

Logan's ladies end season in final round of sub-state

The Logan Lady Trojans made it through the 1A Regional Basketball Tournament in Phillipsburg, defeating Victoria 61-57 and Eastern Heights 48-31, and then into the 1A Sub-State Tournament in Colby where they beat Lucas-Luray 48-46, before losing to Grinnell 50-32 in the final round to end their season.

Victoria, Regional Finals
 "We dominated the first half, keeping Victoria from getting the looks at the basket they wanted," said Coach Linda Nighswonger. "They came out and outscored us 23-8 in the third quarter. We shot well at the free throw line to get the win."

Val Jackson led scoring with 9 two-pointers, 1 three-pointer and 6 free throws for 27 points. She was followed by Michaela Berg, 12; Kati Chestnut, 11 points; Jenny Noel, 4; Lane Webb, 3; and Vanessa VanDiest and Candace Thompson, 2 apiece.

Out of 26 rebounds, honors went to Jackson with 11, Webb with 7 and Chestnut with 6.

Leading steals were Jackson, 4; and Berg, 2.

Jackson led assists, finding 10 teammates open for baskets, while Noel found 3 open.

Making steals for Logan's ladies were Jackson, 5; and Webb, 2.

Eastern Heights, Regional Finals
 "Although the margin of victory was slimmer than the previous game with Eastern Heights, we were happy to come away with our fourth victory over the Mustangs this season," said the coach. "Again, Chestnut and Brumbaugh did a great job on Matteson, holding her to only 11 points."

Webb led scoring for the Lady Trojans with 7 two-pointers for 14 points. She was followed by Michaela Berg, 9 points; Melanie Berg, 8; Noel and Jackson, 6 apiece; Chestnut, 3; and Thompson, 2.

Rebounding honors went to Webb with 9, Jackson with 7, and Noel with 5.

Making one steal apiece were Melanie Berg, Jackson, Megan Brumbaugh, Chestnut and Webb.

Assist leaders were Jackson and Noel with 4 apiece.

Jackson made 3 blocks and Webb made 2.

Lucas-Luray, Sub-State first round

"We started out the game quickly, scoring the first six points," said Coach Nighswonger. "Then Lucas-Luray answered

with six of their own. We were down by nine at half-time, but came out more focused and determined and outscored them by 13 to take the lead. The fourth quarter saw many lead changes, but we held on for the win."

Jackson led scoring with 6 two-pointers and 2 free throws for 14 points. She was followed by Michaela Berg with 12, Webb with 10, Chestnut with 8, and Noel with 4.

Rebounding honors went to Jackson with 6 and Chestnut with 5.

Leading steals were Jackson, 4; and Noel, 3.

Making assists were Chestnut, 3; and VanDiest, Webb, and Michaela Berg, 2 apiece.

Jackson made the team's 6 blocks.

Grinnell, Sub-State Finals

"We did a pretty good job on our defensive end, but Grinnell was able to score many points off of turnovers," said Coach Nighswonger. "Grinnell's defense shut down our offense and we stopped running our offense and became frustrated. Even though we struggled, we were only down by four points going into the fourth quarter. Grinnell turned up the heat on defense and

our youth really shone through.

"I thought we fought hard to the end but Grinnell's experience and athleticism was too much for us.

"I'm proud of the girls for the way they conducted themselves, and for the great success they had this season. We are sad to be losing Val, our lone senior, and thank her for all that she has meant and contributed to the team."

Jackson led scoring with 5 two-pointers and 2 free throws for 12 points. She was followed by Michaela Berg, 9 points; Thompson, 5; and Webb, Chestnut, and Noel, 2 apiece.

Rebounding honors went to Jackson with 7 and Webb with 5.

Making the team's two steals were Michaela Berg and Thompson with 1 each.

Assists were made by Jackson, 3; and Noel and Thompson, 1 apiece.

Blocks were made by Jackson, 5; and Chestnut and Thompson, 1 each.

Logan 61, Victoria 57

Score by quarters:
 Logan 21 15 8 17 — 61
 Victoria 14 9 23 11 — 57

Logan (61)

Jackson 9 1 7-6 27, Michaela Berg 3 1 4-3 12, Chestnut 5 0 2-1 11, Noel 2 0 0-0 4, Webb 1 0 2-1 3,

VanDiest 1 0 0-0 2, Thompson 1 0 0-0 2.

Logan 48, E. Heights 31

Score by quarters:
 Logan 16 9 10 13 — 48
 E. Heights 8 9 2 12 — 31

Logan (48)

Webb 7 0 1-0 14, Michaela Berg 2 1 2-2 9, Melanie Berg 1 2 0-0 8, Noel 3 0 0-0 6, Jackson 2 0 2-2 6, Chestnut 1 0 3-1 3, Thompson 1 0 0-0 2.

Logan 48, Lucas-Luray 46

Score by quarters:
 Logan 12 6 17 13 — 48

Lucas-Luray 12 15 4 15 — 46

Logan (48)

Jackson 6 0 2-2 14, Michaela Berg 4 0 4-4 12, Webb 3 0 7-4 10, Chestnut 4 0 0-0 8, Noel 2 0 0-0 4.

Grinnell 50, Logan 32

Score by quarter:
 Grinnell 10 14 6 20 — 50
 Logan 4 12 10 6 — 32

Logan (32)

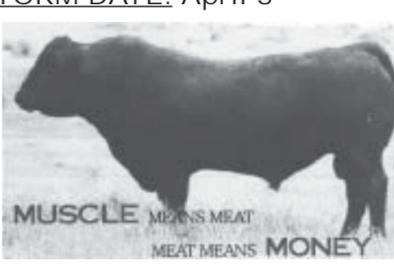
Jackson 5 0 4-2 12, Michaela Berg 2 1 2-2 9, Thompson 2 0 2-1 5, Webb 0 0 2-2 2, Chestnut 1 0 0-0 2, Noel 1 0 0-0 2, Melanie Berg 0 0 1-0 0.

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Former Norton athlete places high in national track meet

By DICK BOYD

Megan Hillebrand, 2003 Norton Community High School graduate and freshman at Colby Community College, placed seventh in the pole vault in the National Junior College Athletic Association Indoor Track and Field Championships held March 5-6 in Manhattan.

The NJCAA meet is open to any athlete participating in track and field

at a NJCAA two-year school but limited to the athletes who hit a strict standard. Twenty-one athletes from across the United States hit the standard.

Hillebrand's vault of 10'4" tied her for fifth place with two vaulters from Paradise Valley Community College in Arizona but they finished ahead of her with fewer misses. Hillebrand's seventh place finish was the best NJCAA finish ever by a Colby Community Col-

lege vaulter. The height also set a new school record for CCC.

Hillebrand is a Clayton native. She is the daughter of Susan and Frank Hillebrand. She is also the pole vault record holder at NCHS. Hillebrand tied her school record of 10'6" in the Class 3A State Track Meet in Wichita last spring when she placed second. The winner also cleared a height of 10'6" but had fewer misses.

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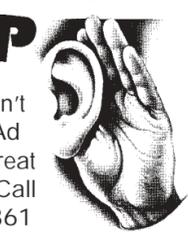
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