Kat Chatter

Monday, January 30, 2012

Thought for the day

"We can throw stones, complain about them, stumble on them, climb over them, or build with them."

-- William Arthur Ward

KHS

Today's Athletic Events

No athletic events are scheduled today.

THE WILDKAT SCOREBOARD

RESULTS

Boys Basketball

Kokomo 74, Anderson 50
Kokomo 68, Harrison 45

Girls Basketball

Anderson 58, Kokomo 45

Wrestling

Kokomo wins IHSAA Wrestling Sectional

KOKOMO WILDKATS

WRESTLING

The Wildkat Wrestlers were Sectional Champs on Saturday at Oak Hill. We had 11 of 14 wrestlers qualify for regionals with seven individual champions.

Andrew Ledford (113), Chad Gaddis (138), Jesse Goodnight (160), Keair Ross (170). Fletcher Miller (182) Bo Butler (195) and Cam Colby (220) were all 1st place finishers. A.J. Nelson (106), Scotty Barbary (120), and Christian Hall (126) all placed 3rd, while Tony Benedict (132) placed 4th and also received a trip to the regionals on Saturday.

The guys stepped on the mat Saturday with a goal in mind and really stepped up. It was very exciting winning the championship but we still have a job to do as our ultimate goal of reaching to the team state finals is still not accomplished. We will wrestle this Wednesday at the team regional at Logansport. Kokomo, Huntington North, Lafayette Harrison and Logansport will battle for the ticket to team state. We would love for everyone to come support the guys as we strive to make this happen. –
Coach Wells

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Kats had another great weekend with two solid wins over NCC and sectional opponents. On Friday night we beat a very athletic and physical Anderson team, 74-50. We then went on the road and defeated Harrison, 68-45.

We had a tremendous start on Friday night versus Anderson as we bolted to a 17-2 lead. D.J. Balentine had a terrific first quarter by scoring seven points. He would go on to score a game high 26 points. In addition, he would grab a season high eight rebounds and also dish out a team high three assists. Teammate Armon Bridgeforth also had a great first quarter by slashing his way to seven points. Armon would finish with a fantastic nine points, two assists, and two steals. In the second quarter LaBradford Sebree and Jalen Tinder would continue our hot play as they both combined for eight points. LaBradford had a huge third quarter by scoring seven points and he ended the night with 13 points and five rebounds. Jalen finished with another very efficient night as he chipped in 16 points and ripped down six boards. I was very proud of how we began and finished the game. Our defensive intensity was solid in the fourth quarter as we held Anderson to six total points. Offensively, we scored 20 points in the fourth to stretch our 10 points lead to 24 points.

On Saturday night we played a feisty and improving Harrison team and came away with a solid win. For the second game in a row we had terrific offensive balance with four players scoring in double figures. Tayler Persons played a very tough game as he attacked the basket well and led us in scoring with 22 points. Besides score, Tayler also grabbed six rebounds and had five deflections. Jalen and LaBradford once again played smart offensively as they both contributed 10 points. D.J. had a strong second quarter as he scored eight of his 14 points in that frame. It also was in the second quarter that D.J. caught a pass from a teammate and jammed home a thunderous two-hand dunk! Tony Moses and Erik Bowen both played excellent minutes off the bench. Tony led our team with five steals and Erik had a game high five offensive rebounds. Our defensive pressure was excellent as we forced the Raiders into 24 turnovers and out rebounded them by three.

Our JV team bounced back from a tough loss to Anderson on Friday night to defeat Harrison by 27 points. Coach Mike Susong's squad continues to make strides and they look to finish the season strong.

We have another very challenging weekend ahead as we play two very good opponents on the road. Next Friday night we travel to Huntington North to play the Vikings. Every year we have an intense game with Huntington North, and we expect the same thing this year. On Saturday night we travel to Lebanon to face another very tough-nosed, disciplined, and feisty team. Both games will be very tough games and they will make us better.

Go Kats! - **Coach McCauley**

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Kats wrapped up their challenging week with a third road game, this time at Anderson to face the talented Lady Tribe. Kokomo put up a great effort, but too many mistakes in the third quarter allowed Anderson to open up a lead that could not be overcome. Anderson won 58-45.

The Lady Kats made more field goals, shot a better field goal percentage, and outrebounded the Lady Tribe. The Lady Kats' 27 turnovers allowed Anderson to get 17 more shots which led to the outcome.

Kokomo was led by Anastacia Kirby, who tied a Lady Kat school record with her fifth consecutive double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds. The record has been held by Debbie Benziger since 1994.

Lisa Hopkins finished the game with five points and 11 rebounds, while Jordan Johnson added seven points and five rebounds while fighting foul trouble.

The Lady Kats will have their final home game on Tuesday against another talented North Central team for Senior Night. Hope to see you at the gym. – **Coach Snyder**

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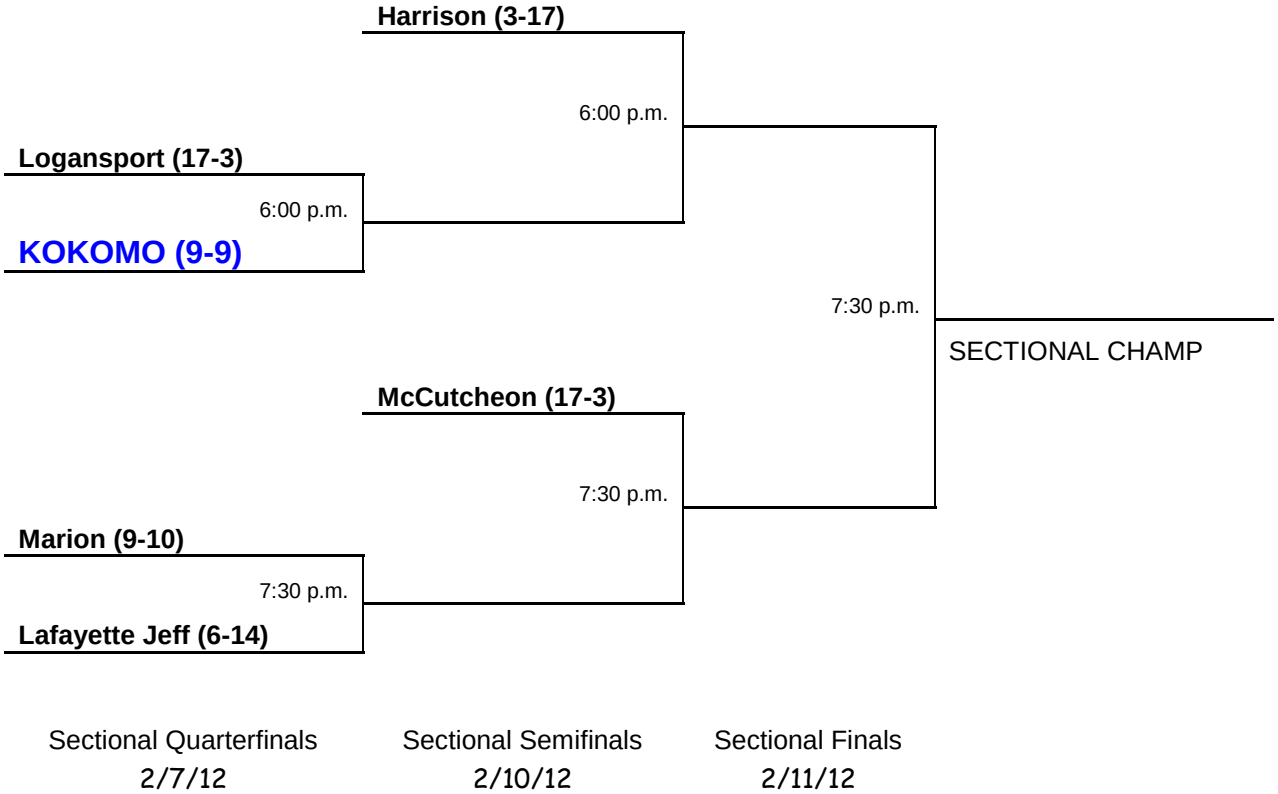
GIRLS BASKETBALL

SECTIONAL

CLASS 4A
SECTIONAL 7
Logansport High School



The winner at Logansport will play the winner from the Carmel Sectional in the first game of the Kokomo Girls Basketball Regional on Saturday, February 18, 2009.

North Central Conference
Girls Basketball 2010-11

	N.C.C. Games				Overall			
	W	-	L	PCT	W	-	L	PCT
Logansport	7	-	0	1.000	17	-	3	0.850
Anderson	6	-	1	0.857	15	-	4	0.789
Richmond	4	-	3	0.571	12	-	7	0.632
Marion	4	-	3	0.571	9	-	10	0.474
KOKOMO	3	-	4	0.429	9	-	9	0.500
Huntington North	3	-	4	0.429	4	-	14	0.222
New Castle	1	-	6	0.143	5	-	14	0.263
Muncie Central	0	-	7	0.000	1	-	18	0.053

Last Week's Games

McCutcheon 59, Kokomo 37
F.W. South 63, Huntington North 34
Richmond 51, Jay County 45
Logansport 81, Twin Lakes 56
Marion 74, Alexandria 64
Kokomo 59, Frankfort 35
Anderson 50, Jay County 36
Anderson 58, Kokomo 45
Logansport 58, New Castle 40
Huntington North 59, Muncie Central 44
Richmond 55, Marion 54
Winchester 67, Muncie Central 36

This Week's Games

Tuesday

North Central at Kokomo
Marion at Oak Hill
Randolph Southern at Richmond
Taylor at Anderson

Thursday

Columbia City at Huntington North
Kokomo at Westfield
Logansport at Winamac
Muncie Burris at Muncie Central
New Castle at Rushville
Pike at Anderson

Saturday

F.W. Wayne at Huntington North

North Central Conference
Boys Basketball 2011-12

	N.C.C. Games				Overall			
	W	-	L	PCT	W	-	L	PCT
Muncie Central	4	-	0	1.000	13	-	2	0.867
KOKOMO	3	-	1	0.750	14	-	3	0.824
Richmond	2	-	1	0.667	13	-	3	0.813
New Castle	2	-	2	0.500	13	-	2	0.867
Logansport	1	-	2	0.333	9	-	5	0.643
Anderson	1	-	2	0.333	6	-	9	0.400
Marion	1	-	3	0.250	7	-	7	0.500
Huntington North	0	-	3	0.000	3	-	13	0.188

Last Week's Games

Muncie Central 61, Connersville 32
Kokomo 74, Anderson 50
New Castle 58, Logansport 57
Richmond 59, Marion 55
Muncie Central 70, Huntington North 43
Kokomo 68, Harrison 45
Tech 58, Anderson 43
F.W. Northrop 64, Marion 60
Northfield 59, Huntington North 57 OT
New Castle 55, Rushville 38
Richmond 73, Franklin County 35

This Week's Games

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

Saturday
Kokomo at Lebanon
Marion at Warsaw
Pendleton Hts at Muncie Cent

In the Past

GIRLS SWIMMING

February 3, 2011

The Lady Katfish placed fourth in the always tough IHSAA Sectional Swim Championships. Highlighting the Kats' performance was senior Lexi Laird.

Laird punched her ticket to the state meet in the 100-backstroke with a new KHS school record.

Coach Donita Walters cited Hannah Reecer for her performance in diving, while the veteran coach also not great finishes for Aly Rohlfing and Lexie Young. Jenna Gilbert was also praised for a job well done.

Scoring Points for the Ladies-Sectionals 2011:

Medley Relay -5th Place Laird, Simmons, Gilbert and Rohlfing

200 Free - Ali Rohlfing-12th

50 Free - Lexi Laird – 7th

Diving - 6th Hannah Reecer, 9th Alyssa Wideman

100 Fly - 8th Jenna Gilbert

100 Free - 12th Lexi Young

200 Free Relay - 9th – Simmons, Erbe, Rolland, Young

100 Back - 3rd Lexi Laird – (NEW School Record 58.49)

400 Free Relay - 5th Rohlfing, Young, Gilbert, Laird

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Maddie Cole

Sophomore swimmer

My favorite subject area: **Math**

My biggest NCC rival: **Huntington North**

My favorite fruit: **Strawberries**

My favorite color: **Red**

My favorite M&M: **Peanut**

My favorite super power: **Ability to fly**

My favorite in-state college: **Purdue**

My favorite kind of PopTart: **S'Mores**

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

Favorite Elementary Teacher**: Mrs. Bilkey**

Favorite Cartoon as a kid: **SpongeBob Squarepants**

Favorite Phone App: **Twitter**

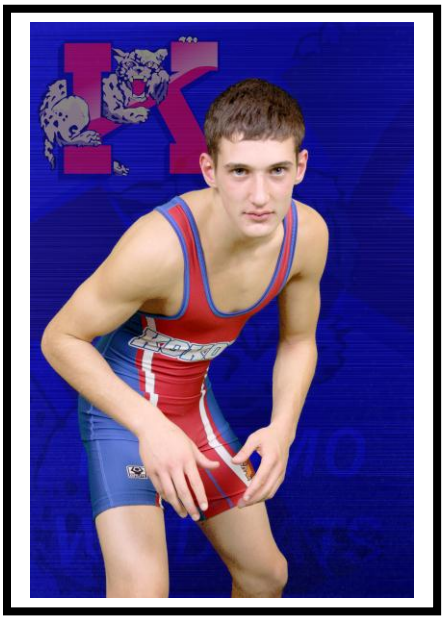
Celebrity Crush: **Johnny Depp**

Beast Sport Memory: **When the varsity basketball team went to state my freshman year.**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Christian Hall

Sophomore wrestler



My favorite subject area: **Physical Education**

My biggest NCC rival: **Marion**

My favorite fruit: **Strawberries**

My favorite color: **Blue**

My favorite M&M: **Peanut**

My favorite super power: **Ability to fly**

My favorite in-state college: **Indiana**

My favorite kind of PopTart: **Strawberry**

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

Favorite Cartoon as a kid: **SpongeBob**

Celebrity Crush: **Katie Perry**

Beast Sport Memory: **Going to Semi-state**

You Make the Call

Who did the Lady Kats lose to in last year's IHSAA Girls' Basketball Sectional?

A. Bloomington South
B. Munster
C. McCutcheon
D. Logansport
E. Harrison
F. Marion
G. Lafayette Jeff

Answer appears at the bottom of the page.

KHS Sports Term of the Day

DOLPHIN KICK – in swimming, a kick used in the butterfly stroke in which the legs are moved up and down together with the knees slightly bent on the upward movement.

WILDKAT TRIVIA

Which two Wildkat wrestlers are still undefeated for the season?

Answer will appear in the next Kat Chatter.

Answer to the last Wildkat Trivia

Who currently leads the boys' basketball team in taking charges this season?

Tony Moses

You Make the Call Answer: D

This Week in Wildkat Country

Monday, January 30
No events scheduled

Tuesday, January 31

6:00PM Girls JV	Basketball	North Central	Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity	Basketball	North Central	Home

Wednesday, February 01

TBA Boys Varsity	Wrestling	Team Regionals	Away

Thursday, February 02

TBA Girls Varsity	Swimming	Sectional	Away
6:00PM Girls JV	Basketball	Westfield	Away
7:30PM Girls Varsity	Basketball	Westfield	Away

Friday, February 03

6:15PM Boys JV	Basketball	Huntington North	Away
7:45PM Boys Varsity	Basketball	Huntington North	Away

Saturday, February 04

TBA Boys Varsity	Wrestling	Regional	Away
TBA Girls Varsity	Swimming	Sectional	Away
6:00PM Boys JV	Basketball	Lebanon	Away
7:30PM Boys Varsity	Basketball	Lebanon	Away

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

Anastacia Kirby

Anastacia, a 6'0" junior forward, had 17 points and 10 rebounds against Anderson, tying a Kokomo High School record with her fifth consecutive double-double (10 or more points and rebounds). Kirby's mark tied her with 1994 Indiana All-Star and KHS grad Debbie Benziger, who twice had five straight double-doubles in 1994.

KHS Web Favorites

Kokomo High School Athletics
www.kokomohighschoolsports.com

North Central Conference Sports
http://www.ihigh.com/northcentralconference/

Kokomo Tribune
http://www.kokomotribune.com/

Sports Journal of Central Indiana
www.indianasportsjournal.com

WIOU – Radio broadcasts
www.ihigh.com/wiousports

Kokomo Perspective
WWW.KOKOMOPERSPECTIVE.COM

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