

Huskies 3rd in tourney



The Northern Valley Girls lost 64-55 to Kensington, then rebounded to beat Logan 65-50 and Western Plains 57-40 to finish in 3rd place in the Cheyenne Conference Tournament.

Coach Bill Lowry had these comments:

Vs. Kensington
 "Kensington is a very good team and I am very happy with our effort and play. We were outscored 18-3 in the second quarter, and then we made a run at them in the second half, closing the gap to 4 in the 4th. They were able to hold us off making 6 of 9 from the free throw line."

Vs. Logan
 "Logan is a team that is improving and played very well against us. We shot the ball very well (48 percent). Logan never gave up and continued making runs at us, but my players continued to make plays. We had a great 4th quarter scoring 21 points."

Vs. Western Plains
 "It was great to finish 3rd at the tournament, and I am very proud of the girls for their effort and determination. This was a great week for us. Our record is 3-5 overall

and 1-0 in the conference."

The girls will play at Southern Valley, Neb. tonight and on Friday at Logan.

Here are the Northern Valley scorers for each game:

- Loss to Kensington — Kelli Cole was the top point maker with 22, followed by Alison Cole with 16. Others scoring were Andrea Lowry 7, Jessica Largent 2, Megan Cole 5, and Jena Jessup 3. Alison Cole was top rebounder with 8.

- Win over Logan — Alison Cole was high with 20, Kelli Cole chipped in 16 and Jessica Largent added 10. Other scorers were Andrea Lowry 8, Megan Cole 4, Kelsey Kinderknecht 2 and Jena Jessup 5.

Kelli Cole pulled down 8 rebounds and Largent 6.

- Win over Western Plains — Leading scorer was Alison Cole with 23, followed by Kelli Cole with 10. Others scoring were Andrea Lowry 3, Jessica Largent 8, Megan Cole 4, Kelsey Kinderknecht 2, Christina Anderson 6 and Jena Jessup 1.

Kelli Cole pulled down 7 rebounds to lead in that category.

So far this season, the Huskies are 3-5 overall. They have scored 392 points vs. 395 for their opponents.

Individually, here are the scorers at this point in the season:

Alison Cole 103, Kelli Cole 100, Jena Jessup 51, Jessica Largent 46, Andrea Lowry 45, Christina Anderson 22, Megan Cole 19 and Kelsey Kinderknecht 6.

Earlier season games include a 55-50 loss to Franklin, Neb., and a 64-22 win over Eastern Heights.

Northern Valley boys drop two

The Northern Valley basketball boys lost to Kensington 81-32 in action in the Cheyenne Conference Tournament.

The Huskies managed 6 points in the first quarter, 9 in the second, 6 in the third and 11 in the final period.

Kensington scored 28 in the opening frame, 19 in the second, 23 in the third and closed out its scoring with 11 in the fourth.

Scoring for the Huskies were Bryce Marble with 5, Drew Britt 9, Henry Griffiths 7, Justin Lee 4 and Tanner Jessup 7.

The big gun for Kensington was Ethan Kuhlman, who peppered the nets for 24 points. Taylor Kuhlman was second highest scorer with 10.

Against Palco, the Huskies were on the short end of a 66-43 score. Northern Valley scored 8 points in the opening quarter, 10 in the second, 14 in the third and 11 in the fourth. Palco hit for 14 in the first period, 22 in the second, 17 in the third and 13 in the fourth.

Scoring for the Huskies were Henry Griffiths with 15, Bryce Marble 1, Taylor Hammond 2, Drew Britt 4, Cody Callaway 5, Justin Lee 6, T.J. Siard 8 and Tanner Jessup 2.

Jayvee wrestlers finish second

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity wrestlers placed second in the Elm Creek Invitational Tournament held Friday in Elm Creek, Neb.

Elm Creek won the championship with 197.5 points, followed by Norton JV, 140.5; Sargent/Burwell, 89; Alma, 78; Lexington, 67; Southern Valley, 67; Gibbon, 40; Pleasanton, 38; Holdrege JV, 26; Unattached JV, 22; Norton No.2, 19; Overton, 14; Arapahoe, 3; Elm Creek JV, 2.

Norton had two champions, four second place finishers, three who came in third and one fourth placer.

One Norton No.2 wrestler placed second.

"Our junior varsity wrestlers got a good deal of quality matches and performed well," said Norton assistant coach Chance McKinney.

"We are proud of the second place team finish. The Elm Creek team is a senior laden team with a good deal of talent."

Matt Stanley received the "Wrestler of the Week" award as well as the "Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week" award.

At 140 pounds, Todd Bolt was seeded No.2. He pinned Andy Gardner, Arapahoe, in 9 seconds in the first round. Next, he won an 11-10 decision over No.3 seed Gilbert VanMatre. In the championship finals, he wrestled Travis Ray of Norton No.2 and won an 8-6 decision to earn the gold medal.

Ray was seeded No.4 and had a first round bye. In the semi-finals, he decided No.1 seed Joe Meier, Elm Creek, 5-2 to reach the finals versus Bolt.

Meier pinned VanMatre to place third.

Matt Stanley was seeded No.2 at 160 pounds. In the first round, he pinned Jared Smith, Alma, in 1:53. In the semi-finals, he pinned No.3 seed Steve Taylor, Elm Creek, in 2:56. In the championship finals, he decided No.4 seed Tom Brown, Sargent/Burwell, 6-1 in overtime to win the gold medal.

Taylor won third with a 6-3 decision over No.1 seed Billy Lockridge, Southern Valley.

At 103, Conner Pfannenstiel placed second by pinning Tyler Kautz, Gibbon and losing a 3-2 decision to Dalton Bourke, Elm Creek, in the championship

match. Kautz lost a 12-1 decision to Bourke and placed third.

Andrew Soderlund wrestled for Norton at 112 pounds and was seeded No.2. After receiving a first round bye, he won a 15-11 decision over No.3 seed Josh Linder, Holdrege. In the championship finals, he lost a 10-1 major decision to No.1 seed David Ripp, Elm Creek, to place second.

Phillip Becker of Norton No.2 was seeded No.8. In the first round, he was pinned in 36 seconds by Ripp. In the consolation bracket, he won a 14-1 major decision over No.5 seed Tyler Houser, Alma. Next, he wrestled Linder and was pinned in 21 seconds.

Linder placed third by pinning No.4 seed Michael Anderson, Unattached, in 3:26.

At 145, Jordan Bebb was seeded No.2. In the first round, he pinned Jess Turpin, Sargent/Burwell, in 58 seconds. In the semi-finals, he pinned No.3 seed Ryan Eckhout, Pleasanton, in 5:14. In the championship finals, he lost a 9-1 major decision to No.1 seed Ivin Hubbard, Elm Creek, to place second.

Eckhout placed third by pinning No.5 seed Corey Lienemann, Alma, in 57 seconds.

The Blue Jays' Shane Stanley was seeded No.2 at 215. In his first match, he pinned Junior Chavez, Unattached, in 41 seconds. Next, he pinned No.3 seed Dan Goodell, Elm Creek, in 2:48. In the championship finals, he lost a 17-3 major decision to No.1 seed Dan Stoelting, Southern Valley.

No.5 seed Tony Broeker, Southern Valley, placed third with an 8-0 major decision over Goodell.

Michael Ward was seeded No.3 at 135. He won a 15-0 technical fall over Jacob Stoelting, Southern Valley, then was pinned in 1:16 by No.2 seed Bruce Zurek, Sargent/Burwell. In the consolation bracket, Ward pinned Norton No.2 wrestler Breyer Simmons in 1:16, then pinned Stoelting in 1:41 in their second match of the day to place third.

Simmons had been seeded No.8. In the first round, he was pinned in 3:45 by No.1 seed Foster Meier, Elm Creek. In the consolation bracket, Simmons pinned No.5 seed Wesley Benton, Alma, in 50 seconds before wrestling

Ward.

Meier won the championship by pinning Zurek in 1:30.

Tyler Cook was seeded No.5 at 152. In the first round, he lost a 19-12 decision to No.4 seed Mark Florom, Alma. In the consolation bracket, he won a 6-4 decision over No.8 seed Casey Robison, Norton No.2. Next, he won a 6-3 decision over No.2 seed Justin Brooks, Arapahoe, then avenged his first round loss to Florom by decisioning him 13-7 to place third.

Robison lost his first round match with No.1 seed Brock Meier, Elm Creek, in a 16-1 technical fall. The loss dropped him into the consolation bracket against Cook.

No.3 seed Josh Arrants, Gibbon, won the championship by pinning Meier in 5:15.

Jordan Durham wrestled at 171 for the Blue Jays and was seeded No.4. In the first round, he lost an 8-4 decision to No.5 seed Billy Stover, Elm Creek. In the consolation bracket, Durham pinned No.8 seed Viktor Ohrberg, Pleasanton, in 2:35.

Next, he pinned No.6 seed Tyson Benson, Elm Creek JV, in 35 seconds. In the consolation championship match, he avenged his first round loss to Stover by decisioning him by the same 8-4 score to place third.

No.1 seed Darcy Huffman, Sargent/Burwell, won the championship by pinning No.2 seed Chris Foster, Southern Valley, in 4:40.

At 189, Coady McMullen was seeded No.2. In the first round, he won an 8-6 decision over Wyatt Stubbs, Elm Creek JV.

In the semi-finals, he was pinned in 5:49 by No.3 seed Aaron Bliven, Lexington. In the consolation bracket, he won a 2-0 decision over No.8 seed David Molina, Unattached.

In the consolation championship match, he was pinned in 1:57 by No.5 seed Jesse Spangler, Alma, and placed fourth.

Robert Derauf wrestled for Norton No.2 and was seeded No.4. He lost a 12-9 decision to Spangler in the first round. In the consolation bracket, he lost a 9-6 decision to Molina.

No.1 seed Dustin Johns, Elm Creek, won the championship by pinning Bliven in 3:50.

Norton Jr. High Report

8th girls post 22-19 victory

The Norton 8th grade basketball girls beat the Phillipsburg Panthers 22-19 in their last home game of the season on Jan. 4.

The coach called it "a great overall game... Their hustle throughout the season paid off... We had one of our best assist games."

After two quick baskets to start off the game, the defense took over

and had a team total 28 deflects — a season high and maybe a junior high all-time record.

Scoring were: Diedra Kramer 7; Sophie Mills 6; Dustyna Sprigg 2; and Meaghan Peterson 7.

Rebounding honors went to Sprigg with 11, while Kramer grabbed 7. Deflects leader was Kramer with 10.

8th to battle for tourney title

The Norton 8th grade boys basketball team earned the right to play the Osborne Bullpups in the finals of the Mid-Continent Elementary League tourney in Stockton.

The Bluejays' (#2 seed) road to the championship game went through the Trego Golden Eagles (#7 seed) in the first round and the Phillipsburg Panthers (#3 seed) in the semifinals.

In the first round vs. Trego, the Bluejays wanted to make a statement to the rest of the league that they came to take care of business. The game ended with Norton on top 51-14.

In the semifinal game vs. the Panthers, the Bluejays connected on necessary free throws down the stretch to pull away to win 44-33. The game was knotted at the half 24 all.

Scoring in the game with Trego, were: Landon Keiswetter 2; Caleb Laughlin 4; Billy Broeckelman 1; Brett Terrell 4; Troy Bainter 2; Terrell Lane 17; Luke Ninemire 2; Spencer Shirk 5; Kade McKenna 6; Dakota Dreher 8; and Andrew Otter saw action but didn't score.

Scoring vs. Phillipsburg were: Bainter 2; Lane 22; Ninemire 0; Shirk 6; McKenna 0; and Dreher 14.

7th picks up 20-point win

The Norton 7th grade boys rolled over Ellis earlier in the season 48-28.

Norton scored 11 points each in the first- and second quarters, 19 in the third and 7 in the fourth.

Ellis scored 5 in the opening quarter, 9 in the second, 2 in the third and 12 in the fourth.

Scoring for Norton were: Jordan Wahlmeier 19; Dillon McConney 5; Tye Nickell 6; Joe LeClair 12; Casey Temmel 2; Trey Millan 2; and Alex Gilgenbach 2.

For Ellis, Herl took scoring honors with 8.

Hunsicker chipped in 6 for second highest scorer.



Logan Trojan scoreboard

B-Team, Logan 22, Kensington 20. Scoring: Kaylene Reese 10; Paige Buss 8; Bev Sammons 4. Rebounds: Reese 13; Buss 7; Gaines 3; Sammons 3; Val Morris 3; Whitney Mulder 3; Amy Zillinger 3. Steals: Morris 5; Reese 2; Sammons 1; Buss 1; Mulder 1.

A-Team, Kensington 35, Logan 26. Scoring: Caley Greving 12; Hannah Pinkerton 7; Aletha Bennett 6. Rebounds: Greving 7; Bennett 5; Samantha Tien 5; Pinkerton 1; Sammons 1. Steals: Pinkerton 2; Greving 1; Sammons 1.

B-Team, Logan 25, Northern Valley 18. Scoring: Sammons 13; Buss 4; Zillinger 4; Reese 2; Morris 2. Rebounds: Reese 15; Buss 10; Sammons 4; Gaines 4; Morris 1; Dorothy Fessler 1; Mulder 1. Steals: Sammons 10; Morris 5; Buss 4; Reese 3; Gaines 1.

A-Team, Logan 40, Northern Valley 14. Scoring: Greving 17; Bennett 16; Sammons 3; Buss 2;

Pinkerton 2. Rebounds: Greving 9; Tien 8; Bennett 7; Kacee Braun 4; Sammons 3; Buss 1; Reese 1. Steals: Bennett 6; Pinkerton 5; Sammons 4; Tien 3; Greving 3; Morris 1; Braun 1; Buss 1. Assist Leader: Tien 4.

B-Team, Logan 14, Stockton 26. Scoring: Sammons 6; Reese 4; Christina Benton 2; Buss 2. Rebounds: Buss 7; Reese 6; Gaines 4; Amy Zillinger 3; Sammons 3; Morris 2; Benton 1; Mulder 1. Steals: Sammons 6; Zillinger 2; Buss 1; Morris 1; Reese 1; Gaines 1.

A-Team, Logan 48, Stockton 18. Scoring: Greving 26; Pinkerton 8; Sammons 6; Bennett 4; Braun 2; Tien 2.

Rebounds: Greving 10; Bennett 6; Tien 3; Pinkerton 3; Sammons 3; Braun 2; Buss 2; Zillinger 1. Steals: Pinkerton 6; Sammons 3; Bennett 3; Tien 3; Greving 2; Braun 11.

Assist Leader: Tien 5.

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