



Northern Valley sophomore Kelsey Kinderknecht looks to pass the ball to a teammate in the game against Lawrence/Nelson on Friday in the third place game of the Franklin Tournament. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Lady Huskies fall to Lawrence/Nelson in tourney play

The Northern Valley girls basketball team lost 58-23 to Lawrence/Nelson during the Franklin Basketball Tournament on Dec. 30.

The Lady Huskies fell behind in the first quarter and weren't able to catch up throughout the rest of the game: 15-8, 33-15, 45-17, 58-23.

Jena Jessup led scoring with 8 points, followed by Serena Woodside, 6; Jessica Holmes, 4; Andrea Lowry, 3; and Jessica Largent, 2.

Northern Valley will travel to Agra tonight to play Eastern Heights, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Lawrence/Nelson 58, Northern Valley 23
Score by quarter:
N. Valley 8 7 2 6 — 23
Law./Nel. 15 18 12 13 — 58

Northern Valley
Jessup 1 2 0-0 8, Woodside 3 0 0-0 6, Holmes 2 0 0-0 4, Lowry 0 1 0-0 3, Largent 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 7 3 0-0 23.

Lawrence/Nelson
K. Faimon 11 3 2-1 32, E. Stemper 4 0 0-0 8, J. Wehrman 1 0 4-3 5, K. Kathman 1 1 0-0 5, A. Wilton 2 0 0-0 4, J. Jacobitz 1 0 0-0 2, D. Schendt 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 21 4 6-4 58.

BOWLING

STARDUST LEAGUE
Standings Jan. 6 — FSBT, 8-0; LuJon's, 6-2; Sheriff's Angels, 2-6; First State Bank, 0-8; High Line: Becky Williams, 197; Bev Miller, 193; Peggy Sevier, 185; High Line Handicap: Becky Williams, 227; Bev Miller, 226; Peggy Sevier, 214; High Series: Cindy Linner, 506; Becky Williams, 504; Peggy Sevier, 468;

High Series Handicap: Becky Williams, 594; Cindy Linner, 581; Bev Miller, 560

Results Dec. 26 — High Line: Becky Williams, 212; Cindy Linner, 184; Bev Miller, 179; High Line Handicap: Becky Williams, 244; Bev Miller, 213; Cindy Linner, 209; High Series: Becky Williams, 531; Bev Miller, 506; Cindy Linner, 495; High Series Handicap: Becky Williams, 627; Bev Miller, 608; Cindy Linner, 570

TUESDAY NIGHT MEN'S

Standings Dec. 27 — Carpet Munchers, 15.5-4.5; D & M Service, 15-5; Norton Sports Center, 11-9; Affordable Classic Limousines, 9-11; Trigard Vaults, 5-15; Don's Floor Coverings, 4.5-15.5; High Scratch Game: Bill LaSalle, 199; Vance Poage, 192; Rick Green, 189; Rusty Miller, 183; High Scratch Series: Vance Poage, 525; Mike Terrell, 517; Bill LaSalle, 515; Rusty Miller, 496; High Handicap Game: Monte Skrdlant, 255; Vance Poage, 241; Bill LaSalle, 241; Joel Duscher, 228; High Handicap Series: Monte Skrdlant, 710; Vance Poage, 672; Bill LaSalle, 641; Joe Annon, 628

INTER-CITY LEAGUE

Standings Dec. 29 — Buff, 7-2; Select Seeds, 6-3; Ram Roofing, 6-3; Almena State Bank, 3-6; Total, 3-6; Bailey Electric, 2-7

High Scratch Game: Rusty Miller, 203; Mark Saintz, 177; Dennis Balderston, 171; Carol Evans, 170; High Scratch Series: Rusty Miller, 542; Mark Saintz, 476; Dennis Balderston, 467; Carol Evans, 446; High Handicap Game: Rusty Miller, 239; Sherry Franklin, 236; Mark Saintz, 226; Mark Bailey, 224; High Handicap Series: Rusty Miller, 650; Sherry Franklin, 641; Mark Saintz, 623; Mark Bailey, 610

Annual wrestling tournament to be held Saturday in Norton

By DICK BOYD

The annual J.R. Durham Wrestling Tournament will be held on Saturday in the Norton Community High School Memorial Gym. Teams from Atwood, Beloit, Thomas More Prep of Hays, Hoxie, Leoti, Quinter, Russell, Scott City, Shawnee-Mill Valley, Smith Center, Norton and Cozad, Neb. will compete in the tournament.

The first session will begin at 9:30 a.m. on three mats.

The second session will begin at approximately 4:30 p.m. with third and fourth place matches on two mats, followed by honoring of former state medal winners at 5 p.m. and championship finals on one mat at 5:30 p.m.

It is the 41st annual wrestling tournament held in Norton and the ninth annual Durham tournament. It was renamed eight years ago in honor of J.R. "Jake" Durham of Norton, the former longtime wrestling coach at Norton.

Jake's many honors include membership in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Kansas High School Wrestling Hall of Fame. Jake and his wife, Ruth, still reside in Norton.

At around 5 p.m., Norton's former state wrestling medal winners from 1936, 1946, 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986 and 1996 will be honored.

The pep band will play the national anthem and the cheerleaders and dance team will perform.

The championship finals will follow on one mat around 5:30 p.m. All times are estimated and may vary according to the progress of the tournament.

Plaques will be awarded to the top three teams and medals to the top four wrestlers in each weight class. An "Outstanding Wrestler" will be chosen by vote of the coaches.

"We should have a pretty tough tournament," said Norton Coach Bill Johnson.

"We'll have to wrestle well to have many placers. Some of the competing teams are improved from a year ago. Anytime you get wrestlers from 12 different schools together you're bound to have four decent wrestlers in each weight class."

During the Christmas holiday, the Norton wrestlers had two-a-day practices and Coach Johnson

feels they helped his team.

"We've been practicing hard and should be in good physical condition," said Coach Johnson.

"We were banged up and needed the holiday break to heal. Unfortunately, several of our wrestlers are still injured. They will probably wrestle but will not be at 100 percent.

"It's our tournament so that's an advantage for us. We're ready to get out of the practice room and compete. We may not win every match but we'll give it our best."

Thirty-three wrestlers ranked in the state of Kansas and Nebraska are members of teams competing in the tournament.

Norton is the defending tournament champion. The Blue Jays, who have won the tournament the last two years, broke a seven-year winning streak for Hoxie.

Nine Norton wrestlers are state ranked: Zach Bainter, freshman, No. 4 at 112; Clay Madden, senior, No. 1 at 119; Nathan Broeckelman, junior, No. 2 at 125; Kent Mann, junior, No. 4 at 130; Jon Harding, senior, No. 2 at 135; Blake VanEaton, junior, No. 3 at 140; Jeremy Harding, senior, No. 6 at 145; Luke Pfannenstiel, No. 2 at 152; Lance Roe, senior, No. 1 at 160.

Madden is a three-time state champion. Roe is a three-time state medalist who was state champion last year. Pfannenstiel is a two-time state medalist who was injured his sophomore year and did not wrestle. He placed fourth in the state last year.

Broeckelman is a two-time state medalist who placed third in the state last season. Twin brothers Jon and Jeremy Harding are one-time state placers. Jeremy was fifth and Jon was sixth last year.

Mann and VanEaton are both one-time state medalists. Mann placed fifth in the state tournament his freshman year and VanEaton placed sixth in the state last year.

Hoxie has four state ranked wrestlers. They are: Tyler Baker, senior, No. 1 at 130; Michael Schamberger, senior, No. 2 at 160; David Obermeyer, senior, No. 4 at 171 and Tim Erwin, senior, No. 3 at 215.

Baker is a defending state champion and Schamberger placed second last year in the state tournament.

Three Shawnee-Mill Valley wrestlers are ranked in Class 5A.

They are: Ty Williamson, sophomore, No. 2 at 103; Justin Broadbent, senior, No. 1 at 112 and Matt Westin, senior, No. 5 at 140.

Broadbent was second in the state last year, Williamson was third and Westin was fourth.

Scott City has three wrestlers ranked in the state in Class 4A. They are: Nick Kough, junior, No. 5 at 130; Logan Dreiling, senior, No. 3 at 135 and Ben Mettlen, senior, No. 4 at 160.

Kough placed fifth in the state tournament last year.

Three Smith Center wrestlers are ranked. They are: Justin York, junior, No. 5 at 135; Travis Warner, senior, No. 1 at 140 and Kirk Palmer, sophomore, No. 2 at 189.

Warner was fourth at state last year and York was sixth.

Beloit has two state ranked wrestlers. They are: Bradley Esterl, junior, No. 3 at 135 and James Wright, senior, No. 5 at 160.

Esterl placed second in the state last season.

Atwood's Matt Migchalbrink is a junior and is ranked No. 3 in the state at 119. He placed second last year.

Tait Weatherbee of Thomas More Prep is a senior and is ranked No. 3 at 130 in Class 4A. He placed fourth in the state last year.

Dalton Kraft is a 145 pound senior at Russell and is ranked No. 5 in the state in Class 4A.

Six Cozad wrestlers who are state ranked in Class B in Nebraska are expected to wrestle here

on Saturday. Tyler Sturgeon, senior, who placed sixth in the state tournament a year ago, is ranked No. 3 at 145. The other five state ranked wrestlers are: Mitch Zook, sophomore, No. 3 at 215; Eric Love, junior, No. 4 at 152; Joe Libal, senior, No. 5 at 189; Tyler Branstiter, sophomore, No. 6 at 125; Kurt Giller, senior, No. 6 at 275.

Norton lineup

Wrestling on Saturday for the Norton Blue Jays and their season records so far will be: David Counter, soph., 6-7, 103; Zach Bainter, fresh., 3-0, 112; Clay Madden, sr., 15-0, 119; Nathan Broeckelman, jr., 16-1, 125; Kent Mann, jr., 12-0, 130; Jon Harding, sr., 12-5, 135; Blake VanEaton, jr., 15-1, 140; Jeremy Harding, sr., 13-2, 145; Luke Pfannenstiel, sr., 13-2, 152; Lance Roe, sr., 14-1, 160; Davvid Stanley, sr., 8-7, 171; Shane Stanley, jr., 8-6, 189; Zach Mannel, soph., 4-10, 275.

To honor former wrestlers

Norton Community High School has a long and rich wrestling tradition. Since beginning wrestling in 1931, NCHS has crowned eight state championship teams, 79 individual champions and a total of 237 individual state medalists.

Being honored from the 1936 team will be Jerald Porter.

Honorees from 1946 are James Mulder, Gayle Sanderson, Bob Milner, John Sides (deceased) and Francis Taylor (deceased).

Gerald Shewey (deceased) will

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