

At expense of Huskies...

Trojans advance in tourney

Final quarter surge enough for Logan ladies

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies lost a 50-46 decision to the Logan Trojans in Monday's quarter-final round of the Class 1A Regional Tournament.

The game was played at Almena.

The Trojans, seeded 5th in the tourney, advance to the semi-final round at Rexford Thursday night. They will take on Rexford-Golden Plains, the top seeded team who earned a bye in the opening round. Golden Plains brings a 17-1 record

onto the floor, while the Trojans are now 7-11.

Tight game

The Huskies were out front against Logan at the end of the first quarter 15-11. At halftime, the Huskies fell behind by a point 27-26. And going into the final period of play, the Huskies were again out front 36-35.

The Trojans were able to piece together 15 points in the final frame, while the Huskies hit for 10 to claim the 50-46 victory.

The free throw line played a big role in the outcome, with the Huskies connecting on 9 of 17, while the Trojans put in 15 of 23.

Leading the charge for Northern Valley was Jena Jessup with 15 points. Kelli Cole was a point behind with 14. Alison Cole tossed

in 11.

The game's top scorer was Logan's Shelley Kemper with 23. The team's only player in double-digits.

The Huskies, seeded 4th, ended the season with a 6-12 record.

Box Score
Northern Valley 46
Alison Cole 5 0 5-1 11; Kelli Cole 2 2 4-4 14; Jena Jessup 4 1 8 4 15; Jessica Largent 3 0 0-0 6. Totals: 14 3 17-9 46

Logan 50
Shelley Kemper 9 0 8-5 23; Bethany Clements 3 0 2-1 7; Anne Hartman 1 0 2-1 3; Shaley Van Loenen 2 0 4-3 7; Jenny Archer 0 1 2-2 5; Aspen Larson 0 0 2-2 2; Savannah Sammons 1 0 2-1 3. Totals: 16 1 23-15 50

Red-hot fourth pushes Trojan boys to victory

The fourth quarter pretty much told the story of the Northern Valley-Logan basketball boys' Class 1A quarter-final tourney opener at Logan Tuesday night, won by Logan 67-60.

Check this:
√The Huskies led at the end of the first quarter 15-13.
√At the half, the Huskies were still on top 32-31.
√And when the buzzer brought

the third quarter to a close, the Huskies were still top dog 53-50.

√Then came the fourth frame in which the Huskies managed only 7 points while allowing the red-hot Trojans to pocket a total of 17 points.

Henry Griffiths paved the way for Northern Valley with 19 points. Drew Britt also scored in double figures with 11.

Scoring honors went to Logan's Kyle Brobst who choked the nets with 25 points. Teammate Tim McElroy added 13.

Logan now faces Golden Plains at Rexford in the semi-finals Friday night. Golden Plains drew a first round bye and is seeded #2 with a 10-8 record. Logan, seeded

#3, will take a 10-8 record into the semi-finals.

The Huskies were the #6 seed and end the season with an 0-17 mark.

Box Score
Northern Valley 60
Bryce Marble 2 0 4-1 5; Kersch 2 0 6-5 9; Drew Britt 4 0 5-3 11; Henry Griffiths 4 3 4-2 19; Cody Callaway 0 2 2-1 7; TJ Siard 2 0 0 4; Drew Eagleburger 1 1 0-0 5. Totals: 15 6 21-12 60

Logan 67
Zach Long 1 2 2-1 9; Kyle Brobst 4 5 2-2 25; Tanner Pabst 1 0 4-1 3; Kevin Burge 2 0 4-3 7; Levi Kiser 1 0 0-0 2; Ethan Gottschalk 4 0 1-0 8; Tim McElroy 6 0 4-1 13. Totals: 19 7 17-8 67

C-team girls win Atwood tourney

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School girls C-team basketball team defeated Oberlin 53-32 and Southwest 44-33 to win the championship of the Atwood Tournament recently.

Oberlin

Norton played Oberlin in the first round. It was a close contest with the Lady Jays taking a 10-7 lead after one quarter and extending it to 23-16 by halftime. In the third quarter, Norton went on a 20-3 run to take a 43-19 advantage into the final stanza.

"Our defense woke up and pretty much shut Oberlin off in the third quarter," said Norton coach Joan Bolt.

"Our offensive transition game also allowed us some nice buckets."

Amanda Ray led Norton in scoring with 13 points, followed by Ashlie Stewart, 12; Shelby Jones, 9; Raven Brown, 6; Kaitlyn Wolf, 4; Lacy Keilig, 3; Kendra Engelbert, Hannah Waggoner, Alyssa Thomson, 2 each.

Adrienne Pauls scored 14 for Oberlin.

Southwest

In the finals, Norton played a tough Southwest team and took quarter leads of 16-12, 24-15 and 32-23 en route to winning the

championship.

"We met an aggressive defensive team in the finals," said coach Bolt.

"Our girls realized early in the game that they would have to keep their offense strong to defeat Southwest. We also needed to be patient on offense and take care of the basketball in order to keep control of the lead.

"Southwest came within five points a couple of times late in the fourth quarter.

"We needed to settle down and take care of the ball and be patient

on offense to win and our girls did just that.

"It was also another great defensive showing for our young ladies. They hustled for the loose balls and that made a difference in our momentum and control of the game."

Amanda Ray was the scoring leader again as she poured in 16 points. She was followed by Ashlie Stewart, 13; Kaitlyn Wolf, 7; Shelby Jones, 4; Hannah Waggoner, Alyssa Thomson, 2 each. Jordan Brooks led Southwest in scoring with 16 points.

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By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity wrestlers competed in the varsity Arapahoe Invitational Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 27 in Arapahoe, Neb.

The top five team scores were as follows: Elm Creek, 210; Elwood, 126; Arapahoe, 94; Eustis/Farnam, 58; Norton Junior Varsity, 57.

"We had several wrestlers on the roster for this tournament who ended up competing in the league tournament," said Norton assistant coach Chance McKinney.

"Those other wrestlers would have helped with our team score. We didn't do as well as we would have but our junior varsity wrestlers got a lot of good action in another varsity tournament."

Senior Jared Bebb was named "Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week".

Bebb placed highest of any of the Norton wrestlers. He finished second in the 160 pound weight class.

Bebb drew a first round bye, won a 10-3 decision over Justin Kallhoff, Clearwater/Elgin, then lost a 9-2 decision to Steve Taylor, Elm Creek, in the championship finals.

Freshman Andrew Soderlund competed at 112 pounds. He won a 7-1 decision over Will Rahjes, Unattached, lost a 10-8 decision to Michael Daake, Elwood and won a 5-1 decision over Rahjes in a rematch to place third.

At 145 pounds, sophomore Jordan Bebb pinned Nick Byrns, Unattached in 3:22; was pinned in 2:30 by Ivan Hubbard, Elm Creek, pinned sophomore Logan Kelly, Norton, in 3:20 and placed third with a fall in 2:52 in a rematch with Byrns.

Freshman Robert Derauf wrestled at 189 pounds. He pinned Cale Holscher, Elwood, in 3:59; was pinned in 45 seconds by Justin Swedburg, Axtell; pinned Jacob Powell, Clearwater/Elgin, in 4:18 and was pinned in 3:40 by Dustin Johns, Elm Creek, to place fourth.

Logan Kelly was pinned in 2:49 by Louis Benavidez, Elwood, then lost to Jordan Bebb in the consolation semi-finals.

At 152 pounds, freshman Tyler Cook pinned Mychal Robinson, Axtell, in 1:07; was pinned in 5:49 by Justin Brooks, Arapahoe; lost a 15-5 major decision to Ty Van Duren, Fleming, Colo.

Junior Austin Brown also wrestled at 152 for Norton. He was pinned in 3:15 by Brock Meier, Elm Creek and lost a 5-2 decision to Ty Van Duren, Fleming, Colo.

Girls claim 30-19 victory over Oberlin

The Norton Community High School girls C-team basketball team defeated Oberlin 30-19 on February 6 in Oberlin. Norton held

Ladies win by 10 over Colby here

The Norton Community High School girls C-team basketball quintet defeated Colby 40-30 in a home game last Monday. Norton held quarter advantages of 16-5, 26-11 and 32-20.

"Our defense played pretty aggressively, giving us a comfortable lead early," said assistant coach Joan Bolt.

"Colby picked up their offense in the second half and began to eat away at our lead. I was really proud of the way our girls adjusted by being patient on offense, looking for good shots and keeping control of the momentum."

Amanda Ray led Norton in scoring with 10 points, followed by Kaitlyn Wolf, 8; Ashlie Stewart, Lacy Keilig, 6 each; Alyssa Thomson, 4; Shelby Jones, Kendra Engelbert, Hannah Waggoner, 2 each.

Alli Barton led Colby in scoring with 9 points.

The victory extended the Norton C-team girls' season record to 9-1.

quarter leads of 6-4, 15-10, 25-14.

Leading scoring for Norton were Hannah Waggoner and Alyssa Thomson with 8 points each, followed by Kendra Engelbert, Lacy Keilig, Raven Brown, 4 each; Steph Eagleburger, 2.

Heather Ploussard led Oberlin with 6.

"It was a well rounded night for our girls," said Norton assistant

coach Joan Bolt. "Scoring was pretty evenly distributed between the girls making scoring threats both inside and outside the lane.

"This was our young girls' fifth game in five days and they continued to play strong. I can see them steadily improving on both sides of the ball.

"These girls have a lot of potential and, in the future, will be a fun group to watch."

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