Kat Chatter

Monday, January 9, 2012

Thought for the day

"Do something. If it works, do more of it. If it doesn't, do something else."

-- Franklin D. Roosevelt

KHS

Today's Athletic Events

6:00PM Boys Freshman Basketball	Lafayette Jeff	Away
6:00PM Girls Freshman Basketball	Huntington North	Away

THE WILDKAT SCOREBOARD

RESULTS

Girls Swimming
Northwestern 119, Kokomo 64

Boys Swimming
Northwestern 94, Kokomo 89

Boys Basketball
Kokomo 76, Peru 53
Kokomo 61, McCutcheon 49

Girls Swimming
Richmond 59, Kokomo 57

Wrestling
Kokomo 34, Oak Hill 33
Kokomo 42, Angola 33
Kokomo 48, Marion 23
Kokomo 51, Lewis Cass 23
Peru 36, Kokomo 35

KOKOMO WILDKATS

GIRLS SWIMMING

Our ladies swam extremely well Saturday; we just couldn't get in front of Northwestern's depth. We had more season bests and life times than any other meet this season. I am very proud of the ladies and am REALLY looking forward to what these ladies can do once they are rested because we VERY tired today.

Our Medley relay started the meet out by dropping 1.2 seconds off their best combined time of the season.

Winning Events for the ladies:

200 Free - Jessica Gates

100 Fly - Jenna Gilbert

The ladies will swim Westfield on Tuesday and then we will begin the preparations for conference. - **Coach Walters**

BOYS SWIMMING

Kokomo boys swimming team fell to visiting Northwestern on Saturday. Every event was hard fought with many events decided by less than a second, and several that were decided by tenths or less. The Katfish put forth great effort and were within one point with only the 400 Free Relay to decide it all. The score was Northwestern 94, Kokomo 89.

Winners were: 200 Medley Relay of Matt Scharenbroch, Luke Johnson, Nathan Banush and Jordan Bass. Bryan Parks and Brian Rogers got 1st and 2nd in diving, and Banush won the 500 free by dropping seven seconds from his previous lifetime best.

The 200 Free Relay team of Scharenbroch, Blake Brookshire, Bass and Ting Zhou also won, while Scharenbroch won the 100 Back for his third win of the day.

Many Katfish had Season or lifetime best times including: Zhou, Johnson, Jamie McGraw, Scharenbroch, Brookshire, Phillip Heilman, Banush, Brock Basil, Chase Jackson and Colton Pratt.

These guys fought to the very end and I am looking forward to see what they can do when we aren't swimming completely worn out. They make me "Proud to be a Katfish!" **-Coach Glick**

WRESTLING

The Wildkat wrestlers went 4-1 at the Peru Super 8 on Saturday. The Kats beat Oak Hill 34-33, Angola 42-33, Marion 47-33, Lewis Cass 51-25 and were beat by Peru 35-36.

We had 6 champions on the day. Andrew Ledford (113), Chad Gaddis (138), Jesse Goodnight (160), Fletcher Miller(182), Bo Butler (195) and Cameron Colby (220) were all 5-0.

Right now we just have a lot of injuries, keeping guys out of the lineup. We had six varsity starters on the sidelines Saturday. It is just hard to win against quality opponents like Peru when you have that many guys out.

We have some "go-to guys" who have really been stepping up for us all year and we are extremely proud of them. Jesse, Fletcher, Bo, and Cameron have a combined record of 140 wins with only three losses. These are four guys that we have been able to count on wins all year from.

Right now our main objective is to get our guys healthy and back on the mat. Our next meet is Senior Night at home against Tri Central on Wednesday.

The Kats record is now 32-5. – **Coach Wells**

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Kats had a very good weekend as we defeated Peru at home on Friday night, 76-53, and McCutcheon on the road on Saturday night, 61-49.

We had one of our best starts of the season versus Peru on Friday night. Right before tip-off, D.J. Balentine and his parents were honored for D.J.'s great accomplishment of scoring over 1,000 points in his career. After that, D.J. promptly came out and scored 14 first-quarter points. LaBradford Sebree also played really well offensively in the first quarter and scored six points. Our combination of excellent offense and defense in the first quarter led to our commanding 24-7 lead. Tony Moses and Erik Bowen both earned their first start of the season and played outstanding games. Tony's defensive energy and awareness were great. Erik's scoring, rebounding, and post defense also were outstanding. Both Tayler Persons and Sebree had phenomenal games as well. Sebree's ability to attack the basket led to us getting high percentage shots, and Tayler recorded a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

We hit the road on Saturday to play sectional rival McCutcheon. We knew it would be a tough game because McCutcheon does a very good job of playing unconventional defenses. McCutcheon was intent on not allowing D.J. to score but we demonstrated once again that basketball is the ultimate team game. We had several different players make McCutcheon pay for placing all of their defensive attention on D.J. Armon Bridgeforth did a great job in the second half of finding the soft spot in their zone. From there he distributed the ball to his teammates for high percentage shots. On the night, Armon finished with a game-high six assists. Tony once again showed great defensive and offensive ability as he scored nine points and had three deflections. Erik had a great second quarter as he scored six points and was a pivotal person in our 12-2 run right before half-time. Sebree was very consistent throughout the game and led our team in scoring with 17 points.

Our team showed good growth and improvement throughout the weekend, and we look forward to continuing to get better. We know we have a great challenge ahead this coming weekend. We have the biggest game of the year on Friday night versus conference rival New Castle. Then on Saturday night, we come back and play Carmel. Go Kats! - **Coach McCauley**

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Kats dropped a heartbreaker to Richmond Saturday afternoon at Memorial Gym 59-57. Kokomo came out hot and played well most of the game holding the lead in a game of runs, but Richmond made the final run in the last couple of minutes of the game and was able to hold on down the stretch.

Kokomo had outstanding contributions from Jordan Johnson, who had 21 points and 15 rebounds, and from Anastacia Kirby, who despite foul trouble most of the game still finished with 16 points and 7seven rebounds.

The Lady Kats shot a respectable 44% from the field, and outrebounded Richmond 37-26, including 19 offensive rebounds. Unfortunately Kokomo committed 30 turnovers versus the Richmond pressure, and Richmond shot 76% from the FT line in the second half (16/210 compared to Kokomo's 36% from the line in the second half (4/11).

The JV Lady Kats won 42-24 led by Schnetavia William's 10 points, while Alanis Jones and Gabrielle Smith each had eight points.

The Lady Kats face Lafayette Jeff Tuesday at Memorial Gym. - **Coach Snyder**

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kokomo boys' basketball team has won nine of their 12 games this season.

The Kats are 6-0 in games at Memorial Gym, 3-1 in road games, and 0-2 in games played on neutral floors.

Kokomo will play their third North Central Conference game this Friday when they host New Castle at Memorial Gym.

In six home games, the Wildkats shoot 54% on two-point attempts. In four road games they shoot at a 47% clip, and in their two neutral sites, the Kats hit 44% from the field.

In their nine wins, Kokomo has shot 51% on two-pointers. In the three losses, the Kats hit just 47%.

The Wildkats have shot better from behind the arc on the road. At home, they fire at a 32% clip while hitting 35% on the road.

The Kats score an average of almost 10 points a game more at Memorial Gym than they do on the road. At home, they average 73.7 points while just 63.8 points away from MemGym.

Kokomo gets 13 steals per game at Memorial Gym, but just seven in away games.

Coach Brian McCauley's team shoots 45.2% overall from the field. Our 12 opponents have shoot 45.9% from the floor.

Kokomo averages 68.2 points per game, while giving up 58.3.

The Wildkats average less than eight turnovers a game. The Kats have had 10 or fewer turnovers in nine of their 12 games. Their season low of just three turnovers came last Saturday at McCutcheon.

Three times this season, the Wildkats have hit nine threes in a game – against Maconaquah, North Central, and last Saturday at McCutcheon.

The most points scored by the Kats this season was against Western in the season opener, 82 points.

The fewest points came against Pendleton Heights (53). That's the only time the Kats have been below 60.

North Central scored 71 against the Wildkats, the most given up by Kokomo all season.

Maconaquah put just 35 points on the scoreboard against the Kats, the fewest given up by Kokomo in the 2011-12 season. Seven of the Wildkats' 12 foes have scored 60 or fewer points.

DID YOU KNOW?

The KHS girls' basketball team has two home games this week, hosting Lafayette Jeff Tuesday and then playing hosts to New Castle in a boys/girls doubleheader on Friday.

The Lady Kats are 2-3 in North Central Conference play with New Castle and Anderson left to play.

The Lady Wildkats are 4-3 in games at Memorial Gym and 3-3 in away games.

Kokomo shoots 39% from inside the arc at home and 36% on the road.

In wins this season, the Lady Kats shoot 38% and they fire at a 36% clip in losses.

As a team, Kokomo shoots 32.4% from the field, while their opponents numbers are similar, hitting 32.7%.

Kokomo averages 44.5 points per game, while yielding 41.3.

The Lady Kats have 60 more offensive rebounds than their opponents this season. Those extra chances have led Kokomo to 117 second chance points to just 67 for our 13 foes.

Kokomo has 30 more points off the bench than our opponents.

The highest number of points scored by the Lady Kats this season was 60 in a 60-52 win over Western at Memorial Gym. Kokomo has been over 50 points five times this season.

The fewest points by the Wildkats were the 29 points scored in the home opener with Noblesville.

The Lady Kats have given up 59 points on two occasions this season and lost both games. Kokomo fell to Logansport 59-42 and to Richmond 59-57.

Only five of Kokomo's 13 foes have scored over 50 points against the Kat defense.

Kokomo has more than doubled their opponents in blocked shots this season. The Kats have 32 to their opponents 14.

Six Lady Kats have hit three-pointers this season, led by Jordan Johnson's 10.

The high scoring game by a Wildkat this season is 21. Jordan Johnson had that many in two games, against Western and against Richmond. Both games were at Memorial Gym.

Three different Lady Kats have had double-doubles this season – Lisa Hopkins, Anastacia Kirby, and Jordan Johnson. Johnson's came last Saturday when she had an excellent 21-point, 15-rebound performance.

North Central Conference
Boys Basketball 2011-12

	N.C.C. Games				Overall			
	W	-	L	PCT	W	-	L	PCT
Muncie Central	2	-	0	1.000	8	-	1	0.889
Richmond	1	-	0	1.000	9	-	2	0.818
Anderson	1	-	0	1.000	6	-	4	0.600
KOKOMO	1	-	1	0.500	9	-	3	0.750
New Castle	0	-	1	0.000	9	-	1	0.900
Logansport	0	-	1	0.000	7	-	4	0.636
Marion	0	-	1	0.000	5	-	4	0.556
Huntington North	0	-	1	0.000	3	-	9	0.250

Last Week's Games

Anderson 85, Madison-Grant 48
Anderson 72, Frankton 42
Kokomo 76, Peru 53
Marion 74, Eastbrook 49
New Castle 55, Knightstown 22
Western 58, Logansport 54
Pendleton Heights 66, Anderson 54
Kokomo 61, McCutcheon 49
Logansport 66, Harrison 61
Marion 73, Fort Wayne South 70
New Castle 64, Mount Vernon 49
Hamilton Southeastern 60, Muncie Central 51
Richmond 48, Jay County 43

This Week's Games

Friday
Huntington North at Anderson
Marion at Logansport
New Castle at Kokomo
Richmond at Muncie Central

Saturday
Carmel at Kokomo
East Central at Richmond
Lafayette Jeff at Anderson
Logansport at Lewis Cass
Mississinewa at Marion
Muncie Central at Noblesville

In the Past

GIRLS SWIMMING

January 13, 2009

Brittany Gauger had Kokomo's lone first place ribbon as the Lady Katfish fell to Westfield by a 132-54 count.

Gauger won the diving competition.

Margaret Booher had an exceptional performance for Kokomo in the 500-freestyle event, dropping an amazing 26 second off her best time.

BOYS SWIMMING

January 13, 2009

Tylor Gauger and Alex Baxter each won four events, but it wasn't enough as the Katfish fell to Westfield, 101-84.

Four members of the Wildkats' swim team were named Performers of the Meet. In addition to Baxter and Gauger, Jacob Bizjak and Ting Zhou also earned recognition from coach Mark Schelbert.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Chad Lutz

Senior swimmer

My favorite subject area: **Math**

My biggest NCC rival: **Anderson**

My favorite fruit: **Strawberries**

My favorite color: **Green**

My favorite M&M: **Plain**

My favorite super power: **Super Strength**

My favorite in-state school: **IU-Kokomo**

My favorite kind of PopTart: **Strawberry**

Country I would most like to visit: **England**

Favorite Elementary Teacher: **Mr. Huddleston**

Favorite Phone App: **Angry Birds**

Celebrity Crush: **Jennifer Aniston**

Best Sport Memory: **When I played football and benched 200**

You Make the Call

What is the diameter of the circle in the center of the floor at Memorial Gym?

A. 3 yards
B. 5 feet
C. 6 feet
D. 9 feet
E. 10 feet
F. 12 feet
G. 36 inches

Answer appears at the bottom of the page.

KHS Sports Term of the Day

KEYHOLE – in basketball, the area at each end of the court marked by the free throw lane and the restraining circle.

WILDKAT TRIVIA

What event(s) did Kevin Moore win at the NCC Boys' Swim meet in 2010?

Answer will appear in the next Kat Chatter.

Answer to the last Wildkat Trivia

Name the only member of the Katfish to earn All-NCC status in 2010.

Kevin Moore

You Make the Call Answer: F

This Week in Wildkat Country

Monday, January 09

6:00PM Boys Freshman	Basketball	Lafayette Jeff	Away
6:00PM Girls Freshman	Basketball	Huntington North	Away

Tuesday, January 10

6:00PM Girls JV	Basketball	Lafayette Jeff	Home
6:00PM Girls Freshman	Basketball	Lafayette Jeff	Home
6:00PM Boys Varsity	Swimming	Westfield	Away
6:00PM Girls Varsity	Swimming	Westfield	Away
7:30PM Girls Varsity	Basketball	Lafayette Jeff	Home

Wednesday, January 11

6:30PM Boys Varsity	Wrestling	Tri−Central	Home
6:30PM Boys Varsity	Wrestling	Tri−Central	Home

Thursday, January 12

6:00PM Girls Freshman	*Basketball*	*Cancelled− Peru*	*Away*

Friday, January 13

6:30PM Girls Varsity	Basketball	New Castle	Home
8:00PM Boys Varsity	Basketball	New Castle	Home

Saturday, January 14

TBA Boys Varsity	Swimming	NCC @ BSU	Away
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9:00AM Boys Freshman	Basketball	Trny−Logan/And/HN	Home
6:00PM Boys JV	Basketball	Carmel	Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity	Basketball	Carmel	Home

GO

KATS!!

N.C.C. Student-Athlete of the Week

LaBradford Sebree

LaBradford, a junior, had 33 points on 13-of-24 shooting from the field and had nine rebounds, four assists, and four steals in Kokomo's weekend wins over Peru and McCutcheon to help the Wildkats to a 9-3 overall record.

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