

Eighth grade Lady Jays place second at League Tourney

By CHUCK ZIMMERMAN

The Norton eighth grade girls basketball team climbed their way to the top of the Mid-Continent League Basketball Tournament by defeating Smith Center 34-15 and Ellis 35-29, but then fell a little short in the championship game against Osborne, losing 38-35.

The Lady Jays played their way into the championship game by defeating two tough foes on Jan. 10.

Our first game was against Smith Center and as it will all day our defense was very good causing the Warriors to turn the ball over 38 times and holding them to only 21 percent shooting for the game. We spent considerable time fine tuning our presses during the Christmas break and it looks like it will pay benefits in the end.

Our deflects leaders were Thea Wiseman and Chantille Campbell with 4 each while Kylie Morel, Megan Kats and Jessica Strickland each tipped 3.

Steals were taken by Kats with 7 followed by Campbell with 5 and Strickland with 3.

Rebounding was, as always, a big key. We only allowed Smith Center 5 offensive boards which is big and out-rebounded them by five overall. Campbell with 7 and Haley Jones with 4 led the squad in this game.

Assists were handed out by Kats as she found 4 teammates open for scores.

Adding to the Jays tally were Campbell and Wiseman with 9 points apiece, Strickland with 4, Morel and Jones with 3 apiece, and Courtney LeClair, Courtney Cox, and Lacy Ellis with 2 each.

The final tally was 34-15. The semi-final round was against Ellis, the second ranked team in the tournament who wanted revenge for an earlier de-

feat at our hands — on their court. Things didn't seem to be in our favor. Then, Ellis jumped out to a 7-3 lead in the first quarter and things really weren't looking good for us.

But, sometimes you just have to have patience, believe in what has gotten you there and continue playing with intensity. This we did and the team defense started causing turnovers. We then started to run our offense more efficiently and started to pull the Steamers back to within striking distance and we took the lead into half-time and never relinquished it for the rest of the game. The final score was 35-29.

Defensively you can not say enough. We made slight adjustments all day and the girls responded and the opponents didn't, result — turnovers on their part.

Deflects were tipped by Campbell with 6 and Jones, Kats and Strickland with 3 each.

Steals were taken by Wiseman with 6, followed closely by Kats with 5.

Rebounds — the Blue Jays did not surrender any offensive rebounds to the Ellis team in the second half. This is crucial in any team's attempt to win games. Campbell grabbed 6, while Wiseman took 5 down off the boards.

Assists were high in this important game as we broke their last quarter press and rewarded ourselves with some easy baskets. Wiseman found 4 while Kats located 3 teammates open for scores.

Campbell led the pack in scoring with 19 points, followed by Kats with 5, LeClair with 4, Strickland with 3 and Jones with 2.

We started out on top of our game against the Bulldogs of Osborne on Jan. 15 and built a

good lead. But, we stopped doing what got us the lead and allowed the Osborne team to creep back into the game in the second half. The key reasons were not stopping the baseline drive and allowing 10 points off of "put backs", offensive rebounds turned into baskets.

Little things play an important role in any championship run and in the end we just did not do the little things well and it cost us the championship.

You can not fault the effort of the girls though because they played very hard.

We built our lead with our defensive pressure as Strickland got 4 deflects and Campbell got 3.

Steals resulted from the deflects and Campbell took 6 while Wiseman swiped 4 and Kats 3. Our defense created 30 Osborne turnovers we just did not convert them into points.

Rebounds were a key, but we were out-rebounded by 2 and again 5 were "put backs" for 10 points. Campbell grabbed 8 followed by Strickland with 7 and Wiseman with 5.

Jones and Kats each found 3 teammates open for scores to lead in assists.

Campbell led scoring with 19 points, followed by Jones and Wiseman with 7 each, and LeClair and Strickland with 4 apiece.

The final score in overtime was 35-38.

We thank the parents and fans who traveled to watch us. We greatly appreciate your support and hope you continue to support this group of young ladies. They have a bright future ahead of them if they work to improve.

We also congratulate and thank our "big brothers" for their fine season and great run in the championship game plus their cheering when they were able to.



Logan's Tyson Triplett, No. 00, (top) came down with a rebound when the Trojans played the Huskies in the Cheyenne Conference Basketball Tournament. The Trojans' Kyle McClurg, No. 13, (bottom) tries to see his way clear of arms to make a basket as Seth Diggs, No. 33, and Triplett look on. — Telegram photos by Susie Marble

Coyotes take two losses at tourney

The Jennings High School boys basketball team was defeated 51-39 by Sharon Springs on Friday and 52-47 Tribune on Saturday to take fourth place in the Western Kansas Liberty League Basketball Tournament.

Sharon Springs

Grant Bailey led scoring for Jennings with 7 two-pointers and 3 foul shots for 17 points. He was followed by Adam Miller with 13 points, Nick Wahlmeier, 5; and Brett McKenna and Adam Wahlmeier, 2 each.

Rebounding honors went to N. Wahlmeier with 8, Miller with 6, and Bailey and A. Wahlmeier with 3 apiece.

Steal leaders were Bailey and Miller with 5 each, B. McKenna with 3 and N. Wahlmeier with 2.

Bailey led assists with 7, followed by Marcus McKenna with 2 and B. McKenna with 1.

Tribune

A. Wahlmeier led scoring for the Coyotes with 1 two-pointer, 4 three-pointers and 3 free throws for 17 points. He was followed by Bailey, 14 points; Miller, 11; Andy Coiner, 3; and N. Wahlmeier, 2.

Rebounding honors went to A. Wahlmeier and Miller with 6 apiece. Also grabbing rebounds were N. Wahlmeier, 4; B. McKenna, 3; M. McKenna, 2; and Bailey, 1.

Steal leaders were Bailey with 4, B. McKenna with 2, and A. Wahlmeier with 1.

Bailey led assists with 4, followed by B. McKenna with 2, and M. McKenna, N. Wahlmeier, Miller and A. Wahlmeier with 1 apiece.

S. Springs 51, Jennings 39

Score by quarters:
S. Springs 12 18 7 14 — 51
Jennings 8 12 10 9 — 39

Jennings (39)
Bailey 7 0 8-3 17, Miller 5 0 5-3

13, N. Wahlmeier 2 0 2-1 5, B. McKenna 0 0 4-22, A. Wahlmeier 1 0 2-0 2. Totals 15 0 21-9 39.

Sharon Springs (51)

Elder 9 0 6-4 22, O'Conner 4 3 4-2 19, Fischer 2 0 0-0 4, B. Fischer 0 1 0-0 3, Rains 1 0 0-0 2, Heyl 0 0 4-1 1, Elder 0 0 1-0 0. Totals 16 4 15-7 51.

Tribune 52, Jennings 47

Score by quarters:
Tribune 2 17 15 18 — 52
Jennings 7 11 19 10 — 47

Jennings (47)
A. Wahlmeier 1 4 3-3 17, Bailey 5 1 2-1 14, Miller 3 0 7-5 11, Coiner 0 1 0-0 3, N. Wahlmeier 1 0 1-0 2, M. McKenna 0 0 1-0 0. Totals 10 6 14-9 47.

Tribune (51)

Sloan 5 0 6-6 16, Crittenden 6 0 2-2 14, Robertson 4 0 1-0 8, Schmidt 1 1 0-0 5, Danber 2 0 0-0 4, Schneider 1 0 1-0 2, Cardonell 1 0 0-0 2, Veleta 0 0 2-1 1, Baber 0 0 1-0 0. Totals 20 1 13-9 52.

Player receives All-American honors

By DICK BOYD

Neal Philpot, a junior quarterback from Norton, has earned honorable mention All-America honors in NCAA Division II from Don Hansen's *Football Gazette*.

Philpot passed for 1,663 yards

and 15 touchdowns and rushed for 1,144 yards and 15 touchdowns during the past season, earning MIAA Offensive Player of the Year honors.

Philpot is one of just five quarterbacks in NCAA-II history to

rush and pass for 1,000 yards in the same season. In addition, he is one of just three quarterbacks in Division II history with 2,000 career rushing and 4,000 career passing yards. He already holds the Pittsburg State career total offense record (6,945 yards).

The national publication also honored three other Pittsburg State players. Senior offensive guard Tyrone Armstrong and senior defensive tackle Aaron McConnell were named first team All-America. Armstrong was named Offensive Lineman of the Year and McConnell was honored as Defensive Lineman of the Year. Senior defensive tackle Mark Stephen also earned honorable mention All-America honors.

Freshmen boys take third in Smith Center Tournament

By DICK BOYD

Coach Todd Fulton's Norton Community High School freshmen boys basketball team placed third in the Smith Center Tournament last Saturday.

The young Blue Jays lost their opener by a score of 51-20 to Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, then defeated Smith Center 34-15 to win the consolation championship.

Norton trailed by quarters 14-7, 24-8 and 41-15 in the loss to TMP. Brian Juenemann, Jared Engelbert and Nic Lewis each scored 6 points for Norton. Aaron Daniels added 2 points. Nolan Hoffman and Derek Wiley each scored 10 points for TMP and Kyle

Hammerschmidt added 9.

"We had a great effort against a talented, strong TMP team," said Coach Fulton.

In the victory over Smith Center, Norton held quarter leads of 10-3, 19-10 and 25-10.

Engelbert led Norton in scoring with 15 points, which included three baskets from beyond the arc. Mat Shepard scored 10 points, followed by Lewis, 4; Juenemann, 3; Daniels, 2.

Petuc led Smith Center with 5 points.

"We played a tremendous defensive game and did many things well," said Coach Fulton.

"Overall, we had two solid performances today."

Lady Trojans beat Palco for 10-2 record

The Logan Lady Trojans added another win to their season record, making it 10-2, when they defeated Palco 49-13 on Jan. 20.

"We had a great total team effort in our victory over Palco," said Coach Linda Nighswonger. "Our defense once again did a wonderful job of not allowing Palco any open shots early. Later when they had some open shots they were frustrated and unable to hit them."

"After playing three games in each of the last two weeks, it is nice to have just one this week."

Scoring for Logan's ladies were Val Jackson, 12 points; Michaela Berg, 9; Jenny Noel and Candace Thompson, 6 each; Vanessa

VanDiest, Chassidy Breese, and Melanie Berg, 4 each; and Lanee Webb and Kati Chestnut, 2 apiece. The Trojans made 43 percent of their field goals.

Rebounding honors went to Jackson with 8, and Chestnut and Thompson with 5 apiece. As a team, the Lady Trojans made 34 rebounds.

Out of the teams 11 steals, Brumbaugh made 3, and Chestnut and Melanie Berg both made 2.

Noel and Chestnut each found 4 teammates open for baskets. The team totaled 19 assists.

Webb made the only block. Logan's ladies had 12 turnovers.

The Trojans will next play in Mankato on Jan. 27, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Logan 49, Palco 13

Score by quarters:
Logan 18 14 17 0 — 49
Palco 0 6 2 5 — 13

Logan (49)
Jackson 5 0 2-2 12, Michaela Berg 4 0 1-1 9, Noel 3 0 0-0 6, Thompson 3 0 0-0 6, VanDiest 2 0 0-0 4, Breese 1 0 2-2 4, Melanie Berg 2 0 0-0 4, Webb 1 0 0-0 2, Chestnut 1 0 0-0 2.

Palco (13)
Wilkie 2 0 2-0 4, Sander 0 0 4-3 3, Dopita 1 0 0-0 2, Lovelady 1 0 3-0 2, Simoneau 0 0 2-1 1, Balthazer 0 0 2-1 1.

Jennings boys beaten by Herndon

The Jennings High School boys basketball team was defeated 68-58 by Herndon on Jan. 20.

It was a back-and-forth game as Jennings took the lead in the first, only to be overtaken by Herndon in the second quarter, then regain it again in the third, and lose it in the fourth: 14-12, 31-29, 51-49, 68-58.

Adam Wahlmeier led scoring for the Coyotes with 5 two-pointers, 4 three-pointers and 2 foul shots for 24 points. He was followed by Bailey with 18 points; Adam Miller with 8, Kyle Kinser with 5, Nick Wahlmeier with 2, and Brett McKenna with 1.

Rebounding honors went to Bailey with 7 and B. McKenna and Miller with 6 apiece. Other players grabbing the ball from the boards were N. Wahlmeier and Kinser with 3 each and Marcus McKenna with 2.

Miller made 2 charges. Bailey led assists, finding 8 teammates open for a basket, while A. Wahlmeier found 3 and B. McKenna found 2 open.

Jennings now has a 9-4 season record.

The Coyotes will host Wheatland tonight in Jennings.

Herndon 68, Jennings 58

Score by quarters:

Herndon 12 19 18 19 — 68
Jennings 14 15 22 7 — 58

Jennings (58)
Adam Wahlmeier 5 4 2-2 24, Grant Bailey 6 1 4-3 18, Adam Miller 2 0 7-4 8, Kyle Kinser 1 1 0-0 5, Nick Wahlmeier 1 0 0-0 2, Brett McKenna 0 0 2-1 1, Marcus McKenna 0 0 1-0 0. Totals 15 6 16-10 58.

Herndon (68)
Jeff Riener 5 0 6-5 15, Abraham Marintzer 5 1 2-1 14, Lance Basgall 3 0 8-6 12, Curtis Brown 5 0 2-1 11, Brett Chambers 2 1 4-1 8, Daron Chambers 3 0 0-0 6, Dan Riener 0 0 4-1 1, Rodney Rippe 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 23 2 28-16 68.

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