



Northern Valley's Austin Herman puts up a shot in Sub-State play against the Logan Trojans.

# Huskies lose to Trojans in Sub-State play last Tuesday

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Last Tuesday, the Northern Valley boys basketball team took on Logan in the first game of Sub-State, narrowly losing 48-45.

The Huskies outscored the Trojans by one point in the first quarter. Dusty Eagleburger led the Husky scoring with a three point shot and a two pointer followed by Austin Herman with a two pointer and two free throws. Bryant Tharman hit a basket for two and Tyler Montgomery made one of four free throws. For the Trojans, Brady Tien led the scoring by hitting a three point shot followed by Jordan Girard, Tracy Archer and Albert Tello each making a two point shot. Mark Pakkebieer added two more with free throws. The Huskies led the Trojans 12-11.

In the second quarter, the Hus-

kies added 13 more to their tally. Eagleburger hit two free throws and a three pointer followed by Tharman with two, 2 pointers, Phillip Compton had a two point basket and Jordan Baird made one of two free throws. The Trojans outscored the Huskies in this quarter when Girard hit a three pointer and all four of his free throws followed by Archer with four free throws of his own, Tien with a three point shot and Pakkebieer with two free throws. This put the Trojans in the lead 27-25 at the end of the first half.

During the third quarter, Northern Valley added 14 points. Herman made ten points followed by Eagleburger and Zachary Vincent each hitting a two pointer. The Trojans' Girard hit three, 3 point shots followed by Brett Pinkerton and Pakkebieer each hitting a three pointer for a total of 15

points, keeping the Trojans leading 42-39.

In the final quarter, Northern Valley player Colton Lowry got a free throw and a three point basket followed by Herman with two points for a total of six. The Trojans tied their score with a two point basket and one free throw by Tien followed by two free throws by Girard and one free throw by Lane Archer. This ended the game 48-45 for a Trojan win.

Northern Valley head coach Chuck Fessenden said, "It was another hard fought Northern Valley - Logan basketball game. The game was somewhat similar to the first time we met. Logan was able to hit 8 three point baskets. They also shot an excellent percentage at the free throw line. Our boys were able to hang in the game with some good inside scoring. We did a good job of rebounding

for most of the game but we gave up two rebounds on free throws in the fourth quarter that cost us. We had a chance to tie the game on in bound play at the end of the game, but our three pointer was a little off. We were disappointed with the loss. Our kids played hard and it was a very good high school basketball game. This was the last game for four of our seniors, Zach Vincent, Bryant Tharman, Colton Lowry and Dusty Eagleburger. We will really miss them. Zach and Bryant played on the varsity the past two years. Colton and Dusty were varsity players since they were sophomores. Their experience and leadership will be hard to replace."

The leading rebounders were Bryant Tharman with 8 and Austin Herman with 6. The leader in assists was Dusty Eagleburger with 5.

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## Norton kicker signs letter of intent

By DICK BOYD  
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Caleb Laughlin, outstanding 5'10", 165 pound senior kicker for Norton Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to play football this fall for Hutchinson Community College.

The unanimous All-Mid-Continent League performer is a three-year letterman for Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin.

He was also honored in post-season for his kicking expertise by the Topeka Capital-Journal.

Laughlin has steadily improved his kicking skills during his high school career.

During Norton's recent 9-1 season, Caleb was successful on 37 of 48 points-after-touchdown for 75 percent accuracy and was good on 3 of 6 field goal tries for 50 percent.

Kickoffs were a real specialty as he averaged 50.5 yards on 143 kickoffs during his three years as a kicker, which allowed his teammates to get far downfield and make tackles deep in the opponents' territory. Caleb kicked the ball into the end zone ten times for touchbacks.

He also made nine solo tackles on kickoffs.

He was successful during his Blue Jay career on 68 of 82 extra point kicks for 83 percent accu-

racy and nine of his misses were from blocks.

Caleb was also successful on 5 of 10 field goal attempts for 50 percent. His longest field goal was from 35 yards.

"Caleb will have the opportunity to kickoff right away for Hutchinson and work on field goals and extra points," said coach Melvin.

"He worked hard for us the last three years and attended kicking camps in the summer.

"Caleb is very dedicated and understands the mental aspect of being a kicker. He knows there is a lot of pressure on the kicker and will have the time to get the experience he needs.

"This is a good opportunity for him. He will be playing on artificial turf fields but will be able to adjust to that."

Hutchinson plays in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference, which is considered to be the premier junior college football conference in the nation.

The Blue Dragons have been coached the past four years by Rion Rhoades. They compiled a 10-2 record last season, placed runner-up in the conference and ended No.5 in the nation in the final poll.

They also won the Salt City Bowl the past two seasons. On

Dec. 5, 2009, they defeated New Mexico Military Institute 26-18 in the bowl and on Dec. 4, 2010, they defeated Eastern Arizona College 42-21 in the same bowl game.

Eight of Hutchinson's 2010 players have moved on to Division I schools, three of them to Kansas State University and one to Kansas University.

"We're replacing a great kicker who was all-conference and is moving on to K.U.," said coach Rhoades. "We've been really fortunate to have a good kicker and are happy to be able to sign Caleb. He really wants to be a good kicker and is excited about coming to be with us and we like that attitude.

"Caleb is coming to us from a great program at Norton and we like that, as well."

Caleb is the son of the late Bonnie and Terry Laughlin.

Four other outstanding high school football players from this area will be among Caleb's teammates at Hutchinson this fall.

Also signing with the Blue Dragons are Terrell Lane, running back, defensive back, Norton; Reggie Jordan, quarterback, kick returner, Hill City; Tyler Bess, running back, defensive lineman, Hill City and Trevor Smith, running back, defensive back, Phillipsburg.

**Good luck at State Logan Lady Trojans! We know you can do it!**

# Logan Lady Trojans are going to State basketball

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The Logan High School girls basketball team and a number of other area roundball squads won Sub-State championships on Saturday evening and will compete for State championships this week.

The Logan girls competed in Class 1A, Division II and defeated Cheylin 47-43 to win the title.

Also on Saturday evening, the Logan boys placed runner-up in the Sub-State with a 52-45 loss to Golden Plains.

In Class 1A, Division I, the Hoxie girls defeated Sylvan-Lucas 50-25 and in the same tournament the Victoria boys edged Lakeside 48-46 to win the championship.

Competing in Class 4A, the Colby girls defeated Pratt 40-35 to win that championship.

The Riley County girls, who outscored Norton in the first round, won the Smith Center Sub-State championship with a 58-47 win over the Lady Redmen.

In that same Sub-State tournament, the Minneapolis boys beat Beloit 40-33 to advance to this week's competition.

Also competing in Class 3A, the Scott City boys defeated Holcomb 70-44 to earn a state berth and the Thomas More Prep-Marian girls

outscored Southwestern Heights 46-43 to advance.

There were also some other near misses for area teams. In Class 2A, the Hill City girls were defeated 56-48 by Oakley, the Oberlin boys lost to Ness City 52-46 and the Plainville girls were defeated 52-45 by Ell Saline.

### State tourney pairings

The Logan girls (14-9) are seeded No.7 in Class 1A, Division II and will play No.2 seed Central Christian (22-1) at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

The Golden Plains boys (14-8) are seeded No.5 and will play No.4 seeded South Barber (17-6) at 8:15 p.m. on Thursday in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

The Hoxie girls (22-1) are seeded No.2 in Class 1A, Division I and will play No.7 seed Hanover (16-7) at 3 p.m. on Wednesday in White Auditorium, Emporia.

The Victoria boys (12-11) are seeded No.8 and will play No.1 seed Hanover (22-1) at 3 p.m. on Thursday in White Auditorium, Emporia.

In Class 2A competition at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan, No.3 seed Ness City boys (21-2) will play No.6 seed Nemaha Valley (18-5) at 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday.

Among games on Thursday at

Bramlage, will be the No.4 seed Ell-Saline girls (17-6) vs. No.5 seed Valley Falls (17-6) at 4:45 p.m. and No.2 seed Oakley girls (18-5) vs. No.7 seed Jayhawk Linn (13-10) at 6:30 p.m.

The TMP-Marian girls (19-4) are seeded No.5 in Class 3A and will play No.4 seeded Central Heights (19-4) at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday in the Hutchinson Sports Arena.

No.2 seeded Riley County (21-2) will play No.7 seeded Wichita Collegiate (17-6) at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Hutchinson.

The No.5 seeded Minneapolis boys (21-2) will play No.4 seeded Burlington (21-2) at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday in the Hutchinson Sports Arena.

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, the No. 2 seeded Scott City boys (22-1) will play No. 7 Riverton (13-8) in Hutchinson.

In Class 4A play at the Salina Bicentennial Center, the No.3 seeded Colby girls (21-2) will play No.6 seeded Basehor-Linwood (18-4) at 3 p.m. on Thursday.

Winners of first round games will be assured of playing two more games, on Friday and Saturday, for the top four places in the state.

## Lady Huskies defeated in first Sub-State game

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies traveled to Rexford to play our sub state game against Golden Plains and gave them a battle throughout the game. We just did not make as many baskets as they did and suffered a defeat by the score of 53-21 to end our season.

Our ladies have put up a battle every time we took the floor we just did not have enough fire power to win as many contests as we would have liked.

We did show improvement as the season went along as individuals and as a team.

We had a malfunction with our camera so there are no statistics for this game.

We wish to thank the fans who supported us throughout the season.

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## Caleb Laughlin signs with Hutchinson Community College



Norton Community High School senior kicking specialist Caleb Laughlin has signed a letter of intent to play football for Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson. He is pictured here with his father, Terry, left and head Norton football coach Lucas Melvin.

~ Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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