

Eighth grade girls beat Hornets 40-29

The eighth-grade Junior Lady Jays had the fans in mind when they conquered WaKeeney 40-29 on Nov. 25.

"We took the floor against the Hornets with one thing in mind — showing the fans that we were a better team than the one they saw in our last home contest," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman. "We proceeded to do just that as we jumped out to an 11-3 lead in the first quarter, and although we did relax for a moment in the second quarter, we came out in the second half and capitalized on their weaknesses to finish the game with a good win.

"We out shot, out rebounded and out hustled the Hornets in this contest and felt good about ourselves in the process."

Chantille Campbell was tops in scoring with 19 points. She was followed by Jessica Strickland and Thea Wiseman, 5, apiece; Haley Jones, 4; Courtney LeClair, Courtney Cox, and Kylie Morel, 2 apiece; and Megan Kats, 1.

"Our defense led the way as we harassed the WaKeeney group into 30 turnovers."

Campbell got 10 deflects for her team, followed by Jones with five. These led to steals in which Strickland grabbed six while Campbell and Morel each took three.

Rebounds were gathered in by Wiseman with five, followed by Strickland with four.

Assists were passed out by Wiseman, who found six teammates open mostly on the break and out of bounds plays.

"This was a good recovery from our previous two losses," said the coach. "No we will fine tune for the remaining part of our schedule before the Christmas break."

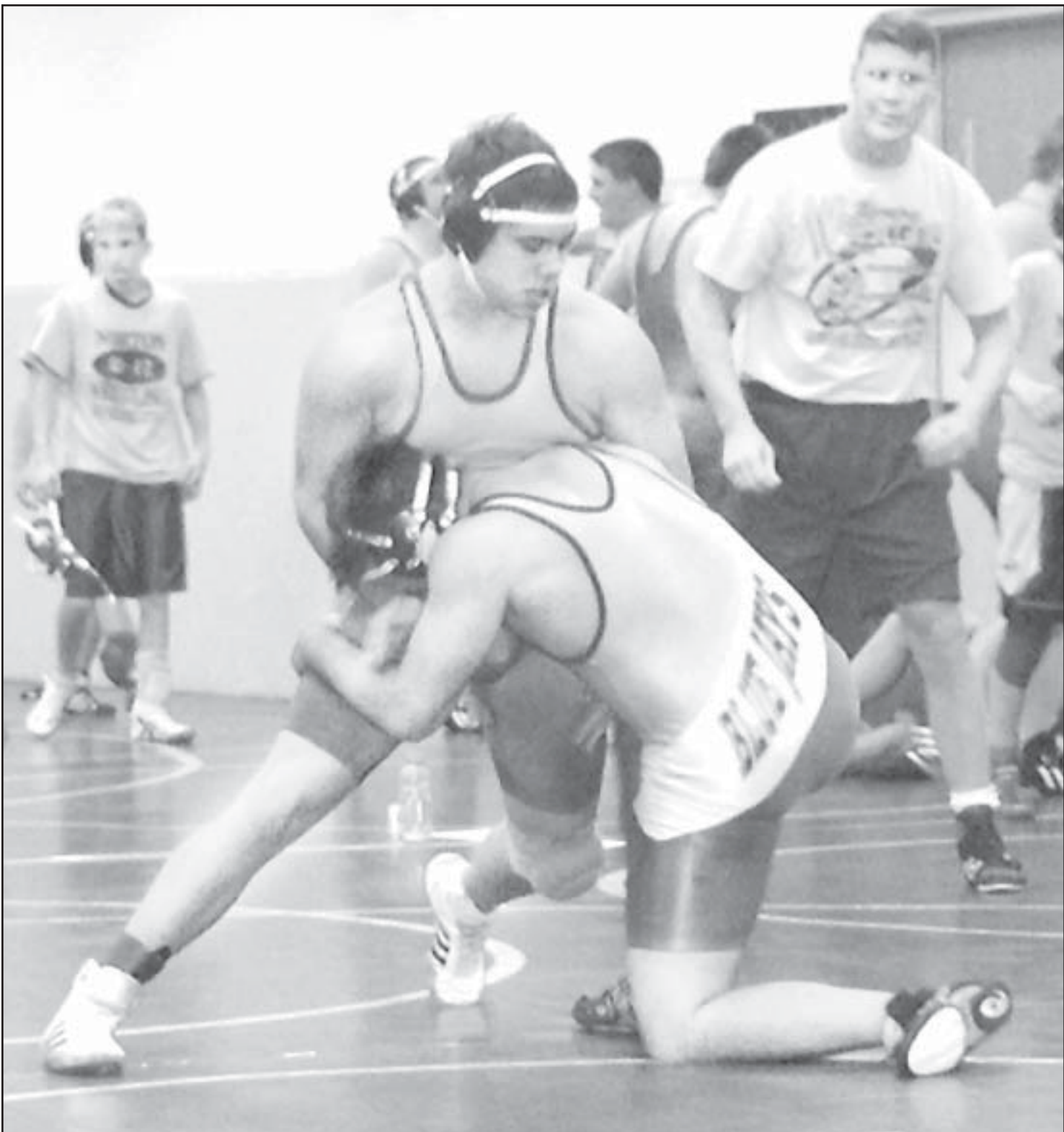
The junior varsity only got to play two quarters, but made the most out of it as they also jumped out early with a good defense. They took good care of the ball on offense as well by reversing the ball to make their defensive move, and then took advantage of what was open as they moved to an 8-3 first quarter margin, which turned out to be the final score in the second quarter.

Morel led scoring with 4 points, followed by Amanda Delimont and Lacy Ellis with 2 apiece.

Deflect leaders were Bryttani Porter and Morel with three each. These led to steals in which LeClair picked three out of the air, while Porter and Delimont each took two.

Rebound leader was Porter with two.

Porter was also finding her open teammates as the team scored 4 buckets off of her passes.



Norton's Tom Graham and Mark Smith-Maybon get ready for Saturday's season opening Hoxie Invitational Wrestling Tournament. The pair will begin their season in the 189 pound weight class. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton wrestler joins college team

Tim Sprigg, a freshman from Norton, is a member of the wrestling team at Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa.

Sprigg, a former state medalist for Norton Community High School, will wrestle at 165 pounds.

Head Coach Paul Bartlett is optimistic about this season.

"The key for us this year is for our young team to quickly compete like experienced college wrestlers," he said. "I enjoy the teaching of wrestling that goes on here. The young men, I work with, are a quality group of people who, not only get to experience college wrestling, but also are able to grow academically and spiritually."

Trojan basketball team sets big goals for upcoming season

The Logan Trojans boys basketball team is opening its 2003-'04 season with a new coach — Joel Lovesee.

Coach Lovesee teaches 7-9 math and weights at the Logan High School. He was an assistant track coach last year at Mission Valley High School and assisted with this year's Trojan football team.

The coach said this year's team has a bunch of players who are ready to show what they can do at the varsity level. He said they are hungry and ready to play.

The team's major weakness is that they lost four starters and seven seniors last year.

Coach Lovesee said dedication to practice, team and self will help the players to reach their goals.

"We have no small goals," he said. "We are looking big and if we get our way, we'll see you at state. We can't afford any injuries this season."

Members of the squad are: seniors — Shawn Kachel, 6', guard/forward; Kyle McClurg, 5'10", guard; Seth Diggs, 5'9", guard; Taylor Archer, 6'2", forward/center; and Tyson Triplett, 6'2", forward/center, all-league, 9.7 points per game last season, letterman; juniors — Wesley Adams, 5'11", forward/center; Kyle Burge, 6'1", guard/forward, letterman; and Zack Sammons, 6'0", guard/forward; sophomores — Bryant Reese, 6', forward; Troy Babcock, 5'10", guard; Wesley Riley, 5'10", guard/forward; and Lee VanLoenen, 6', forward/center; freshmen — Kevin Pinkerton, 5'10"/guard; Kevin Burge, 5'10", guard; Kyle Brobst, 5'9", guard; Tyler Boys, 5'9", guard; Tanner Pabst, 5'11", guard/forward; Jeff Brown, 5'11", guard/forward; Lonnie Woods, 6', forward/center; Jake Tien, 5'11", forward/center; and Tim McElroy, 5'10", forward/center.

Bryce Woodall is the assistant coach and Zach Long is the team's

manager.

Coach Lovesee expects the final Cheyenne Conference League standings to be Logan, Northern Valley, Palco, Kensington, Herndon and Eastern Heights.

"I, personally, am looking forward to playing the bigger schools like Stockton, Phillipsburg,

Plainville, and Hill City. These games will be the true test of how far we will go this year.

"I think we are going to surprise a lot of people this year."

The Logan Trojans will open their season tonight against Eastern Heights, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Logan.

Dec. 5 — Eastern Heights, Logan, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 9 — Plainville, Phillipsburg, TBA
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Jan. 6 — Natoma, Logan, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 9 — Golden Plains, Logan, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 12-16 — Cheyenne Conference League Tourney, Phillipsburg, TBA
Jan. 23 — Herndon, Logan, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 27 — Mankato, Mankato, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 30 — Northern Valley, Alma, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 3 — Stockton, Logan, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 6 — Palco, Logan, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 10 — Tipton, Logan, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 13 — Kensington, Logan, 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 17 — Hill City, Hill City, 5 p.m.
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Logan's ladies ready for action

Last year's Cheyenne Conference winners are returning to the basketball court with fifth-year coach Linda Nighswonger to head them up for the 2003-'04 season.

Coach Nighswonger said the Logan High School girls team's major strength is several returning varsity players.

Leading the Logan Lady Trojans this year are Valerie Jackson, Lanee Webb, Kati Chestnut, Megan Brumbaugh, Melanie Berg and Michaela Berg.

Jackson, a 6' senior forward, averaged 15.3 points, 6.7 rebounds, 3.3 assists, 3.9 blocks and 1.7 steals per game last season. Webb, a 5'11" junior forward, averaged 3.5 points and 2.8 rebounds. Chestnut, a 5'9"

junior guard and forward, averaged 2.9 points and 2.3 rebounds.

Brumbaugh, a 5'5" sophomore guard, averaged 3.5 points, 1.9 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.4 steals. Melanie Berg, a 5'6" sophomore guard, averaged 2.7 points and 1.3 rebounds. Michaela Berg, a 5'9" sophomore forward, averaged 6.4 points and 2.9 rebounds.

Other members of the squad are: senior — Amber Richard, 5'7", guard/forward; junior — Vanessa VanDiest, 5'10", guard/forward; sophomores — Chassidy Breese, 5'9", forward; Lisa Kiser, 5'5", guard; Jenny Noel, 5'6", guard; and Candance Thompson, 5'9", guard/forward; and freshmen — Bethany Clements, 5'2", guard; Anne Hartman, 5'8", guard/for-

ward; and Emma Rupke, 5'7", guard/forward.

Sonya Lovesee is the assistant coach; Kelsey Noel and Savannah Sammons are the managers.

The Lady Trojan's goals this season are to win the league tournament, their league games, improve their team unity and communication, and to make it to the state tournament.

"To accomplish our goals we are going to have to shoot well both from the field and from the free throw line, communicate and play as a team," said the coach.

Logan will open their season tonight against the Eastern Heights Mustangs, who beat the Trojans twice last year. Play will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Logan.

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