Kat Chatter

Friday, February 17, 2012

Thought for the day

"Your worth consists in what you are and not in what you have."

-- Thomas A. Edison

KHS

Today's Athletic Events

TBA Boys Varsity	Wrestling	State Finals	Bankers Life
6:30PM Boys JV	Basketball	Richmond	Away
8:00PM Boys Varsity	Basketball	Richmond	Away

THE WILDKAT

SCOREBOARD

RESULTS

No varsity contests were scheduled yesterday.

KOKOMO WILDKATS

BOYS SWIMMING

The Katfish men swam very well in the Sectional Prelims last night in Noblesville. Every guy had at least one individual Lifetime Best Time. The team had 83.3% of their individual swims were LTBs and totaled over 1:15 in time dropped in individual events.

The prelims qualify the swimmers for their swims in the finals on Saturday. Last year we had a handful of individual swims on Saturday, this year we have 15 individual swims and all 3 relays in the top heat of the finals. Our qualifiers are:

200 Medley Relay Matt Scharenbroch, Luke Johnson, Ting Zhou and Jordan Bass in 7th

200 Free	Nathan Banush	11th
	Blake Brookshire	15th
	Brock Basil	16th
200 IM	Ting Zhou	11th
	Chase Jackson	14th
50 Free	Matt Scharbroch	14th
100 Fly	Ting Zhou	11th
	Luke Johnson	13th
100 Free	Blake Brookshire	13th
500 Free	Nathan Banush	11th
	Brock Basil	15th

200 Free Relay Matt Scharenbroch, Jordan Bass, Blake Brookshire and Ting Zhou in 5th

100 Back	Matt Scharenbroch	14th
	Pat Cole	16th
100 Breast	Luke Johnson	10th
	Chase Jackson	14th
	Colton Pratt	16th

400 Free Relay Blake Brookshire, Nathan Banush, Brock Basil, Chase Jackson in 8th

Diving begins on Saturday morning with Bryan Parks and Brian Rogers competing for trips to regionals.

This sets us up for a strong team finish. Come to Noblesville on Saturday to support our Katfish! --**Coach Glick**

TICKETS

Get your tickets now!

Tickets for the IHSAA Team Wrestling State Championship are on sale now in the Kokomo High School Athletic Office.

Team State Finals are Saturday, February 25th at Center Grove High School in Greenwood, Indiana. Action begins at 10:00 a.m.

Coach Ryan Wells' KHS wrestling team will face Crown Point in the opening round of the single elimination tournament.

Tickets are priced at $8.

GO KATS!!

GOOD LUCK

Jesse Goodnight

Bo Butler

Cam Colby

in the

IHSAA State Wrestling Finals

GO KATS!!

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

Tickets for the 2012 IHSAA Girls Basketball Regional, to be held at Kokomo's Memorial Gymnasium, are on sale at the KHS Athletic Office.

This regional is arguably the best regional in the state this year. The four teams – Fort Wayne Snider, Fort Wayne South Side, McCutcheon, and North Central have a combined record of 81 wins and just 12 losses.

Snider is 20-3 and has lost two games this season to South Side. South is 22-1 and has won 21 straight games. McCutcheon is also 20-3, while North Central, who knocked out the #1 ranked Hamilton Southeastern team, is 19-5.

All four teams are ranked. Fort Wayne South comes to Kokomo ranked 3rd, while Snider is 7th. McCutcheon is 10th, and North Central is 14th according to the IBCA poll.

Action starts at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday at Memorial Gym.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tonight's boys' basketball game between Kokomo and Richmond should be a dandy. Both teams come into the game with a record of 17 wins and three losses.

Kokomo is ranked 6th this week by the Associated Press, and Richmond is ranked 13th.

Kokomo is on a 10-game win streak. The last time Kokomo had a winning streak of 11 or more was in coach Brian McCauley's senior year when the Kats won 19 straight to open the season.

Richmond has won eight straight. The last time Richmond won nine or more was in 2003-04 when the Red Devils took 11 consecutive games.

The Wildkats three losses have come to Class 4A, #3-ranked North Central, Class 4A #4-ranked Pendleton Heights, and Class 3A, #2-ranked Muncie Central. Those three schools are a combined 50-9 this season.

The Red Devils losses have come to two of the same schools as Kokomo's. Richmond lost to North Central and Muncie Central, as have the Wildkats, plus they have fallen to Columbus North. The three teams that have beaten the Red Devils are a combined 47-12.

Kokomo is 6-1 in road games this season. The Kats are 11-0 at home and 0-2 in neutral games.

Tonight's game will be Richmond's 14th home game this year. The Red Devils will play a 15th at home next Friday.

Richmond is 10-3 at home this season. The Red Devils are 1-0 on a neutral court and are 6-0 in road games.

Joe Luce is in his third season as the head coach of the Red Devils and has a 50-17 record. Overall, Luce has coached 13 seasons, winning 203 while losing 96. Luce is 0-2 against the Wildkats while at Richmond, 0-1 at the Tiernan Center, and was 5-2 against Kokomo while at Marion.

Brian McCauley is in his sixth season at the helm of the Wildkat boys' basketball program and is 89-45 in his tenure. McCauley is 3-2 in games against Richmond, 1-1 in games at the Tiernan Center, and 2-4 in games against Joe Luce-coached teams. As a student at Kokomo, McCauley led his Wildkat teams to a 3-0 record against Richmond.

The Sagarin Ratings have Kokomo as the 13th best team in the state and Richmond as the 16th.

DID YOU KNOW?

Richmond's three losses have been by a combined total of 12 points.

Kokomo's trio of setbacks has been by a combined 24 points.

The Sagarin Ratings have Kokomo's schedule as the 22nd toughest in the state this season, while Richmond schedule is ranked the 35th toughest.

Kokomo's 20 opponents have a combined record of 226-141, and Richmond's foes have a combined mark of 179-134.

Richmond is 10-2 against teams in Class 4A, 1-1 against Class 3A schools, and 3-0 against 2A schools. The Red Devils have played three games against out-of-state opponents – Upper Arlington (OH), Alcoa (TN), and Eaton (OH).

The Wildkats are 11-2 against Class 4A teams, 5-1 against 3A schools, and 1-0 against 2A teams.

In games against the Sagarin Top 25, Kokomo is 2-3 and Richmond is 1-2. Against Sagarin's Top 64, Kokomo is 7-3 and Richmond is 3-3.

Kokomo and Richmond have played seven common opponents. Both the Kats and Red Devils are 5-2 in those games.

Thirteen of Kokomo's 20 opponents this season currently have winning records.

Ten of Richmond's 17 in-state opponents have winning records this season.

In Kokomo's last 10 trips to Richmond, the Wildkats have won six of the games to four for the Red Devils.

Wildkat coach Brian McCauley continues to climb up the ladder of coaching wins at KHS. With the win at Lebanon, McCauley moved into the sixth spot, surpassing Ralph King (1942-1947). With five more wins, the Kat coach would tie legendary Chet Hill (1921-1928) for the fifth spot.

D.J. Balentine needs 12 points to claim fourth spot among the boys' all-time leading scorers in KHS history. Third place may well be in his reach, but the top spots – held by Jim "Goose" Ligon and Jimmy Rayl – are probably unattainable.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kokomo and Richmond are the top two offensive clubs in the North Central Conference. The Kats average 68.2 and the Red Devils score 67.5 point per game.

The Wildkats have shot more free throws than any other team in the NCC. Richmond's total is the third best in the league.

Kokomo is the top rebounding team in the conference, and Richmond is the league's second best.

Richmond tops the league in assists with 373. No one else is close.

The Red Devils have the second most turnovers in the league.

D.J. Balentine is third in the NCC in scoring at 18.2 points per game. Richmond's top two scorers, Quinten Hunter and Bola Olaniyan, rank fourth and eighth, respectively, with 16.7 and 14.1 points per game.

Richmond's Bola Olaniyan leads the NCC in rebounding with 212 boards. Kokomo's Tayler Persons is fourth with 113 caroms.

Red Devil freshman Joel Okafor is the top assist man in the North Central Conference with 126 dishes.

Bola Olaniyan is the top shot blocker in the league with 31 swats.

Three of the Red Devils' probable starters tonight were not Richmond students a year ago, and a fourth, senior Tanner Todd, quit the team as a junior.

Quinten Hunter has shot more threes and also made more than any other Red Devil.

Bola Olaniyan has shot 133 free throws this season. No Wildkat has shot over 100. Olaniyan makes only 53% from the charity stripe.

Olaniyan has been whistled for 65 fouls this season, most of any player in the NCC. No one on the Kokomo squad has more than 46 personals.

The Tell of the Tape

Kokomo	BOYS BASKETBALL	Richmond
17-3	2011-12 record	17-3
23-3	2010-11 record	19-6
Brian McCauley	Coach	Joe Luce
89-45 (6th season)	Coaches' record at school	50-17 (3rd season)
89-45 (6th season)	Coaches Overall record	203-96 (13th year)
1364 (68.2)	Points Scored (ave)	1277 (67.2)
1125 (56.3)	Points Allowed (ave)	1098 (54.9)
488 (24.4)	FG Made (ave)	473 (24.9)
1039 (51.9)	FG Attempted (ave)	959 (50.5)
47.0%	FG Percent	49.3%
100 (5.0)	3-PT Made (ave)	115 (6.1)
292 (14.6)	3-PT Attempted (ave)	331 (17.4)
34.2%	3-PT Percent	34.7%
288 (14.4)	FT Made (ave)	216 (11.4)
404 (20.2)	FT Attempted (ave)	357 (18.8)
71.3%	FT Percent	60.5%
237 (11.9)	Offensive Rebounds (ave)	207 (10.9)
390 (19.5)	Defensive Rebounds (ave)	369 (19.4)
627 (31.4)	Rebounds (ave)	576 (30.3)
200 (10.0)	Assists (ave)	373 (19.6)
182 (9.1)	Steals (ave)	204 (10.7)
46 (2.3)	Blocks (ave)	56 (2.9)
179 (8.9)	Turnovers (ave)	250 (13.2)
251 (12.6)	Personal Fouls (ave)	301 (15.8)
D.J. Balentine (18.2)	Leading Scorer (ave)	Quinten Hunter (16.7)
Tayler Persons (5.7)	Leading Rebounder (ave)	Bola Olaniyan (11.2)
Jalen Tinder (54.9%)	Leading FG %	Bola Olaniyan (63.6%)
Tayler Persons (38.6%)	Leading 3-PT %	Tanner Todd (35.2%)
Tayler Persons (79.5%)	Leading FT %	Tanner Todd (80.4 %)
Armon Bridgeforth (3.0)	Leading Assists (ave)	Joel Okafor (6.9)
Armon Bridgeforth (1.9) LaBradford Sebree (1.9)	Leading Steals (ave)	Bola Olaniyan (2.2)
Armon Bridgeforth (0.8)	Leading Blocks (ave)	Bola Olaniyan (1.6)
Tayler Persons (1.8)	Leading Turnovers (ave)	Joel Okafor (3.8)

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL
RED DEVILS
2011-12 BOYS BASKETBALL ROSTER

VARSITY

NO.	NAME	HT.	WT.	POS.	GR.
4	Vadial Jett	5'11"	155	G	12
12	Quinten Hunter	6'3"	195	G	12
14	Kristian Rodriquez	6'4"	205	F	11
20	Tanner Todd	6'4"	185	G	12
21	Nathan Jones	6'1"	165	F	11
23	Bola Olaniyan	6'8"	220	C	12
24	Joel Okafor	5'11"	178	G	09
33	Abdul Shabazz	6'2"	171	F	10
40	Jai Wright	6'1"	150	G	11
42	Davious Webster	6'0"	165	G	09
54	Jacob Hampton	6'0"	165	G	11

JUNIOR VARSITY

NO.	NAME	HT.	WT.	POS.	GR.
2	Davious Webster	6'0"	165	G	09
3	Abdul Shabazz	6'2"	171	F	10
4	Jacob Hampton	6'0"	165	G	11
5	Jai Wright	6'1"	150	G	11
11	Kendal Baker	5'10"	150	G	10
12	Nick Thomas	5'8"	135	G	10
15	Michael Tillman	5'11"	137	G	10
33	Tre'Von Buchannon	6'3"	160	C	10
34	Bryson Yates	6'4"	230	C	10

Varsity Cheerleaders: Breann Adams, Mercedes Carr, Tiffany Cohee, Melanie Jarrett, Regina Morefield, Jessica Thompson, Kyrstin Wampler, Aubree Bowen, Alyssa Grimes, Emily Jones, Alexa Thompson, Whitney Vidas. Coached by Dawn Sonsini.

JV Cheerleaders: Brooke Day, Bailey Hillard, Kylie Thomas, Alex Wickett, Mercedes Hillard, Tamara Mayberry Rebekah Thompson, Katelyn Voiles, Jada Wright. Coached by Tara Stewart.

Head Coach:	Joe Luce
Varsity Asst. Coaches:	Mark Hinkey and Jeff Williams
Reserve Coach:	Rick Wedlow
Reserve Asst.:	David Cruse
Freshman Coaches:	Markous Jewett and Tyler Etherington
Athletic Director:	Chad Bolser
Principal:	Rae Woolpy
Superintendent:	Dr. Allen Bourff, Ed.D

KOKOMO WILDKATS (17-3)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORES	
Nov. 23	**Western {3A}**	**W 82- 57**	
Nov. 26	**Westfield {4A}**	**W 69- 53**	
Dec. 3	**at Fishers {4A}**	**ot W 72- 68**	
Dec. 9	**at Muncie Central {3A}‡**	**L 60- 65**	
Dec. 16	**Marion {4A}‡**	**W 74- 67**	
Dec. 17	**at Lafayette Jeff {4A}**	**W 62- 59**	
Dec. 27	**Maconaquah {3A}**	**W 76- 35**	tournament
Dec. 28	**Western {3A}**	**W 65- 54**	tournament
Dec. 30	**(n)North Central (Indianapolis) {4A}**	**L 68- 71**	tournament
Dec. 30	**(n)Pendleton Heights {4A}**	**L 53- 69**	tournament
Jan. 6	**Peru {3A}**	**W 76- 53**	
Jan. 7	**at McCutcheon {4A}**	**W 61- 49**	
Jan. 13	**New Castle {4A}‡**	**W 65- 56**	
Jan. 14	**Carmel {4A}**	**W 47- 40**	
Jan. 21	**Tipton {2A}**	**W 70- 50**	
Jan. 27	**Anderson {4A}‡**	**W 74- 50**	
Jan. 28	**at Harrison (West Lafayette) {4A}**	**W 68- 45**	
Feb. 3	**at Huntington North {4A}‡**	**W 99- 70**	
Feb. 4	**at Lebanon {3A}**	**W 65- 62**	
Feb. 9	**Logansport {4A}‡**	**W 58- 52**	

RICHMOND RED DEVILS (17-3)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORES	
Nov. 23	**Northeastern {2A}**	**W 93- 47**	
Dec. 2	**North Central (Indianapolis) {4A}**	**L 68- 76**	
Dec. 9	**at Connersville {4A}**	**W 54- 39**	
Dec. 16	**at Huntington North {4A}‡**	**W 89- 68**	
Dec. 17	**Upper Arlington (Ohio)**	**W 65- 60**	
Dec. 23	**(n)Fort Wayne Luers {2A}**	**W 70- 49**	
Dec. 28	**Muncie Burris {2A}**	**W 58- 44**	tournament
Dec. 29	**Alcoa (Tenn.)**	**W 72- 63**	tournament
Dec. 30	**Columbus North {4A}**	**L 69- 70**	tournament
Dec. 30	**Noblesville {4A}**	**W 57- 54**	tournament
Jan. 7	**at Jay County {4A}**	**W 48- 43**	
Jan. 13	**Muncie Central {3A}‡**	**L 55- 58**	
Jan. 14	**East Central {4A}**	**W 73- 53**	
Jan. 21	**Eaton (Ohio)**	**W 55- 49**	
Jan. 27	**Marion {4A}‡**	**W 59- 55**	
Jan. 28	**at Franklin County {3A}**	**W 73- 35**	
Feb. 3	**Anderson {4A}‡**	**W 69- 62**	
Feb. 9	**at New Castle {4A}‡**	**W 58- 45**	
Feb. 11	**Fort Wayne North {4A}**	**W 92- 73**	
Feb. 14	**at Logansport {4A}‡**	**W 72- 54**	

2012 I.H.S.A.A

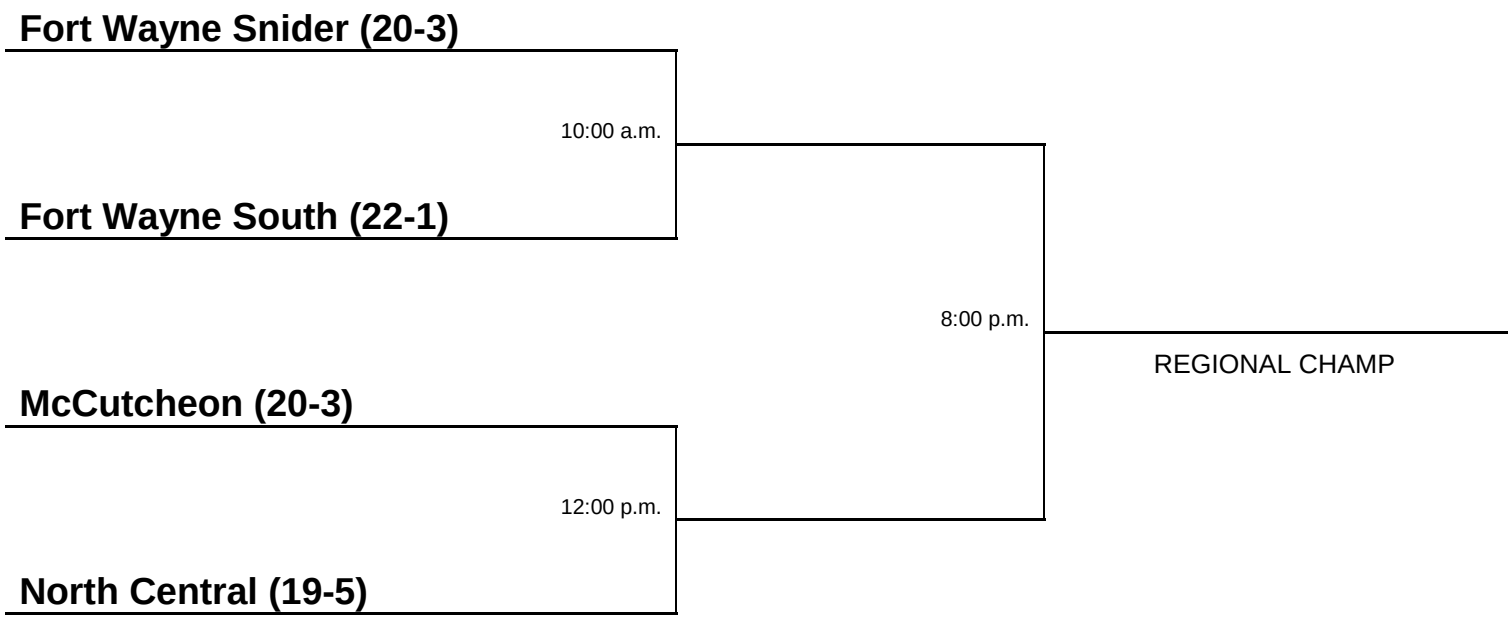
CLASS 4A

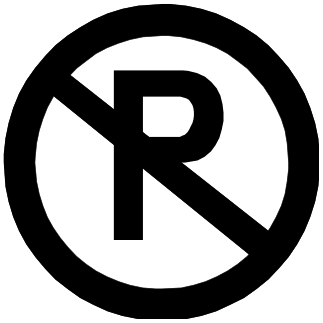
GIRLS BASKETBALL

REGIONAL

February 18, 2012

Host: **Kokomo High School**
Site: **Memorial Gymnasium**
Tournament Director: **Jason Snyder**





Kokomo High School will be hosting a 2012 IHSAA Girls Basketball Regional on February 18th and a 2012 IHSAA Boys Basketball Sectional in early March. General public reserved parking will <u>NOT</u> be available.

For the Girls Regional- the South and East lots will be reserved for regional school personnel and workers.

For the Boys Sectional- the South, East, and front half of the Central lot will be reserved for sectional school personnel and workers.

The KHS parking passes used during the regular season will not be honored during these two tournaments.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

In the Past

WRESTLING

February 19, 2011

Conseco Fieldhouse was the site of the 2011 IHSAA State Wrestling Championships, and two Wildkats participated in the event.

Jesse Goodnight and Cam Colby represented Kokomo High School.

Goodnight wrestled at 145 pounds and was defeated by Pioneer's Owen Dorris by a score of 6-2 in the opening round. Goodnight got behind early in his match and couldn't catch up.

Colby wrestled at 215 pounds, and he finished 8th in the state. In his opening match he ousted Kyle Smitherman of Pendleton Heights, advancing him to the medal round, where he lost his next match.

You Make the Call

According to John Harrell's website, which of the following is the smallest gymnasium?

A. Huntington North's North Arena
B. Kokomo's Memorial Gym
C. Logansport's Berry Bowl
D. Marion's Bill Green Arena
E. Muncie Central's Fieldhouse
F. New Castle's Fieldhouse
G. Richmond's Tiernan Center

Answer appears at the bottom of the page.

KHS Sports Term of the Day

OUTLET PASS – in basketball, a pass made by the player taking a defensive rebound to a teammate in order to start a fast break.

WILDKAT TRIVIA

Which former Wildkat will D.J. Balentine likely pass tonight for fourth place all-time scoring in KHS boys' basketball history?

Answer will appear in the next Kat Chatter.

Answer to the last Wildkat Trivia

Who was the opponent that last time the KHS boys' team made 10 or more three-pointers in a game?

The Kats hit 11 treys against Huntington North a few weeks ago. Prior to that, they hit 11 three-pointers against Richmond last season.

You Make the Call Answer: B

This Week in Wildkat Country

Friday, February 17

TBA Boys Varsity	Wrestling	State Finals	Bankers Life
6:30PM Boys JV	Basketball	Richmond	Away
8:00PM Boys Varsity	Basketball	Richmond	Away

Saturday, February 18

TBA Boys Varsity	Wrestling	State Finals	Bankers Life
9:00AM Boys Varsity	Swimming	Sectional	Noblesville
10:00AM Girls Varsity	Basketball	Regional	Memorial Gym

GO

KATS!!

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

JESSE GOODNIGHT

Jesse Goodnight, a KHS senior, won the 160-pound title at the Fort Wayne Individual Semi-State Wrestling Championships with two pins and two decisions. Goodnight, who ran his season record to 51 wins and just two losses, advanced to the State Individual Finals along with teammates Bo Butler and Cam Colby.

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