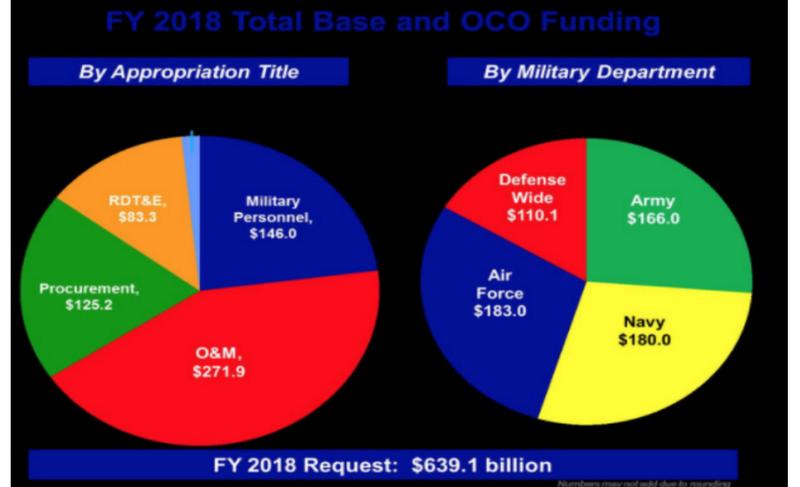
Harden contribute to almost half of their teams points per game on average. This chemistry is great to ride on going into the playoffs, as they will compete against the goliath known as the western conference.

The Raptors and Rockets are some of the strongest competitors for the title this year, but there is no forgetting the Golden State Warriors, and Cleveland Cavaliers. The past three title matches have seen these teams face off, as the Warriors have gotten the upper hand winning two of the three matchups. Both teams seem to be falling off the favorable spot as they both are currently dealing with injuries.

Many NBA fans are hopeful to see a less bland and deja-vu like finals this year, but every team including the Cavs and Warriors will hold their own in the hopes of hoisting the coveted Larry O'Brien trophy.

## The Most Expensive Bill

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The military budget: one of the most expensive things in the world to manage, but how does the US stack up against our competitors?

The United States of America has the world's most expensive military budget coming in at a whopping 700 billion USD. 700 billion is a lot of money, approximately 54 percent of the federal budget. The budget is so big that it's larger than the next 7 countries budgets put together. Although 2 out of 3 Americans believe that the government should not increase the budget, Congress still discusses raising the budget. People wonder if Congress decides to raise it, where the money will come from. Perhaps it may cut into the education budget.

China is second on the list, spending 215 billion USD. China

has the most soldiers, coming in at 2.3 million people serving, compared to our 1.4 million. China has said within the past month that they will be increasing their military spending by 171 billion, making our gap of spending even smaller.

Russia is the third with only spending 69.9 billion USD. The president of Russia also claims that he will further cut the spending in the near future. However, Russia has the most nuclear weapons in the world with 4300 nuclear weapons, compared to our 4000.

The United States may be very strong, but our competitors are not far behind us. People need to start realizing that America is not so strong compared to our rivals anymore.

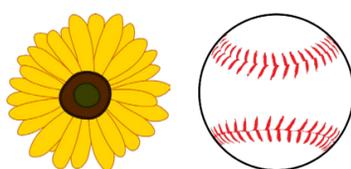


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