Kat Chatter

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Thought for the day

"Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds."

-- Gordon B. Hinckley

KHS

Today's Athletic Events

4:00PM Girls Varsity	Tennis	Sectional	Home
5:00PM Boys Varsity	Track	Sectional	Home
5:30PM Girls JV	Softball	Hamilton Hts	Home

The next Kat Chatter will be published on Monday, May 21, 2012.

THE WILDKAT SCOREBOARD

RESULTS

Softball
Huntington North 9, Kokomo 6

Baseball
Huntington North 11, Kokomo 7

Boys Golf
Lebanon 163, Carmel 165, Kokomo 173

KOKOMO WILDKATS

GOOD LUCK

WILDKATS

in today's

IHSAA

BOYS TRACK

SECTIONAL

GOOD LUCK

Wildkat golfers

in Saturday's

N.C.C.

Boys Golf

Championships

SOFTBALL

The softball team lost an anti-climactic game to Huntington North last night 9-6. Both teams seemed flat after the intense 11-inning conference battle they had with each other the night before.

Huntington North chose to throw the same pitcher the full seven innings. That's an unbelievable 18 innings! The wear showed as there were many more wild pitches, passed balls, and walks in this game than the night before. With three more games to go this week and sectionals next week, Kokomo chose to give ace Christine Skaggs a well deserved rest.

Unfortunately, the Lady Kats lacked focus at the plate, chasing many pitches out of the zone. Despite both teams being tired and sore, their defenses held up pretty well. Once again, some nice hits were taken away by good defense on both sides. Kokomo only put up four hits in comparison to the eight hits off the same pitcher the night before. Allie Cook had two of Kokomo's hits; Kendra Ryker and Paris McCullum added the other two. Katie Owings hit a foul fly ball to rightfield with bases loaded, resulting in two runs scoring as the fielder fell after the running catch and lost the ball.

Kami Sharp took the loss from the circle, pitching five innings, with Cook pitching in relief. Kokomo gave up nine hits to Huntington North.

The JV team will host Hamilton Heights at 5:30 today.

Kokomo will play at Western on Friday to make up the previously rained out Cancer awareness game. We will be honoring our own Cancer survivor, Ashley Plough. This will be JV and Varsity games played on side-by-side fields set for a 5:00 start. Portions of the gate and concessions will go to the American Cancer Society. Please come out and support the Lady Kats! – **Coach Tate**

BOYS GOLF

The Kokomo Wildkats hosted the Carmel Greyhounds and the Lebanon Tigers in our last home match of the season at the Kokomo Country Club on Wednesday afternoon.

Led by the one-over par 36 by medalist Alden Wood, Lebanon came out victorious in the three-way match with a score of 163. Carmel, ranked in the Top 20 in the state, finished second with a score of 165, and Kokomo was third with a score of 173.

Leading Kokomo on Wednesday was junior Josh Stewart with a 41. Senior Blake Brutus shot a 43, and sophomores Jake Hopkins and Tanner Guyer rounded out the Wildkats card with a 44 and a 45, respectively.

We continue to shoot in the same range of 170 to 175 and on Wednesday that just was not quite good enough to defeat our visitors. On the Par 5 fifth hole we had three players go out of bounds and cost us anywhere from five to seven strokes.

Our kids are putting forth a good effort but they are just having a few bad holes during matches that need to be corrected as our dual meet record dropped to 4-6 for the season.

In the JV match held at the American Legion Golf Course Carmel came in with a score of 167, followed by Lebanon with a 182 and Kokomo with a 227. Freshman Joey Rodriquez turned in a season best 51 to lead the JV Kats. Drew Greene and Grant Koch of Carmel were co-medalists with scores of 40.

We will now return to practice and focus our efforts on the North Central Conference match this Saturday at the Legends of Indiana in Franklin. – **Coach Davis**

BASEBALL

In what has been a theme I would soon like to forget, the Kats struggled with control last night in issuing 16 freebies in an 11-7 loss to #3 Huntington North. Parker Sanburn took the pitching loss for the Kats on the night.

The Kats jumped out to a 4-0 lead and batted around in the first inning. Then we took a 6-4 lead in the second inning but failed to hold on.

For the game the Kats had 14 hits, led by a Jacob McMain 2-run homer and two singles. Drew Sawyer, Chase Hatfield, Channing Webster, Drew Sale and Preston Emmons all had multiple hits for the game.

We have proved we have the ability to play with the best in the state, as evidence over the last two days. Huntington North has spent a few weeks this year as the number one team in the state. Being so close can be frustrating, but we will get the control issues worked out. Likewise, we still have a shot at an upper division finish in the NCC, and a legitimate shot at winning the Sectional next week.

Saturday is Senior Day for our five Wildkat Seniors (Drew Sawyer, Luke Alexander, Channing Webster, Daniel Haughn, and Damon Prater). Please come out and support them in their final regular season game at cfd Stadium at Highland Park.

As always, GOD Bless and hope to see you at the ole ball game! **Coach Weeks**

GIRLS TRACK

Coach Dave Barnes praised his Lady Kats for an outstanding effort in trying to defend their Madison-Grant IHSAA Sectional title.

"Even though we fell short of repeating for a 4th year in a row, our young ladies bettered their seeds in nearly every event," Coach Barnes said. "We knew we were short-handed, so we asked our ladies to compete … and compete they did."

Eastern won the sectional title with 115 points, while Kokomo edged Northwestern 92-90 for runner-up honors, and Cass was a distant 4th with 76 points in the 13-team Sectional. Kokomo sends seven individuals and all three relays to the IHSAA Regional at Warsaw next Tuesday (May 22nd).

Sophomore Summer Blackamore will compete in two events at the Regional after defending her Sectional titles in both the Shot Put and Discus with season-best efforts of 39-10.5 in shot and 121-0 in disc.

Sophomore Iesha Wallace joined classmate Anh Pham (pole vault) as a Sectional champion by sprinting away from the 100-dash field in 12.91. Iesha then joined sophomores Brianna Lancaster and Raven Pugh, along with junior Brayana Fowler, for an exciting come-from-behind victory in the 400 relay in 50.52.

Raven secured a spot in the Regionals with a 3rd-place finish in the 100 high hurdles at 16.98. Coach Barnes cited Lancaster for the "most courageous" race of the evening after she tumbled at the second hurdle but picked herself up and finished the race.

Senior Courtney Gilman turned in outstanding performances with a runner-up finish in the open 400 dash after running a 2:29 on her leg of the 4 x 800 relay and came back with another solid race in the 4 x 400 relay. Both relays earned the 4th (with season-best times) and the final qualifying spot at the Warsaw Regional. Joining Courtney on the 4 x 800 relay were senior Annika Taber and juniors Kierra Bronson and Erica Goodman. Courtney's teammates on the 4 x 400 relay were sophomores Kristina Moreland, Wallace and Pugh.

Annika came back in the 300 low hurdles with a 50.32 clocking to earn 4th and the final qualifying spot for Regionals after her strong 2:33 anchor leg on the 4 x 800 relay.

Freshman Darryelle Cole also earned a spot in the long jump at the Warsaw Regional with a 3rd-place jump of 15-9.5. DC also earned 6th place in the 200 dash.

Also scoring points for the Lady Kats were senior Sarah Frey with a 7th in the high jump after clearing 5-feet and freshman Mykayla Fowler with an 8th-place throw in the shot put at 31-7.

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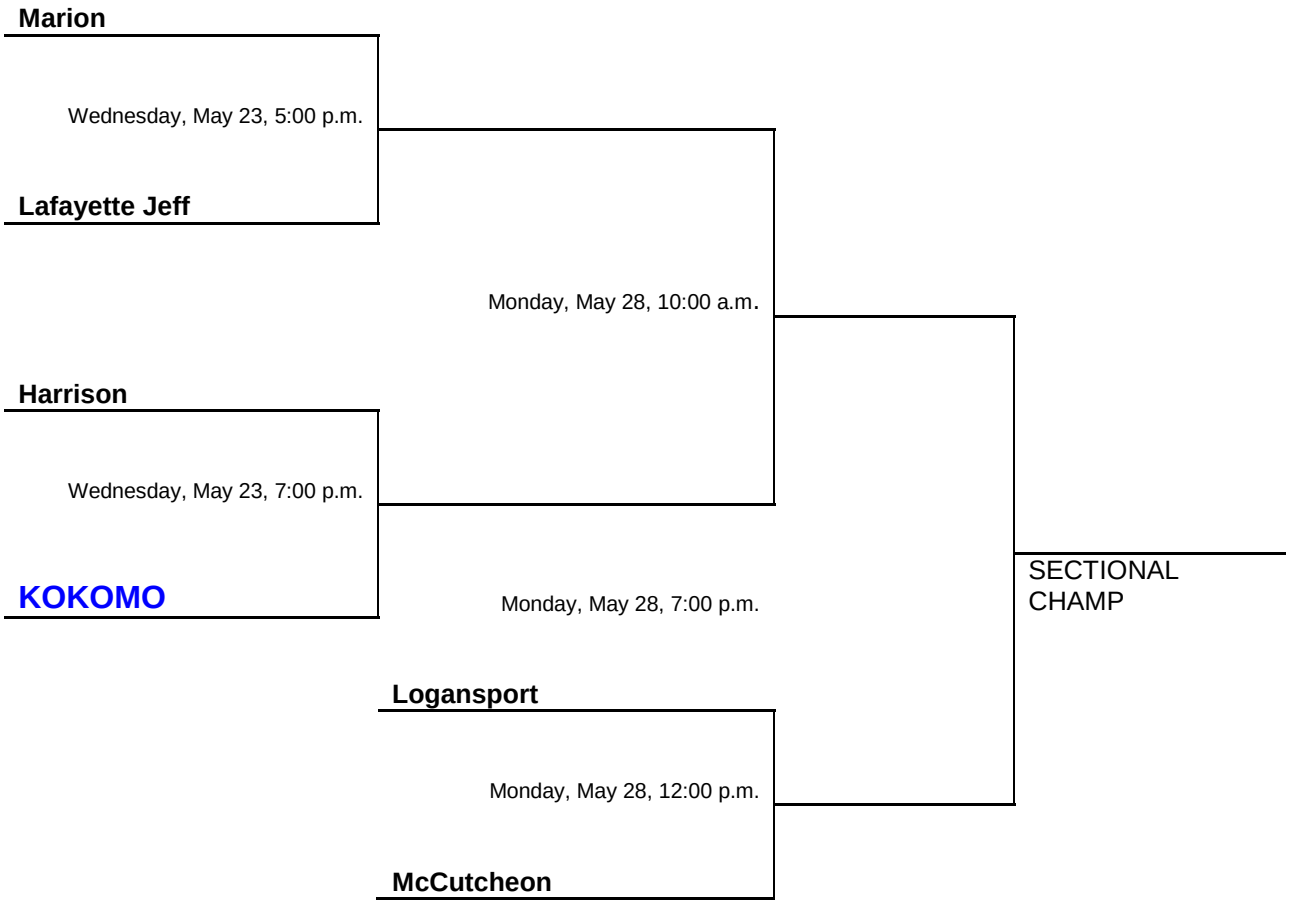
BASEBALL

SECTIONAL

CLASS 4A
SECTIONAL 7
Lafayette Jeff High School



In the Past

BOYS TRACK

May 19, 2011

The Kokomo Wildkats won the IHSAA Boys Track Sectional for the second straight year, this time with a 153-88 advantage over runner-up Western.

Senior John Alsup was a quadruple winner, earning victories in the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter, and the long jump before joining in the triumphant 4x100 relay team.

Another senior, Adrian Glover, won two events for the Kats. He won the 800-meter run and the 1600-meter and placed fifth in the 3200.

Taylor Killings also won a pair of events, outracing the field in both hurdle events.

Michael Clifton was the 400-meter dash champion and joined Alsup on the 4x1 relay team, which also consisted of Armon Bridgeforth and Harvey Lenoir.

BOYS GOLF

May 21, 2011

Kokomo shot a 341 to finish third in the 2011 North Central Conference Boys' Golf Tournament. Richmond won the event, followed by Huntington North. The Wildkats toured the front side of the Legends Golf Course with a 166 and faltered slightly to a 175 on the back side.

Kokomo was led by Blake Brutus with an 81, which qualified him to be a part of the All-NCC team. Collin Irish shot an 83, Nick Cardwell had an 85, Blake Brown finished with a 92, and Josh Stewart rounded out the fifth spot with a 97.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Philip Heilman

Freshman track member

My favorite subject area: **Social Studies**

My biggest NCC rival: **Logansport**

My favorite fruit: **Bananas**

My favorite color: **Orange**

My favorite M&M is: **Peanut Butter**

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

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

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

Favorite Elementary Teacher: **Ms. Fritz**

Favorite Cartoon as a kid: **SpongeBob**

Favorite Phone App: **Twitter**

Best Sports Memory: **Earning all-conference in soccer**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Avery Barrett

Freshman track member

My favorite subject area: **Math**

My biggest NCC rival: **Huntington North**

My favorite color: **Blue**

My favorite M&M is: **Pretzel**

My favorite super power: **Regeneration**

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

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

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

Favorite Elementary Teacher: **Mrs. Canady**

Favorite Cartoon as a kid: **Tom and Jerry**

Best Sports Memory: **42 1st place ribbons from middle school**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Samantha Johnson

Junior softball player

My favorite subject area: **Math**

My biggest NCC rival: **Logansport**

My favorite fruit: **Strawberries**

My favorite color: **Blue**

My favorite M&M is: **Peanut Butter**

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

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

My favorite kind of PopTart: **Brown Sugar Cinnamon**

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

Favorite Elementary Teacher: **Ms. Riley**

Favorite Cartoon as a kid: **Rugrats**

Favorite Phone App: **Twitter**

Celebrity Crush: **Ryan Gosling**

Best Sports Memory: **Making varsity as a freshman and getting my letterman's jacket**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Allen Cooper

Junior golfer

My favorite subject area: **Social Studies**

My biggest NCC rival: **Logansport**

My favorite fruit: **Strawberries**

My favorite color: **Blue**

My favorite M&M is: **Peanut Butter**

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

My favorite in-state college: **Notre Dame**

My favorite kind of PopTart: **Brown Sugar Cinnamon**

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

Favorite Cartoon as a kid: **SpongeBob**

Favorite Phone App: **YouTube**

Best Sports Memory: **My first eagle**

You Make the Call

Which high school has won the most IHSAA softball sectionals?

A. Center Grove
B. Boonville
C. Eastern
D. Shenandoah
E. Lake Central
F. Jennings County
G. Bellmont
H. Huntington North

Answer appears at the bottom of the page.

KHS Sports Term of the Day

GROUND RULE DOUBLE – in baseball/softball, an automatic double awarded a batter when a batted all bounces over an outfield fence.

WILDKAT TRIVIA

How many IHSAA sectionals has Kokomo won in softball?

Answer will appear in the next Kat Chatter.

Answer to the last Wildkat Trivia

Name the former KHS track star that won the state title in the long jump three consecutive years.

Frankie Young

You Make the Call Answer: A

This Week in Wildkat Country

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Friday, May 18

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5:00PM Boys JV	*Baseball*	*Cancelled– Blackford*	*Away*
5:00PM Girls Varsity	Softball	Western	Away
5:00PM Girls JV	Softball	Western	Away

Saturday, May 19

11:00AM Boys Varsity	Golf	NCC	Legends
9:00AM Girls JV	Softball	Twin Lakes Tourney	Away
10:00AM Girls Varsity	Tennis	Sectional	Home
11:00AM Boys Varsity	Baseball	New Castle (DH)	Home
11:00AM Boys JV	Baseball	New Castle (DH)	Home
11:00AM Girls Varsity	Softball	Maconaquah (DH)	Home

Go

Kats!!

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

WAYLON COULTER

Waylon, a junior, was a double winner as Kokomo defeated Logansport 98-34 in a boys' track meet. Coulter won the high jump with a leap of 6'2" and then topped the pole vault field by clearing 13'6".

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