Area teams win State Basketball titles

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In some exciting action in Kansas state high school basketball tournaments last week, the Smith Center girls team, Hoxie girls team and Scott City boys team emerged as state champions.

Also competing were the Sharon Springs boys, Stockton boys, Russell girls, Beloit boys, Golden Plains-Rexford girls, Hoxie boys, Ness City boys and Belleville boys, who won the Class 2A boys title.

The Smith Center girls extended their final season record to 24-2 when they defeated Jefferson County North 63-55 in Class 2A play on Saturday in Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan to win their first ever state championship!

The Lady Red never relinquished the lead after taking control of the game in the first quarter.

"Our girls worked really really hard to get through a tough sub-state in Plainville and didn't rest on that performance," said Smith Center head coach Nick Linn.

Smith Center beat Sedan 61-35 in the first round and outscored Sterling 62-59 in the semi-finals.

The Hoxie girls brought a perfect record into the Class 1A, Division I State Tournament in Emporia and left with an unblemished 26-0 mark after defeating Olpe, who also came into the game unbeaten, by a 68-63 score.

It was the second straight state championship for the Hoxie girls, who outscored South Haven 81-36 in the first round and beat St. John 47-41 in the semi-finals.

The Scott City boys became the only team in history to win three consecutive Class 3A state championships when they defeated top-seeded Humboldt 74-55 to win the state title in Hutchinson.

The Beavers seized control of the championship game from the opening tip and never trailed.

They also beat Pittsburg Colgan 61-48 in the first round and outscored Nemaha Valley 50-38 in the semi-finals.

The Beloit boys won the Class 3A Sub-State Tournament, which was held in Norton. They lost their first round game in the State Tournament in Hutchinson by a score of 52-50 to Silver Lake.

The Russell girls were champions of the Norton Sub-State. They defeated No.3 seed Caney Valley 50-42 in the first round but lost to No.2 seed Garden Plain 57-35 in the semi-finals. In the third place game, they played Hillsboro and lost 59-46 to finish fourth.

No.1 seed Burlington defeated Garden Plain 52-42 to win the championship and complete a perfect 26-0 season. Garden Plain finished 23-2.

The Belleville boys won the Class 2A championship in Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan. They beat Jefferson County North 78-68 in the first round, outscored Ness City 51-37 in the semi-finals and ended Meade's bid for an undefeated season with a 64-53 overtime victory in the finals on Saturday.

Belleville finished 23-3 and Meade fell to 24-1.

Ness City's head coach is Norton Community High School graduate Matt Overlease.

The Ness City boys were the No.7 seed and beat No. 2 seed Lyndon 53-48 in the first round before losing 51-37 to No.3 seed Belleville in the semi-finals. In the third place game on Saturday, Ness City played Moundridge, who edged them 71-68.

In Class 1A, Division I, the Stockton boys won the Osborne Sub-State Tournament. In their first game in the State Tournament in Emporia, the No.6 seeded Tigers defeated No.3 seed Hoxie 58-42 to advance to the semi-finals. In that game, sophomore Justin Wiltfong, led the way with 16 points and 11 rebounds. He was a perfect 6 of 6 from the field and 4 of 4 from the charity stripe.

Justin is the son of Norton Community High School graduate Doug Wiltfong and wife, Kelly and the grandson of Eugene and Maxine Wiltfong, Norton.

In the semi-finals, Stockton lost to No.2 seed South Haven by a score of 65-60. On Saturday, they lost to Centralia 78-47 to place fourth and end the season with a record of 18-8. No.1 seed St. John-Hudson defeated South Haven 70-50 to win the championship and end the season 25-1.

The Stockton team's head coach is Tom Stephens, a Lenora High School graduate.

The Sharon Springs boys won the Class 1A-II Sub-State championship in Colby and defeated Colony Crest 72-62 in their state tournament opener in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays. In the semi-finals, they lost to unbeaten and No.1 seed Fowler 75-63 and played No.3 seed White City for third. They lost a close 53-46 game to place fourth and finish with a 19-7 record.

The Golden Plains-Rexford girls won the Colby Sub-State championship and played and defeated Hope 58-43 in the first round at Hays. In the semi-finals, they lost 32-29 to No.2 seed Norwich and played Wilson on Saturday for third. Golden Plains put together a solid 77-67 win to place third and end the season with a 22-3 record.

Ottawa, in Class 4A, is a team which regularly competes in and wins the boys side of the Topside Tip-Off Basketball Tournament in Goodland. The Ottawa boys played in Salina in state tournament action. They were 76-44 first round winners over Garnett-Anderson County, outscored Andale 73-49 in the semi-finals and extended their unbeaten season record to 25-0 with a state championship win of 54-45 over No.1 seed Topeka Highland Park, who finished 24-1.

Huskies end basketball season in a second round loss

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The Northern Valley Huskies boys basketball had its season come to an end with a 10 point second round loss to the Dighton Hornets, 59-49, on Friday, March 1 in Dighton.

It was a close and competitive contest throughout until the Hornets pulled away in the fourth quarter.

In the first quarter, Huskies senior Phillip Compton scored six points on three field goals and junior Jordan Baird scored five points including a 3-pointer. The Hornets scored 14 points in the quarter. Seniors Ryan Kuhlman and Dirk Torson scored seven points each, but the Huskies trailed by only one point, 14-13.

In the second quarter, the Huskies managed to score only 10 points and Baird accounted for four of them. The Hornets relied heavily on Kuhlman who poured in 10 of his team's 13 points and giving the Hornets a 27-23 lead over the Huskies going into halftime.

In the third quarter, the momentum shifted in the Huskies favor. The Huskies defense shut Kuhlman out and as a team the Hornets scored only nine points. Junior Hunter Chandler stepped up and scored six points in the quarter and Baird was consistent with another five points. The Huskies and Hornets were all tied, 36-36, after three.

In the fourth quarter, it was the 'Ryan Kuhlman Show.' Kuhlman scored 15 of his team's 23 points, including three 3-pointers and converted six of eight free throw attempts. Kuhlman was the game's high scorer with 32 points and single handedly outscored the Huskies in the fourth, who managed to score only 13 points. The Huskies season ends with a 10 point loss, 59-49, to the Dighton Hornets.

"Our kids put forth a really good effort against a solid Dighton team. We gave Dighton too many offensive rebounds and second chances," said head coach Chuck Fessenden. "The Kuhlman kid hit a couple of big 3's in the fourth quarter and we had a couple of charging calls that we needed to go our way. Overall, I was pleased with the way our players finished the season. Hopefully, this will give us something to build on for next year."

Huskies scoring: Jordan Baird - 14 points, Phillip Compton - 12 points, Hunter Chandler - 12 points, Tyson Callaway - 6 points, Matt Stutsman - 5 points.

Hornets scoring: Ryan Kuhlman - 32 points, Dirk Torson - 10 points, Mathew Barnett - 6 points, Matthew Mulville - 5 points, Isaac Alinor - 3 points, Ryan Horn - 3 points.

Norton basketball players named All-League

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Three Norton Community High School basketball players have received All-Mid-Continent League honors from league coaches for the 2012-13 season.

On the girls side, senior point guard Tawni Griffey was named to the second team and junior post Bailey Ambrosier received honorable mention.

Among boys, senior guard Jacob Brooks was chosen to the first team.

Griffey was chosen honorable mention all-league last season and was named to the second team following her sophomore season.

Brooks was selected second team all-league last year.

Named to the girls first team were: Sydney Benoit, Smith Center senior; Trenna Cox, Smith Center senior; Alexcia Deutscher, Ellis freshman; Bailey Hensley, Ellis senior and Shelby Stewart, Hill City senior.

Chosen to the second team with Griffey were: Mattison Dusin, Phillipsburg junior; Jessica Princ, Osborne junior; Colbie Decker, Smith Center junior and Hannah Friend, Plainville junior.

Receiving honorable mention along with Ambrosier were: Caitlyn Miller, Osborne junior; Rachel St. Clair, Osborne senior; Kim Junkmeier, Plainville sophomore; Alexis Ryan, Smith Center senior and Madysen Frantz, Phillipsburg junior.

Named to the boys first team along with Brooks were: Sean Newlan, Phillipsburg senior; Hadley Gillum, Plainville junior; Seth Derr, Phillipsburg senior and Nolan Weiser, Plainville senior.

Chosen to the second team were: Shane Jones, Hill City junior; Solomon Wilson, Hill City senior; Payton Buckmaster, Smith Center senior; John Griffith, Trego senior; Tyler Walters, Ellis senior and Clayton Riedel, Trego junior.

Receiving honorable mention were: Koby Beougher, Stockton senior; Luke Lohrmeyer, Ellis senior; Tad Thompson, Phillipsburg senior and Grant Wickham, Phillipsburg junior.

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Wrestlers receive honorable mention in team academic championship

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The Norton Community High School wrestlers have received honorable mention in the team academic championship results in the state of Kansas in Class 3-2-1A.

Receiving honorable mention means your team had an average grade point average between 2.8 and 3.49.

Phillipsburg, Plainville, Hoxie and Atwood wrestlers also received honorable mention.

Scott City and Trego Community were among first place teams with an average of 3.5 and higher grade point average.

Norton senior Cody Ellis was a member of the Senior All-Academic First Team from weight class 145. Also on the first team from this area were John Solko, Atwood, 126; Cameron Staples, Trego, 170.

Receiving honorable mention on the Senior All-Academic Team was Matt Helm, Hoxie, 126.

Named to the first team with a 3.5 grade point average or higher were: Kade Brown, Oberlin, 152 and Zach Gienger, St. Francis, 182.

Receiving honorable mention on the first team were senior John Risewick, Norton, 132; Mikey Leibbrandt, St. Francis, 152; Brad Blew, Phillipsburg, 152; Michael McEachern, Scott City, 285.

Receiving honorable mention for a grade average of 3.0 to 3.49 were: Casey Keller, St. Francis, 120, first team; Matt Glading, Oberlin, 160, first team; Calvin Ochs, Hoxie, 160, first team; Brandon Salmans, Hoxie, 195, first team.

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American Legion Baseball
Organizational Meeting/Practice at John Ryan Field, Sunday, March 17 at 2:00 p.m.
Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1994 are eligible to play
If interested in playing this season, but cannot attend this meeting, please contact Scott Ellis at 877-3671

Sudoku Puzzle #2837-M

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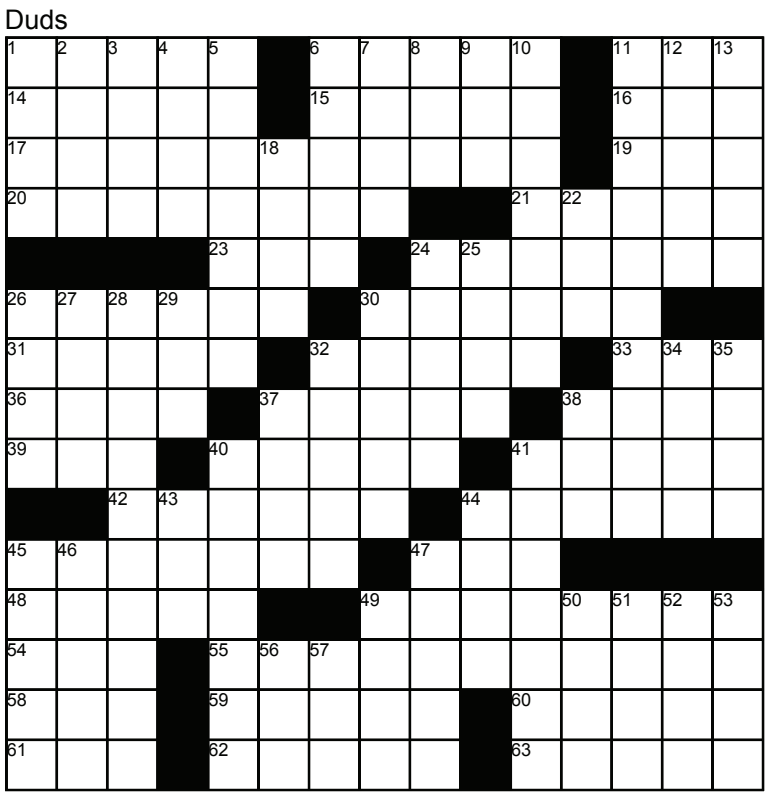

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ACROSS
1. Takes a siesta
6. Pays to play
11. Horace's "__ Poetica"
14. Imam's deity
15. "My fault!"
16. Asian holiday
17. Fashion designer's favorite actor?
19. "Fore" site
20. Maximilian and Charlemagne
21. Angelou's "Still __"
23. Ride the ump
24. Took the lead
26. Frequent striker
30. Defat, whaler-style
31. Attu dweller
32. Many mall rats
33. Unaffiliated pol: Abbr.
36. Verbal assault
37. Positioned
38. Mold-ripened cheese
39. Kramden laugh syllable
40. "... I __ my way"
41. Go on and on and on ...
42. Kicked off the show
44. Conked with a fastball
45. Like old movies
47. Dallas NBAer
48. "Chinatown" screenwriter Robert
49. Stuffs to the gills
54. Suffix with bull or bear
55. Narrow escape for a fashion designer?
58. Bull Run victor
59. Tucker of country
60. Beethoven dedicatee
61. Bard's nightfall
62. Mill output
63. Held sway

DOWN
1. Steak order
2. Jack of old oaters
3. Take a spill
4. Easy to manage
5. Cool treat
6. Houston pro
7. Loaded Londoners
8. Play about Capote
9. Drop an easy one
10. Aleppo residents
11. Fashion designer's automotive tool?
12. Ebbets Field great
13. Knight's ride
18. The Koh-i-__ diamond
22. $200 Monopoly props.
24. Winter fall
25. Work the bar
26. Big do
27. Southwestern stew
28. Fashion designer's favorite Dion and the Belmonts tune?
29. Abner's radio partner
30. Stinking to high heaven
32. __ over (helped through difficulty)
34. Mudville complement
35. Scout's doing
37. Trig function
38. Two cups?
40. Sniffs out, say
41. Plan maker
43. Give no stars to
44. Make less intense
45. Of value
46. "Long time __!"
47. Taj __
49. Lid malady
50. Rights org.
51. Act the PI
52. Ultimatum ender
53. Iditarod vehicle
56. Long. crosser
57. Sacagawea denomination