



Kat Chatter



Thursday, October 13, 2011

Thought for the day

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.



Today's Athletic Events

6:00PM Girls JV	Volleyball	Marion	Home
6:00PM Girls Freshman	Volleyball	Marion	Home
7:30PM Girls Varsity	Volleyball	Marion	Home

THE WILDKAT
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Volleyball

Kokomo 3, Eastern 1

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WILDKATS

The VolleyKats hit the road Wednesday to take on county foe Eastern. Fresh off winning the County Championship, the Comets were ready to take on Kokomo. The VolleyKats rallied after dropping the first set to win the match 25-27, 25-21, 25-16, 25-23.

We started off very sluggish and had a poor first set of serving, with an unusual number of first serve errors. Though we were missing serves left and right, we were right with Eastern and served on set point to win, but we could not capitalize and lost the first set. Our ladies were not down, however, and were able to stem Eastern's momentum and grab some more of our own with some aggressive serving and improved passing. We used some good team defense and effort to control the next three sets and bring home the victory.

I was pleased that everyone played an important part in the match. When one teammate was struggling, someone else picked up the slack. In volleyball, changing lineups in the midst of a match while playing well can be dangerous. The change can cause problems with the team's chemistry. Tonight we were able to move girls around and not miss a beat. I believe this is a sign of us maturing as a team.

Courtney Gilman was on fire attacking the ball Wednesday. She had 20 kills along with four service aces. Amanda Kailey was a major force in the middle adding 11 kills and three blocks. Allie Cook had another outstanding all around game with six kills, 12 digs, 22 serve receptions, five service aces, and our most serving points. Cook made several long service runs applying pressure on the Comets by serving the ball to spots-short and long, including one run of 10 in a row.

Sarah Frey added three kills and four big blocks as well as, along with Kailey, essentially shutting down the middle attack of Eastern. Tori Lauderbaugh added three kills, as well as stepping up to serve some big points when we were struggling putting the ball in play. She added a couple of aces, but more importantly was 11-for-11 in serves.

Kasie Hellmann had a strong effort at the Libero position, moving well and reading the Comets' hitters. She finished with 28 digs and 28 serve receptions. Morgan Mohr and Bri Poe had good court coverage in the back row, along with adding 14 and eight serve receptions, respectively. Poe added a crucial back row kill at the tail end of the fourth set, that along with a one-on-one block from Kailey on Eastern's best hitter, are plays that stand out as difference makers.

Samantha Johnson had a stellar night running our offense while passing out 38 assists and adding four kills. Morgan Bailey, Stephanie Kailey and Alanis Jones were also able to come in and contribute without causing even the slightest hiccup in team chemistry.

We have little time to savor the victory as we host Marion Thursday for Senior Night. Come out and join us as we celebrate the careers of four outstanding young ladies- Amanda Kailey, Courtney Gilman, Kasie Hellmann, and Sarah Frey. Our ladies will be donning pink to draw awareness to Breast Cancer research. We hope to see you at the gym!-**Coach Watson**

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SEASON REVIEW

2011 proved to be another successful season for the boy's tennis program. We finished the season with a 17-7 record, which is tied for 4th on the all-time win list for KHS boy's tennis victories in a single season.

Our conference record ended up 6-1. The only conference loss came from Marion, who ended the regular season with only one loss. Marion also established themselves as a state power in advancing to the state championships. The match with Marion proved to be an exciting one that featured three 3-set matches. On another day it could have gone our way.

We were also excited to get the sectional trophy back in our hands. After blowing out Eastern and Tipton in rounds one and two, the Kats faced a tough opponent in Taylor. Taylor had a strong season and came into sectional final with only two season losses.

The match with Taylor lived up to the expectations. Kokomo won 2-singles (Drew Sale) and 2-doubles (Cody Shipley/Brandon Newton) in convincing fashion. They were the first two matches off the court. Taylor played excellent tennis and ended up winning #1- and #3-singles in close two set matches. Their #3 avenged a Howard County loss from Pat Cole early in the season. This left the match up to #1-doubles. Drew Sawyer and Luke Alexander were able to battle through some nerves and adversity to claim the match in two very tight sets. They won by the score of 7-6, 7-5.

After winning the sectional, the Kats advanced to the regional which was hosted by Kokomo for the first time in history. In first round play, Kokomo defeated Logansport by the score of 4-1. Winners in that match were Simon (1s), Sale (2s), Sawyer/Alexander (1D) and Shipley/Newton (2D).

In the regional final, the boys found themselves up against the state's best. Their opponent Carmel came in undefeated and had already crushed all of the other top ranked teams in the state during regular season play. Carmel features several nationally ranked players and two seniors that have committed to Big Ten D1 schools (Kumar: Northwestern and Yee: Indiana). The boys lost the final in a lopsided affair, but played well in the effort. The match of the night came from seniors Sawyer and Alexander in which they challenged the strong #1 Carmel doubles team to a tight second set.

The programs seniors will be greatly missed. Senior and Team Captain Pat Cole did an excellent job in representing the program. Pat was a WIOU Scholar-Athlete of the week, Academic All-Conference recipient and will likely have some academic state recognition coming soon. Captain Drew Sawyer and fellow senior Luke Alexander posted the strongest position record on the season at 20-7. Twenty wins in a season ties them for the 6th most doubles wins in a single season. Post season awards will also be a part of the near future for our #1 doubles. Excellent job seniors!!!

The boys are excited to work toward defending the sectional and getting the NCC title back into our hands. Returning varsity players include Craig Simon (1s), Drew Sale (2s), Andrew Schten (2/3 singles), Cody Shipley (2d) and Brandon Newton (2d). Parker Sanburn, Jesse Broomfield and Joe Farkas had impressive varsity wins for the team this season and will be major contributors next year.

As a coach I am very proud to be a part of this team. The boys did all that we asked of them and left it all on the line for every match. It's our hope that this approach to tennis and life will continue to yield individual and team success in years to come.

Great season boys!!! **Coach Flanary**

BOYS TENNIS

NUMBER

CRUNCH

2 – The number of games this season where Kokomo has NOT scored in the first quarter.

1 – The number of games this season where Kokomo's opponents HAVE scored in the first quarter.

12 – The combined number of touchdowns scored by Kokomo in the first quarters of all of their games.

13 – The number of scoring drives for the Wildkats this season that have taken under a minute.

0 – The number of times Kokomo has trailed this season in a North Central Conference game.

6 – The number of times the Kats have scored on returns this season – three by interception, two by punt return, and one by kick return.

48 – The number of touchdowns scored this season by Kokomo, in 88 drives. That's a success rate of 54.5%.

21 – The number of touchdowns scored this season by Kokomo's opponents, in 87 drives. That's a success rate of 24.1%.

22 – The number of touchdowns scored this season by Armon Bridgeforth.

13 – The number of times Kokomo has punted this season.

43 – The number of times Kokomo's opponents have punted this year.

64 – The number of points scored this season by Kokomo after 10 turnovers by their opponents.

28 – The number of points scored this season by Kokomo's opponents after 11 turnovers by the Kats.

61 – The number of third down plays ran by Kokomo in 2011. The Kats converted 31 of them for 51%.

86 – The number of third down plays ran by Kokomo's opponents, who have converted just 20 of them for 23%.

KOKOMO

WILDKATS

DATE	OPPONENT		
Aug. 19	Mount Vernon (Fortville) {4A}	L 7-21	
Aug. 26	at Plainfield {4A}	L 14-21	
Sep. 3	(n)Muncie Central {4A}	W 62-13	
Sep. 10	(n)Huntington North {5A}	W 40-14	
Sep. 16	at New Castle {4A}	W 55-21	
Sep. 23	Richmond {4A}	W 48-27	
Sep. 30	Logansport {4A}	W 56-21	
Oct. 7	at Marion {4A}	W 49- 7	
Oct. 14	at Anderson {5A}	7:00 pm	
Oct. 21	Fort Wayne Wayne {5A}	7:00 pm	sectional

ANDERSON

INDIANS

DATE	OPPONENT		
Aug. 19	at Fort Wayne Northrop {5A}	W 17-14	
Aug. 26	Pendleton Heights {4A}	L 23-41	
Sep. 3	(n)Richmond {4A}	W 39-13	
Sep. 9	at Logansport {4A}	W 28- 0	
Sep. 16	Huntington North {5A}	L 28-42	
Sep. 23	at New Castle {4A}	W 24- 7	
Sep. 30	Marion {4A}	W 35-33	
Oct. 7	at Muncie Central {4A}	W 43- 7	
Oct. 14	Kokomo {5A}	7:00 pm	
Oct. 21	at Lafayette Jeff {5A}	7:00 pm	sectional

DID YOU KNOW?

Randy Albano is the head football coach at Anderson High School and is in his second year with the Indians after serving as the coach at Anderson Highland before the two schools merged. Albano is 10-8 with the Indians and is 111-127 in his 24 seasons as a head coach. Albano is 0-1 against the Kats as the coach at Anderson, and he also lost to Kokomo in the 2008 sectional while at Anderson Highland. Albano is 9-4 in NCC games.

Brett Colby is 41-8 in his five-year tenure as coach of the Kokomo football program. He is 156-75 in his 23rd year of coaching. His 156 wins is the 35th best mark among active football coaches in Indiana. Colby is 4-0 against Anderson, 2-0 against Randy Albano-coached teams, and 34-0 versus the North Central Conference.

There have only been three games in Brett Colby's 34-game conference win streak where the Wildkat opponents have been within seven points of the Kats. Logansport was beaten 36-29 in 2007, Anderson was defeated by Kokomo 28-21 last year, and Marion was nipped in overtime last season by a 28-27 count.

Kokomo's record over the last three years (24-4) is the 16th best in the state, ahead of perennial powers like Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Cathedral, and Penn.

Anderson will come into the Kokomo game riding a three-game winning streak. The last loss by the Tribe was to Huntington North on September 16th. That is the Indians lone loss this season in the NCC.

Kokomo has a six-game winning streak, last losing at Plainfield on August 26th.

The Wildkats are 2-1 in true road games this season. Kokomo defeated New Castle and Marion in away games in the conference and lost to Plainfield.

Anderson is 1-2 in home games in 2011. The Indians lost to Pendleton Heights and Huntington North, and they defeated Marion.

Kokomo has won 35 straight football games in the North Central Conference. Their last setback was at home to the Marion Giants on October 6, 2006 in triple overtime, 28-27.

Anderson is guaranteed a winning record for 2011. It will be their first since going 7-3 in 2001. This season marks just the second winning campaign for the Indians in the last 18 years.

Over the last five years, Kokomo has a record of 40 wins and just four losses during the regular season. Anderson is 12-24 over that same time span.

The Sagarin Ratings have Kokomo has the 90th best team in the state, and the Indians as the 112th best.

Sagarin has Anderson's strength of schedule as the 155th toughest in the state, while Kokomo's is about the same at 158th toughest. The Indians two non-conference games were against Fort Wayne Northrop (4-4 record) and Pendleton Heights (7-1), while Kokomo's first two games were against Mount Vernon (5-3) and Plainfield (2-6).

COMPARING THE SCORES

NCC OPPONENT	ANDERSON SCORE	KOKOMO SCORE
Huntington North	28-42	40-14
Logansport	28-0	56-21
Marion	35-33	49-7
Muncie Central	43-7	62-13
New Castle	24-7	55-21
Richmond	39-13	48-27
NCC RECORD:	5-1	6-0

In the Past

October 13, 1972

FOOTBALL

Kokomo took advantage of two Anderson fumbles in the first half to build a seven-point halftime lead, and the Kats maintained that momentum in scoring a 28-14 win over the Indians at Denny Field.

The Wildkats were led by the running of Mark Stewart and the passing of Jim Smith.

Stewart, a 195-pound fullback, had been sidelined for over a week because of injury, but made his presence known in this one. He carried the pigskin 21 times for 90 yards. Stewart scored Kokomo's first touchdown on a seven-yard run, capping a 75-yard, 10-play drive.

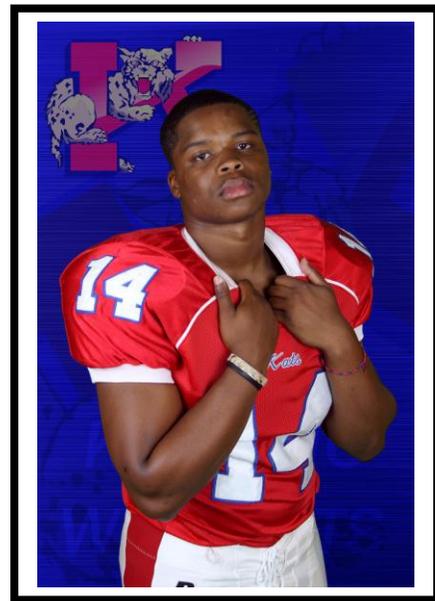
Smith put the ball in the air 10 times, completed seven of them, and accounted for 103 yards. Included were a six-yard touchdown pass to Dino Volikas in the second quarter and a 14-yard scoring strike to Hansell Reese in the third quarter.

Smith also handled the kicking chores for Kokomo. He booted a 51-yard punt, the only punt for either team in the entire game, and added two extra points for the Wildkats.

The win moved Kokomo to 2-2 in the North Central Conference and 3-4 overall.

CAN YOU SEE IT IN THEIR EYES?

Can you identify the following KHS athlete?



Pictured in yesterday's Kat Chatter was Wildkat senior Gordon Jenkins. The first correct response came from Diane Noll. She will receive \$25 worth of apparel at the Wildkat Store located in the KHS Athletic Office.

CONGRATULATIONS, DIANE.

Thanks to all for playing!!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Samantha Johnson

Junior volleyball player

My favorite subject area: **Math**

My biggest NCC rival: **Logansport**

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**

My favorite kind of Pop Tart: **Brown Sugar Cinnamon**

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

Favorite Elementary Teacher: **Mrs. Riley**

Favorite Cartoon as a kid: **Rugrats**

Best Sport Memory: **starting varsity volleyball as a freshman**



You Make the Call

Which NFL teams have yet to win a game?

- A. Miami Dolphins
- B. Indianapolis Colts
- C. Cleveland Browns
- D. St. Louis Rams
- E. Minnesota Vikings
- F. Denver Broncos
- G. Buffalo Bills
- H. Chicago Bears

Answer appears at the bottom of the page.

KHS Sports Term of the Day

PASS INTERFERENCE – in football, illegal interference with the opponent's attempt to catch a forward pass.

WILDKAT TRIVIA

This former KHS volleyball player was All-NCC in 2002, and her father used to teach in the Kokomo school system. Name her.

Answer will appear in the next Kat Chatter.

Answer to the last Wildkat Trivia

Name the last KHS volleyball coach to be named NCC Coach of the Year.

Sue Huggler

You Make the Call Answer: A,B,D

This Week in Wildkat Country

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7:30PM Girls Varsity	Volleyball	Marion	Home

Friday, October 14

7:00PM Boys Varsity	Football	Anderson	Away
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Saturday, October 15

<i>TBA Girls Freshman</i>	<i>Volleyball Cancelled– NCC Tourney</i>		<i>Home</i>
10:00AM Boys Frosh	Football	Anderson	Highland
11:30AM Boys JV	Football	Anderson	Highland

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KATS!!

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

Samantha Johnson

Samantha, a junior, had 36 assists in the VolleyKats win over Anderson. She leads the team with 485 assists this season, the eighth best mark for a season in KHS history.



KHS Web Favorites

Kokomo High School Athletics

www.kokomohighschoolsports.com

North Central Conference Sports

www.nccsports.org

Kokomo Tribune

<http://www.kokomotribune.com/>

Sports Journal of Central Indiana

www.indianasportsjournal.com

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>