



# Kat Chatter



Monday, November 21, 2011

## Thought for the day

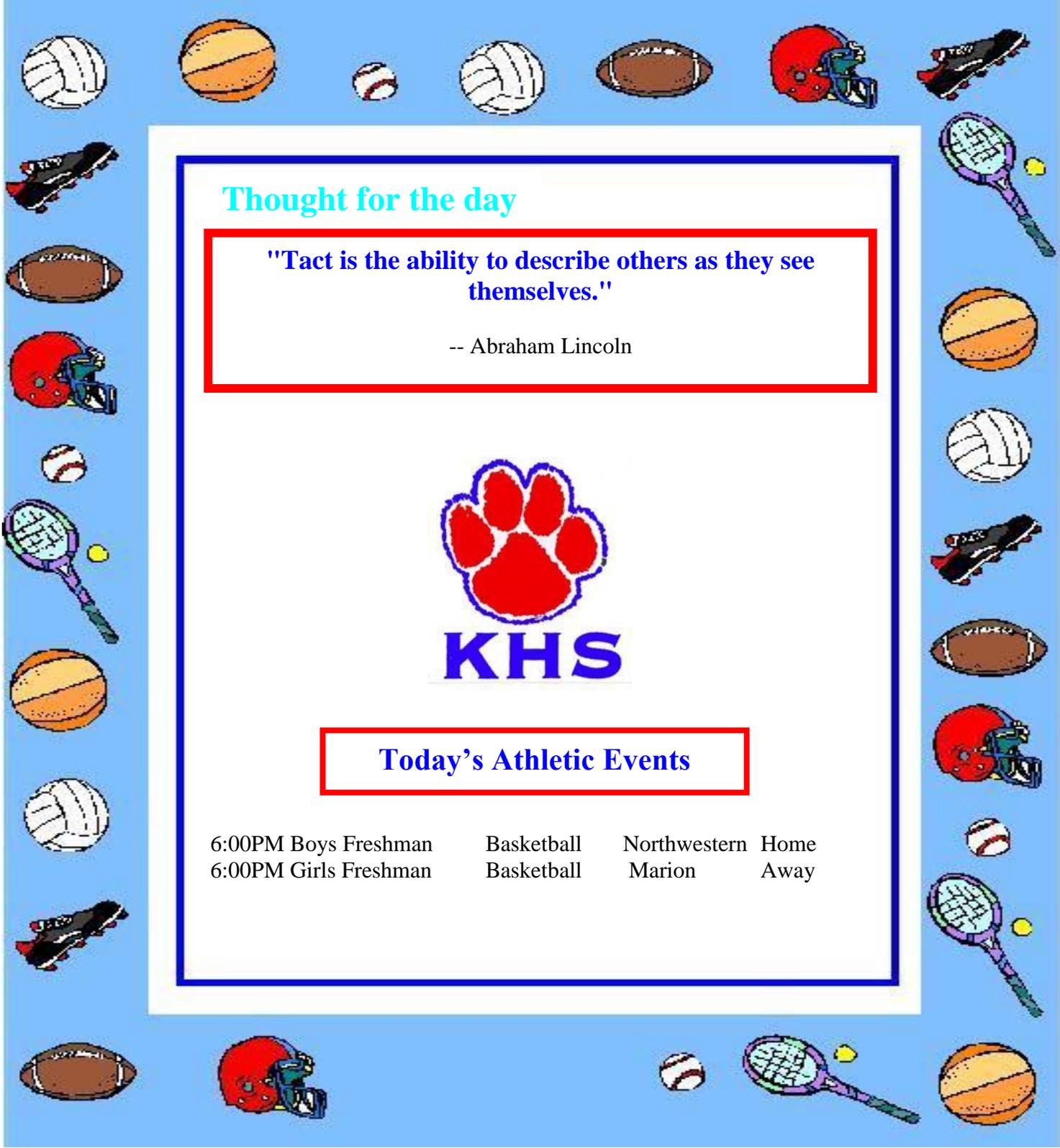
**"Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves."**

-- Abraham Lincoln



## Today's Athletic Events

6:00PM Boys Freshman	Basketball	Northwestern	Home
6:00PM Girls Freshman	Basketball	Marion	Away



# THE WILDKAT SCOREBOARD

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Girls Basketball

Logansport 59, Kokomo 42

Wrestling

Kats go 3-2 in Warsaw Tournament

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WILDKATS

The Lady Kats began conference play Saturday night at Logansport against the talented Berries. The game was another great battle with Logansport, but the start of both halves were too much for the Lady Kats to overcome as they fell 59-42.

The Berries jumped out to a quick lead with a couple of early three-point shots over the Kokomo zone, but the Lady Kat D tightened up and cut the lead to five points with 2:00 minutes left in the half before Logan took advantage of a couple of turnovers to make a 4-0 run going into the half.

Starting the third quarter sophomore point guard Whitney Jennings who has been offered scholarships already to a couple of Big Ten schools came out on fire hitting two three-point shots from well behind the line extending the nine-point halftime lead to 14. Kokomo continued to battle, but in the end could not overcome the unusual great shooting from Logansport behind the three-point line where they shot 42% on the night.

Kokomo had several bright spots as the Kats continue to improve. Kendra Ryker had her first career start, stepping in for an injured Bri Poe, and scored 14 points had three rebounds, two assists, and two steals. Arienne Beard ran the offense well from the point guard position, and Jordan Johnson had another solid game with nine points and five rebounds.

Anastacia Kirby is starting to warm up as she had six points to go along with a game high nine rebounds, and Lisa Hopkins played her best game as a Lady Kat with four points, seven rebounds, and two blocked shots while playing with foul trouble in the second half.

It was a tough loss, but the Lady Kats showed definite improvement again Saturday night and look forward to getting back into action Tuesday night at Harrison before we get back home next Saturday to face Muncie Central. – **Coach Snyder**

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# W R E S T L I N G

The wrestling Wildkats showed a lot of promise at the Warsaw Super 6 on Saturday. The Kats beat Triton, Eastside and Warsaw all by 40 points or more, lost a close one to state powerhouse Dekalb, and were beat by #2 ranked Crown Point.

Jesse Goodnight (160), Keair Ross (170), Fletcher Miller (182), and Bo Butler (195) all went 5-0 on the day to become champions. These guys all had tremendous days. Jesse beat the #4 and #13 ranked kids in the state. Keair dominated his weight class all day long. Fletcher was undefeated with 4 wins by way of pin, while Bo beat the # 5 ranked wrestler in the state from Crown Point. Tony Benedict (126) and Chad Gaddis (138) both went 4-1 on the day.

We were very proud of the way the guys performed on Saturday. We proved that we can wrestle and compete with the best in the state. Once we get our lineup in place and everyone in order, we believe that we can beat that level of competition. The guys are working hard and will continue to get better every week.

Our next meet is at home against returning sectional champs Eastern on November 30th. Our guys are hungry for a big win against these guys and would love for everyone to come out and support them.

We will see you on the mat! – **Coach Wells**



# **KOKOMO-WESTERN** **SOCK CHALLENGE**

Again this year, Kokomo High School and Western High School are having a **SOCK CHALLENGE**. The school that accumulates the most new pairs of socks will be the winner. All socks will be donated to the Kokomo Rescue Mission.

You can drop off your new socks at the KHS Athletic Office or bring them to the Kokomo-Western boys' basketball game on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Whichever school has donated the fewest socks, that school's administration will wear the winning school's apparel at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Kokomo-Western girls' basketball game.

Sponsors for this year's event include:

**Kings Heating and Plumbing**  
**Jarrell Orthodontics**  
**Stout & Son Funeral Homes**  
**Rebecca R. Vent, Attorney At Law**  
**Kokomo Cycling & Fitness**

# CAMPUS CLIPS

**Cliff Burns** is a junior at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky, and is a member of the Hilltoppers' Football team.

Burns, a 2009 KHS grad, spent two seasons at New Mexico Military Institute, where he led his team in pancakes and knockdown blocks.

Now at WKU, the 6'8", 335-pound junior is an offensive lineman for the 5-5 Hilltoppers.



# DID YOU KNOW?

The Kokomo Lady Kats travel to Tippecanoe County tomorrow to take on the Lady Raiders of Harrison High School.

Tomorrow's game will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> in the series.

Kokomo has won 20 games in the series to Harrison's one.

The lone Lady Raider win came in the 1999-2000 season opener when Harrison won by three, 57-54. That was on November 9, 1999.

The Lady Kats have reeled off 13 straight wins in the series. Only once (36-32 in the 2005 sectional) has the Lady Raiders been within 10 of the Kats during this stretch.

Harrison is 1-3 this season. The Lady Raiders have defeated Central Catholic and have lost twice to West Lafayette and once to Benton Central. All four games have been played on the Raiders' home court.

Harrison used a zone defense primarily in the J&C Classic, where they finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the eight-team tournament.

The Lady Raiders were 2-19 a year ago.

Over the last four years, Harrison has a record of seven wins and 80 losses.

The last time Harrison had a winning season was in the 2003-04 year when the Lady Raiders had a 13-9 mark.

Jake Rettig is in his second season as the head coach of the girls' basketball team at Harrison. He is 3-22 overall.

Jason Snyder is in his 6<sup>th</sup> season as the coach of the Lady Kats and will bring a 67-41 record into the Harrison game. Snyder is 6-0 in games against Harrison and is 2-0 in games against the Lady Raiders at Harrison. Those two wins have come by an average margin of 23 points.

The Sagarin Ratings have Kokomo as the 126<sup>th</sup> best team in the state and Harrison as the 245<sup>th</sup> best.

# KOKOMO-HARRISON GIRLS BASKETBALL SERIES

YEAR	SCORE	WINNER		LADY KATS	LADY RAIDERS
1994-95	71 - 54	Kokomo			
1995-96	61 - 55	Kokomo			
1996-97	60 - 44	Kokomo			
1997-98	50 - 35	Kokomo			
	52 - 41	Kokomo	*		
1998-99	90 - 39	Kokomo			
	39 - 32	Kokomo	*		
1999-2000	57 - 54	Harrison			
2000-01	75 - 35	Kokomo			
2001-02	63 - 47	Kokomo			
2002-03	66 - 50	Kokomo			
2003-04	63 - 47	Kokomo			
2004-05	55 - 41	Kokomo			
	36 - 32	Kokomo	*		
2005-06	63 - 25	Kokomo			
	71 - 35	Kokomo			
2006-07	52 - 23	Kokomo			
2007-08	69 - 47	Kokomo			
2008-09	48 - 26	Kokomo			
2009-10	59 - 25	Kokomo			
2010-11	52 - 39	Kokomo			

	LADY KATS	LADY RAIDERS
<b>WINS</b>	20	1
<b>HIGH SCORE</b>	90 (1998-99)	57 (1999-2000)
<b>LOW SCORE</b>	36 (2004-05)	23 (2006-07)
<b>LARGEST VICTORY</b>	51 (1998-99)	3 (1999-2000)
<b>LONGEST WIN STRK</b>	13 (current)	1 (1999-2000)

\* IHSAA Tournament Games

# In the Past

## **November 23, 2010**

Kokomo built on a seven-point halftime lead and led by as many as 19 in the second half before claiming a 52-39 win over Harrison. The Lady Raiders stayed close early by hitting six three pointers in the first half, but Kokomo's defense limited Harrison to just two more after intermission. The Lady Kats also had 27 points off 26 Harrison turnovers.

Kokomo had a very balanced scoring column as Kelly Hopkins had 13, Jordan Johnson 12, Anastacia Kirby 10, Carolina Harbaugh nine, and Arienne Beard had eight. Hopkins completed a double-double with 10 rebounds, while Harbaugh had seven steals.

Harrison Cecy Linzey had 11 points to lead the Lady Raiders.

## **November 24, 2009**

Kokomo jumped out to a 22-7 first quarter lead, and then out scored Harrison in every quarter as the Lady Kats posted a 59-25 win. The Lady Raiders actually shot better than Kokomo (39% to 38%), but the Wildkats put up 64 field goal attempts in the game to Harrison's 26.

Coach Jason Snyder's club had 36 rebounds to 25 for their opponents, and the Lady Kats turned 22 offensive rebounds into 17 second-chance points.

Sklyarr Shurn was the only Lady Kat to reach double figures in scoring, tallying 18 points on 7-of-12 firing from the field. Kelly Hopkins added nine points, while Abby Hemmeger, Kali Ackison, and Clarissa Woodard all netted seven. Jordan Broomfield pulled down six boards to lead Kokomo in rebounds.

Taylor Ringen had eight of the Lady Raiders' 25 points.

# SUPER TRIVIA

Think you know your Wildkat stuff, then try this one!!

**Which school, other than Western, was the last to open the KHS boys' basketball season?**

The first person that correctly responds to today's Super Trivia question will receive \$25 toward merchandise at the Wildkat Store in the KHS Athletic Office. Send your guess to [khs chatter@gmail.com](mailto:khs chatter@gmail.com). Include your answer in the subject line and your name and address in the body of the e-mail. One guess per person please. The winner will be notified by e-mail and announced in an upcoming edition of Kat Chatter.

# SUPER TRIVIA

# You Make the Call

How many years in a row has Kokomo defeated Western in boys' basketball?

- A. 1
- B. 4
- C. 7
- D. 10
- E. 13
- F. 16
- G. 17
- H. 23

Answer appears at the bottom of the page.

## KHS Sports Term of the Day

**HACK** – in basketball, to strike the arm of an opponent with the hand.

## WILDKAT TRIVIA

Including this year, how many seasons has Brian McCauley coached the Wildkat boys' basketball team?

Answer will appear in the next Kat Chatter.

Answer to the last Wildkat Trivia

How many games did the Lady Kats win in 1992-93?

27

You Make the Call Answer: B

# This Week in Wildkat Country

## Monday, November 21

6:00PM Boys Freshman	Basketball	Northwestern	Home
6:00PM Girls Freshman	Basketball	Marion	Away

## Tuesday, November 22

5:30PM Boys JV	Wrestling	Westfield Invitational	Away
6:00PM Boys Freshman	Basketball	Marion	Away
6:00PM Girls JV	Basketball	Harrison	Away
6:00PM Girls Varsity	Swimming	Harrison	Away
7:30PM Girls Varsity	Basketball	Harrison	Away

## Wednesday, November 23

6:00PM Boys JV	Basketball	Western	Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity	Basketball	Western	Home

## Thursday, November 24

**THANKSGIVING** - No events scheduled

## Friday, November 25

No events scheduled

## Saturday, November 26

12:00PM Girls JV	Basketball	Muncie Central	Home
1:30PM Girls Varsity	Basketball	Muncie Central	Home
6:00PM Boys JV	Basketball	Westfield	Home
7:30PM Boys Varsity	Basketball	Westfield	Home

# GO

# KATS!!

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

## Fletcher Miller

Fletcher, a sophomore, won all five of his matches at 182 pounds as the Wildkat grapplers opened their season at the Warsaw Invitational. Four of Miller's five wins came via pins.



## KHS Web Favorites

### **Kokomo High School Athletics**

[www.kokomohighschoolsports.com](http://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](http://www.indianasportsjournal.com)

### **Kokomo Perspective**

[WWW.KOKOMOPERSPECTIVE.COM](http://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>