

Sports

Jennings boys sink 16 free throws in win

The Jennings High boys basketball team beat Northern Valley 76-48 on Friday at home.

Jennings would have won the game if the boys had missed every free throw. As it was, the Coyotes had 24 chances at the charity line and sank 16 shots for 67 percent.

Jennings started out strong, leading the Huskies 23-11 at the end of the first quarter and 44-23 by the half. In the third quarter, the Coyotes spend more time at the free throw line than on the floor, but put in eight out of eight of the shots and six baskets, including a pair of three pointers by Ryan Millerm for a 66-32 lead.

Scoring were Wes DuBois, 18 points; R. Miller and Ben Rhodes, 14 each; Adam Wahlmeier, 12, including two three pointers; Grant Bailey, 6; Tony LaRue, 4; Chris McKenna, 3; and Brett McKenna and Adam Miller, 2 each.

The junior varsity played part of a game with Northern Valley, taking the victory 27-21.

Scoring were Nick Wahlmeier, 8; Larue, 4; A. Miller, 3; and Kyle Kinser, B. McKenna and Andy Coiner, 2 each.

The Coyotes will take part in the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament in Colby this week. Play was to start on Monday.

Lady Coyotes fall to 5-5 against Northern Valley

The Jennings High girls fell 58-45 to Northern Valley in their first game after the Christmas break.

The Coyotes now have a 5-5 record. "We allowed too many easy buckets by not rotating quickly enough on defense," Coach Cheri Brooks said. "We had a rough time getting our shots to fall."

"We need to be more patient on offense and work through our plays and get good high percentage shots verses forcing shots or settling for the first opportunity we get."

While the game started out poorly, with the Northern Valley Huskies ahead 12-6 at the end of the first quarter, the Coyotes gained in the second quarter and were only three points behind at the half, 22-19. In the third quarter, however, the Huskies took control outscoring the Coyotes 20-10 to take a 42-29 lead. The teams each scored 16 points in the last quarter.

Scoring were Sarah Meitl, 12 points;

Ann Carter, 10; Peggy Foster, 9; Nickie Rhodes, 8; Whitney DuBois, 4; and Diane Becker, 2.

In junior varsity play, the Huskies outscored the Coyotes but final totals were not available.

Scoring were Tara Lahr, 11; Christina Coiner, 8; and Rocki Bochert and Jody Brooks, 2 each.

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Rexford girls beat Weskan

The girls from Golden Plains raised their record to 5-3 on Jan. 4 by defeating the Weskan Coyotes 65-25 at Rexford.

With the Bulldogs leading by such a large margin, the whole team had a chance to play.

Scoring for the Rexford girls were April Reidel, 15 points; Michele Goscha, 13; Lindsey Carman, Ashley Stevenson and Erin Rogers, 8 each; Rebeca Wark, 6; Randi Stevenson, 5; and Jami Shaw, 2.

Oberlin will host regionals

For the second time in three years, Oberlin will host the Class 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament for western Kansas.

The event will take place in the Decatur Community High gym on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16.

Oberlin had the tournament in 2000 and High School Activities Director Randy Olson said it was one of the best attended in the state.

"We apply for all the regional and sub-state tournaments every year," he said. "We have a real good facility for hosting and our location isn't bad, either."

Mr. Olson said that the senior high gym has excellent seating capacity and the school has lots of lockerroom space. The biggest factor, however, he said is the volunteers.

"We've kind of gotten a reputation for all the help we have," he said. "The volunteer help is second to none and everybody appreciates that."

It takes about 48 volunteers per day to put on a tournament like regional wrestling, he said. The Oberlin Lions Club provides a lot of people, he said, and school staff and people interested in the event all pull together. Most of those who help out are unpaid.

"A lot of our staff members take that as part of the job and a lot are there to support the kids," Mr. Olson said.

In the last few years, this event has generated more revenue for the Kansas State Activities Association than any other except the state meets, Mr. Olson said. This helps Oberlin because the school gets a cut of the proceeds and the town gets an influx of visitors — some for a day and some overnight.

The event should be exciting again this year, Mr. Olson said, with five of the top 10 Class 1-2-3A teams in the state in this area.

Attending the tournament will be Atwood, Cimarron, Deerfield, Elkhart, Ellis, Hill City, Hoxie, Kinsley, Lakin, Leoti-Wichita County, Montezuma-South Gray, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Quinter, St. Francis, Sublette and WaKeeney-Trego County.

Admission for the event will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students per day.

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