Kat Chatter

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Thought for the day

"Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others."

-- Danny Thomas

KHS

Today's Athletic Events

6:30PM Boys JV	Basketball	Logansport	Home
8:00PM Boys Varsity	Basketball	Logansport	Home

The next Kat Chatter will be on Monday, February 13th.

THE WILDKAT SCOREBOARD

RESULTS

No varsity contests were scheduled yesterday.

KOKOMO WILDKATS

GOOD LUCK

KHS WRESTLERS

in Saturday's

IHSAA SEMI-STATE

WIOU - 1350 AM

Can't Make it to the Game Tonight?

You can catch all the action on WIOU (1350 AM) with Chris Lowry doing the play-by-play and Jay Davis handling the color commentary.

If you live outside of Kokomo and can't pull in the WIOU signal, the radio station will be streaming live every Kokomo boys' basketball game this season and some of the girls' games. The website also archives every game, so you can go back and listen, too. The site is http://www.ihigh.com/wiousports

DID YOU KNOW?

The 16-3 Kokomo Wildkats boys' basketball team hosts the 9-6 Logansport Berries tonight at Memorial Gym.

The Berries have lost their last two contests, both close North Central Conference games. They fell to Muncie Central 56-53 last week at Bankers Life Fieldhouse (formerly Conseco Fieldhouse) and were defeated by the Trojans at the New Castle Fieldhouse by one, 58-57, the week before.

Kokomo comes into tonight's game on a nine-game winning streak. The Kats have not lost since dropping a pair of games to North Central and Pendleton Heights in the Hall of Fame Classic at New Castle on December 30th.

The Wildkats are 4-1 in North Central Conference play, one game behind league leader Muncie Central (5-0). Kokomo finishes off conference warfare with a trip to Richmond February 17th.

The Berries are 1-3 in the NCC. After tonight, Logan hosts Richmond and Huntington North next week on Tuesday and Friday, respectively.

Kokomo is ranked 6th this week by both the Associated Press and the Coaches Association.

Kokomo's three losses have come to two Class 4A teams - #3 North Central and #5 Pendleton Heights - and Class 3A #2 Muncie Central. Those three schools have a combined record of 47 wins and nine losses.

Mark Victor is in his fifth year at the helm of the Logansport boys' basketball program. He is 49-51 with the Berries and 144-91 in his 11 years as a head coach. Victor has never beaten the Wildkats, losing six straight, and is 0-3 against Kokomo in games played at Memorial Gym. Victor succeeded Al Rhodes as the Berries coach in the 2007-8 season.

Brian McCauley is 88-45 in his six seasons as the head coach of the Wildkats. He is 6-1 in games against the Berries, 6-0 against Mark Victor-coached teams, and 3-0 in games against the Berries at Memorial Gym. McCauley took the reigns of the KHS program in 2006-07 from Rick Baumgartner.

The Sagarin Ratings have Kokomo as the 14th best team in the state, playing the 19th toughest schedule. Logansport is ranked 90th overall and plays the 116th toughest schedule.

Kokomo's offensive average of 68.7 points per game is the 28th highest in the state. Class 3A Leo has an offense that gets 86.8 points per game, nine better than second place Greensburg.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 13 Class 4A schools that have fewer losses than Kokomo. Included in this group are Carmel and New Castle, both of whom the Wildkats have defeated this season.

Only four IHSAA schools have more wins than Kokomo this season – Greensburg, Homestead, Pendleton Heights, and Lebanon. All have 17 victories.

Logansport's schedule so far includes six Class 4A schools, six Class 3A, one in 2A, and two in 1A. The Berries are 3-3 with 4A schools, 3-3 with 3A, 1-0 in 2A, and 2-0 in 1A.

Kokomo has not played a school in Class 1A, and their only game against a Class 2A opponent was a win over 8th-ranked Tipton. The Kats are 10-2 against Class 4A teams and 5-1 against 3A schools.

The Berries average 60.1 points per game. Logansport has not scored under 50 points in a game, and they have not scored over 68.

The Wildkats have scored 70 or more points eight times this season, with their season high of 99 coming against NCC foe Huntington North last weekend.

Kokomo has scored 60 or fewer points three times this season and has a 1-2 record in those contests.

Logansport and Kokomo have played 11 common opponents this season. The Berries have a 4-7 record with those teams, while Kokomo is 10-1.

Logan's 15 opponents have a combined record of 138-107, while Kokomo's opponents have a combined mark of 203-120.

Eleven of Kokomo's 19 opponents have winning records. Logan has played eight teams with winning records.

Logansport has a defensive average of 55.3. Only three teams have scored 60 or more against the Berries, and Logan has a 2-1 record in those games. The opponent's high for the year against Logansport was the 69 scored by Lafayette Jeff in the 69-60 Broncho win.

Seven teams have scored 60 or more points on the Wildkats. Kokomo has a 4-3 record in those games.

Logansport has a record of two wins and five losses in games decided by five points or less.

Kokomo is 3-2 in games decided by five points or less.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kokomo is 10-0 this season at Memorial Gym. Logansport is 3-3 in games away from the Berry Bowl.

Kokomo finishes the regular season with two ranked teams. Richmond is ranked 15th, and Fort Wayne Northrop is ranked 9th. Both games are on the road.

The Wildkats are the highest scoring team in the North Central Conference.

At 31.9% from behind the arc, Logansport is the worst three-point shooting team in the NCC.

Kokomo and Logansport shoot more free throws that any other schools in the NCC. The Kats average 24.5 attempts per game, while the Berries' 22.4 is the second most.

The Wildkats hit 70.9% from the free throw line, second in the league to Huntington North's 76.6%. Logansport's 61.0% is the worst in the league.

Kokomo leads the NCC in rebounding, although the Kats tallest starter is 6'3" guard D.J. Balentine.

Logansport's Antonio Penny is the leading scorer in the North Central Conference at 23.2 points per game. Kokomo's D.J. Balentine is the third leading scorer in the league at 18.2.

The Berries' Jarod Schrock is the top field goal percentage shooter in the NCC. The Logan center makes 67.1% of his shots.

D.J. Balentine has hit more three-pointers than any other basketball player in the NCC. His 49 is eight more than the 41 of New Castle's Joel Haler.

Antonio Penny has more attempts from the free throw line than anyone else in the league. The Logan junior has also made more free throws than anyone.

Antonio Penny and D.J. Balentine rank 1-2 in the NCC in shots taken this year. Penny has put up 280 field goal attempts, while Balentine has fired up 277.

Armon Bridgeforth has the most steals in the NCC.

Brock Armstrong is Logansport's top three-point shooter. The Berry senior has made 28 three-pointers this season and 19 shots from inside the arc. Armstrong has 78 attempts from behind the three-point line and just 40 inside.

D.J. Balentine has 138 attempts from three-point land and 139 attempts from inside the arc.

Tayler Persons has 77 defensive rebounds, and Jarod Schrock has 75.

Thomas Bell, who started for Logansport twice last season against the Kats, was dismissed from the Berries' squad this year. He played in nine games this season and averaged over 14 points per game before his dismissal.

LOGANSPORT HIGH SCHOOL BERRIES BASKETBALL

2011-2012

VARSITY

NO	NAME	GRADE	HT
14	Jayson Higgins	11	6'2"
23	Antonio Penny	11	6'2
24	Brock Armstrong	12	6'3
32	Cam Biggs	12	6'3
33	Bo Bullard	11	6'2
34	Jarod Schrock	12	6'6
42	Nate Bullard	11	6'4
43	Todd Yeoman	11	6'2
44	Jacob Snow	11	6'2

JUNIOR VARSITY

11	Owen Swartzell	11	5'10
13	AJ Smith	9	5'6
15	Travis Palmer	10	6'0
21	Kyle Jordan	10	5'11
23	Brad Nies	10	6'1
25	Erick Estrada	11	6'1
33	Andrew Wamsley	10	6'2
41	Isaiah Valencia	9	6'2
43	Eric Newell	10	6'0

VARSITY COACH - Mark Victor
VARSITY ASSISTANT - Bill Champion
JV COACH - Michael Miller
VOLUNTEER COACH - Randy Greiner
FRESHMEN COACH - Jay Jones

The Tell of the Tape

Kokomo	BOYS BASKETBALL	Logansport
16-3	2011-12 record	9-6
23-3	2010-11 record	9-13
Brian McCauley	Coach	Mark Victor
88-45 (6th season)	Coaches' record at school	49-51 (5th year)
88-45 (6th season)	Coaches Overall record	144-91 (11th year)
1306 (68.7)	Points Scored (ave)	901 (60.1)
1073 (56.5)	Points Allowed (ave)	829 (55.3)
473 (24.9)	FG Made (ave)	329 (21.9)
998 (52.5)	FG Attempted (ave)	697 (46.5)
47.4%	FG Percent	47.2%
99 (5.2)	3-PT Made (ave)	38 (2.5)
285 (15.0)	3-PT Attempted (ave)	119 (7.9)
34.7%	3-PT Percent	31.9%
261 (17.4)	FT Made (ave)	205 (13.7)
368 (24.5)	FT Attempted (ave)	336 (22.4)
70.9%	FT Percent	61.1%
226 (11.9)	Offensive Rebounds (ave)	118 (7.9)
373 (19.6)	Defensive Rebounds (ave)	286 (19.1)
599 (31.5)	Rebounds (ave)	4-4 (26.9)
196 (10.3)	Assists (ave)	156 (10.4)
171 (9.0)	Steals (ave)	74 (4.9)
45 (2.4)	Blocks (ave)	1 (0.1)
163 (8.6)	Turnovers (ave)	149 (9.9)
238 (12.5)	Personal Fouls (ave)	264 (17.6)
D.J. Balentine (18.2)	Leading Scorer (ave)	Antonio Penny (23.2)
Tayler Persons (5.7)	Leading Rebounder (ave)	Jarod Schrock (6.6)
Jalen Tinder (56.1%)	Leading FG %	Jarod Schrock (67.1%)
Tayler Persons (38.6%)	Leading 3-PT %	Brock Armstrong (35.9%)
Jalen Tinder (78.7%)	Leading FT %	Jarod Schrock (67.4%)
Armon Bridgeforth (3.1)	Leading Assists (ave)	Antonio Penny (4.6)
Armon Bridgeforth (2.0)	Leading Steals (ave)	Antonio Penny (1.4)
Armon Bridgeforth (0.8)	Leading Blocks (ave)	Jarod Schrock (0.1)
Tayler Persons (1.7)	Leading Turnovers (ave)	Antonio Penny (3.4)

In the Past

BOYS BASKETBALL

February 10, 2011

Antonio Penny's layup with 7:30 left in the game gave Logansport a 39-33 lead, but the Berries would not score again as Kokomo defeated Logan 42-39. The Kats ended the game on a 9-0 run.

The Berries had a three-point halftime advantage and led 35-33 entering the final eight minutes. Logan scored the first four points of the fourth quarter, and Kokomo poured in the final nine.

Penny was a one-man wrecking crew for Logansport. The sophomore scored 23 of the Berries' 39 points, grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds, and had four steals. Penny, however, needed 30 shots from the field to get his 23 points and was just 1-for-4 from the charity stripe. Penny played all but 49 seconds in the game.

Kokomo was led by the 13 points of D.J. Balentine. The Wildkats junior added six rebounds, three assists, and three steals.

LaBradford Sebree also reached double figures with 10 points, and he had a team high seven rebounds.

Kokomo at Logansport - February 10,2011

Visitors: Kokomo

##	Name	P	FG	3 Pt	FT	PTS	ORB	DRB	TR	PF	AST	TO	BS	ST	MIN
14	* LaBradford Sebree		5/9	0/1	0/2	10	2	5	7	1	1	0	0	1	30:25
20	* Tayler Persons		0/3	0/0	0/0	0	2	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	11:48
30	* Armon Bridgeforth		1/4	0/0	3/7	5	2	2	4	0	1	2	0	4	29:02
32	Cheyse Swain		1/2	0/0	1/2	3	0	3	3	3	1	2	0	0	20:18
34	* D.J. Balentine		4/11	0/1	5/5	13	1	5	6	0	3	2	0	3	30:36
42	Parker Salinas		3/7	1/2	0/0	7	0	4	4	2	0	1	0	0	26:15
54	* Huston Clark		2/2	0/0	0/0	4	1	4	5	4	0	1	3	0	11:36
	Team						0	1	1						
	Totals		**16/38**	**1/4**	**9/16**	**42**	**8**	**24**	**32**	**12**	**7**	**11**	**3**	**8**	**160**

Total FG	1st Half	9/22	40.9%	2nd Half	7/16	43.8%	Game	16/38	42.1%
3 PT FG	1st Half	1/2	50.0%	2nd Half	0/2	0.00%	Game	1/4	25.0%
Free Throws	1st Half	4/5	80.0%	2nd Half	5/11	45.5%	Game	9/16	56.3%

Home: Logansport

##	Name	P	FG	3 Pt	FT	PTS	ORB	DRB	TR	PF	AST	TO	BS	ST	MIN
12	* Austen Hildebrand		1/4	1/3	0/0	3	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	12:21
22	* Thomas Bell		1/2	1/1	0/2	3	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	29:49
23	* Antonio Penny		11/30	0/3	1/4	23	3	7	10	2	1	5	2	4	31:11
24	Brock Armstrong		1/2	0/1	0/0	2	1	3	4	2	1	0	2	1	22:46
32	* Cameron Biggs		1/1	0/0	0/0	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	10:29
33	Bo Bullard		0/1	0/0	0/2	0	2	3	5	2	0	1	0	0	24:36
34	* Jarod Schrock		2/4	0/0	2/4	6	1	2	3	4	1	3	1	1	28:48
	Team						2	0	2						
	Totals		**17/44**	**2/8**	**3/12**	**39**	**9**	**19**	**28**	**15**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**9**	160

Total FG	1st Half	11/25	44.0%	2nd Half	6/19	31.6%	Game	17/44	38.6%
3 PT FG	1st Half	2/5	40.0%	2nd Half	0/3	0.00%	Game	2/8	25.0%
Free Throws	1st Half	2/8	25.0%	2nd Half	1/4	25.0%	Game	3/12	25.0%

	KHS	LHS		KHS	LHS		KHS	LHS
Free Throw Pts	9	3	3Pt Points	3	6	Pts/Possession	0.86	0.75
Pts off Turnovers	12	10	2nd Chance Points	7	6	Pts off Bench	10	2
Total Rebounds	32	28	Team Rebounds	1	2	Dead Ball Reb	2	3
Off Rebound %	29.6	27.3	Def Rebound %	72.7	70.4	Total Rebound %	53.3	46.7
3Pt Efficiency	-4.4	-2.8	Def. Stops	36	30	Pts/Shot	0.91	0.78

Officials Matt Knezevich, Jeff Williams, Jon Regashus

	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total
Kokomo	12	11	10	9	**42**
Logansport	14	12	9	4	**39**

Largest Lead LHS 39 KHS 33 (6 pts) **Lead Changes** 9 **Number of Ties** 5

North Central Conference
Boys Basketball 2011-12

	N.C.C. Games				Overall			
	W	-	L	PCT	W	-	L	PCT
Muncie Central	5	-	0	1.000	14	-	3	0.824
KOKOMO	4	-	1	0.800	16	-	3	0.842
Richmond	3	-	1	0.750	14	-	3	0.824
New Castle	3	-	2	0.600	14	-	2	0.875
Logansport	1	-	3	0.250	9	-	6	0.600
Anderson	1	-	3	0.250	6	-	10	0.375
Marion	1	-	4	0.200	7	-	9	0.438
Huntington North	0	-	4	0.000	3	-	14	0.176

Last Week's Games

Kokomo 99, Huntington North 70
Richmond 69, Anderson 62
Muncie Central 56, Logansport 53
New Castle 67, Marion 63
Kokomo 65, Lebanon 62
Warsaw 48, Marion 40
Pendleton Heights 68, Muncie Central 64 OT

This Week's Games

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

Saturday
Bellmont at Huntington North
Columbia City at Marion
Fort Wayne North at Richmond

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Tayler Persons

Sophomore basketball player

My favorite subject area: **Math**

My biggest NCC rival: **Richmond**

My favorite fruit: **Strawberries**

My favorite color: **Blue**

My favorite M&M: **Pretzel**

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

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

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

Favorite Elementary Teacher: **Mrs. Needham**

Favorite Cartoon as a kid: **Bugs Bunny**

Favorite Phone App: **Hudl.com**

Celebrity Crush: **Kim Kardashian**

Best Sport Memory: **Going to state**

You Make the Call

Who holds the KHS boys' basketball record for three-pointers attempted in a game?

A. D.J. Balentine
B. Brandon Wood
C. Joey Thatcher
D. T.J. Weir
E. Blair Crawford
F. Mondo Fowler
G. Herman Fowler

Answer appears at the bottom of the page.

KHS Sports Term of the Day

LANE – in swimming, a course at least six feet wide marked out by a buoyed rope or a string of buoyant objects (as foam or plastic cylinders).

WILDKAT TRIVIA

Name the Lady Kat who led the NCC in field goal percentage in 2008.

Answer will appear in the next Kat Chatter.

Answer to the last Wildkat Trivia

Who was the last KHS boys' basketball player to lead the NCC in field goal percentage?

Tyrone Brown

You Make the Call Answer: C,E

This Week in Wildkat Country

Thursday, February 09

6:30PM Boys JV	Basketball	Logansport	Home
8:00PM Boys Varsity	Basketball	Logansport	Home

Saturday, February 11

9:00AM Boys Varsity	Wrestling	Semi−State	Fort Wayne

GO KATS!!

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

KHS WRESTLING TEAM

The Kokomo wrestlers won the school's first ever regional team title and advanced to the State Finals on February 25th. In the IHSAA Individual State Wrestling Tournament, the Kats had five athletes claim championships and will send a total of nine wrestlers to the Fort Wayne Semi-state.

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

Kat Chatter Archives
http://www.kokomoschools.com/Khssc/athletic/KC/KatChatter.htm

HOW DO WE GET THERE?
http://www.nccsports.org/Directions/Directions.htm