

Northern Valley Huskies headed to State

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For the first time since 1992, the Northern Valley High School boys basketball team is heading to the State Basketball Tournament!

Coach Chuck Fessenden's Huskies qualified by winning the championship of the Class 1A-II Sub-State Tournament on Saturday in Grainfield.

Northern Valley received a first round bye, then defeated Wheatland-Grinnell 55-32 in the semi-finals on Thursday and outscored Tri-Plains Brewster 44-27 on Saturday evening to earn the trip to Hays this week.

Wheatland-Grinnell

In this semi-finals victory, the Huskies doubled Wheatland-Grinnell's score in the first quarter when they took an 8-4 lead, then put up 18 points in the second period when Hunter Chandler hit four baskets and Clint Cole added three more. Wheatland-Grinnell was limited to 10 points and the Huskies had what appeared to be a comfortable 26-14 halftime lead.

Northern Valley scored only three field goals in the third quarter, however, and Wheatland-Grinnell hit six field goals, two of them three-pointers to outscore the Huskies 14-6 and narrow their lead to 32-28.

Not to worry. Good teams hit

their free throws and Northern Valley did that in the final stanza to win going away. The Huskies paraded to the free throw line where they held a clinic, hitting 15 of 16 charities! Adding four baskets gave the Huskies 23 points in the fourth quarter compared to two baskets and four points for their opponents.

"We played a very good defensive game," said coach Fessenden. "At halftime, we had a nice lead but Wheatland-Grinnell closed the gap during the third quarter. We executed better on offense during the fourth quarter and shot free throws very well!"

Displaying good teamwork,

eight different Northern Valley players scored in the game. Hunter Chandler led with 14 points, followed by Clint Cole, 13; Matt Stutsman, 10; Jordan Baird, 8; Brant Cox, 4; Ame Baird, 4; Philip Rupp, 2.

Stutsman led Northern Valley in rebounding with 9 caroms.

Tri-Plains Brewster

The Huskies got off to a slow start in the championship game but finished strong. They scored just 4 points in the first quarter and trailed 8-4. They picked it up in the second period when they scored 15 points but Tri-Plains tallied 10 to put the Huskies on top by just 19-18 at intermission.

Northern Valley's aggressive defense paid off in the second half when the Huskies held Tri-Plains Brewster to just 3 points in the third quarter while scoring 11 themselves and allowed them 6 more points in the final stanza while scoring 14 more to stretch the final margin of victory to 17 points!

"We had some good looks at the basket in the first quarter but we could only get two of them to go down," said coach Fessenden.

"Fortunately, our shot started to fall as the game wore on.

"Our defense was superb, particularly in the second half when we held Tri-Plains Brews-

ter to 9 points."

Clint Cole led Northern Valley in scoring with 15 points, followed by Matt Stutsman, 9; Jordan Baird, 9; Hunter Chandler, 5; Brant Cox 4; Ame Baird, 2.

Chandler was leading rebounder for the Huskies with 8 boards.

"We will be tested at the State Tournament where we will face the No.1 seed St. John's of Beloit/Tipton in our first round game," said coach Fessenden.

Area basketball teams qualify for state tournament

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In addition to the Northern Valley boys team, a number of other area high school basketball teams qualified for the state basketball tournament in their classes on Saturday.

The Northern Valley boys received a first round bye in the Grainfield Sub-State, defeated Wheatland-Grinnell 55-32 and outscored Tri-Plains Brewster 44-27 on Saturday for the championship. (See related story)

The Northern Valley girls quintet defeated Cheylin 51-46 in the first round on Tuesday but lost to Tri-Plains Brewster 73-52 on Friday to end their

season.

The Logan girls lost 48-37 to Wheatland-Grinnell on Tuesday to end their season. The Logan boys defeated Cheylin 59-57 in overtime on Monday but lost to Tri-Plains-Brewster 44-43 in another close game on Thursday to end their season.

In Class 1A-I, both the Hoxie girls and boys qualified for the state tournament in Emporia. The girls defeated Thunder Ridge 63-35 for the championship of the Quinter Sub-State and the Indian boys outscored Stockton 62-42 for the title.

The unbeaten Hoxie girls are a two-time defending state champion and the Hoxie boys

also qualified for the state tournament last season.

Also in Class 1A-I in the Lincoln Sub-State, the Osborne girls qualified for the state tournament with a 49-36 win over Pike Valley on Saturday. The Osborne boys also played in the finals on Saturday but missed a state tourney trip with a 68-59 loss to Clifton-Clyde.

In the same division in the Burrton Sub-State, the Victoria girls earned a trip to the state tournament with a 45-25 win over Macksville on Saturday. The Victoria boys just missed a state trip with a 72-43 loss to Macksville.

In Class 1A-II in Grainfield, the Golden Plains-Rexford girls

who placed third in the state tourney last season, qualified again with a 47-34 win over Triplains-Brewster.

In the Class 1A-II Sub-State in Tribune, the Sharon Springs boys earned a return trip to Hays with a 54-43 win over Dighton. The Sharon Springs boys placed fourth in the state last season.

The Sharon Springs girls just missed a state tourney trip with a 49-31 loss to Dighton.

In Class 2A Sub-State play in Oberlin, the Ellis girls earned a trip to the State Tournament in Manhattan with a 55-42 win over Oakley on Saturday. The Plainville boys will be the state representative after a 56-49 win over Hill City.

In the Class 3A in Hoisington, where Norton girls and boys competed, the No.1 seeded Phillipsburg girls defeated Thomas More Prep-Marian 70-43 but lost 57-51 in the semi-finals to No.5 Lyons, who had beaten Beloit 64-50 in the first round. The Lyons girls went on to win the championship with a 63-34 win over Minneapolis, who had eliminated Norton in the first round.

In boys Sub-State action at Hoisington, No.1 seed Beloit defeated Ellsworth 76-46, edged No.5 Lyons 72-71 in overtime in the semi-finals and defeated Thomas More Prep of Hays 62-53 to win the championship and a return trip to the State

Tournament in Hutchinson. In the semi-finals, TMP handed Minneapolis their first loss of the season by a 55-52 score. TMP eliminated Norton in the first round.

The Scott City boys, who have won the Class 3A state championship the past three years, are playing in Class 4A-II this season and have qualified for state tourney play once again. They defeated Goodland 57-45 in the championship finals of the Goodland Sub-State. The Goodland girls played in the finals on Saturday as well but lost 55-47 to Hugoton.

Sunflower Shootout to feature area basketball stars on March 22

The Smith Center Recreation Commission will be hosting the 4th Annual Sunflower Shootout all star basketball game on Saturday, March 22, at the Smith Center High School gym.

The games will feature senior all stars from the Mid-Continent League against a team of all stars from a 14-county area in North Central Kansas.

The girls game will tip off at 4:00 p.m. with the boys game set for 6:00.

There will also be 3-point contests at halftime of each game.

The Mid-Continent League girls roster includes Shania Wilkison, Phillipsburg; Brooke Ottley, Kenzie Hemmert & Laura Dennis, Oakley; Addie Zeman, Trego; Kaleigh Soneson, Ellis; Maegan Gosselin, Hill City; Johnnye Ruder & Bailey

Ambrosier, Norton; and Colbie Decker, Smith Center. Coaches are George Rossi, Norton, and Ron Wolf, Plainville.

North Central Kansas girls are Jordan Christensen, Golden Plains; Courtney Freed, Pike Valley; Gabi Spresser & Kristina Farber, Hoxie; Taylor Noel, Jessica Princ & Caitlyn Miller, Osborne; Kellan Niewald, St. John's Beloit/Tipton; Brooke Hammond, Northern Valley; and Megan James, Concordia. The coaches will be Parker Christensen, Golden Plains, and Michael Walhmeier, Concordia.

The Mid-Continent League boys team features Kody Molzahn & Taylor Zabel, Smith Center; Reed Stephens, Stockton; Logan Frederking & Hadley Gillum, Plainville; Austin Baalman & Darius Herl, Oakley; Shane Jones, Hill City; Trey

Ellis, Phillipsburg; and Jordan Gottschalk, Thomas More Prep. Joe Burgardt of Smith Center and Tom Stephens, Stockton, will be the coaches.

The North Central Kansas boys squad includes Grant Holmes, Concordia; Josh Meyer, Linn; Payton Vetter, Beloit; Jordan Baird, Northern Valley; Connor Eilert & Luke Eilert, St. John's Beloit/Tipton; Kade Spresser & Chase Kennedy, Hoxie; Tristan Schwarz, Golden Plains; and Justin Underwood, Lakeside. Coaches include Aaron Dardis, Hoxie, and Lance Bergmann, St. John's Beloit/Tipton.

A few of the players invited were unable to participate due to prior commitments, but Smith Center Recreation Director Mike Hughes said there was plenty of talent available to play.

"We have assembled some of the top high school basketball talent in the state for this event, and we are really excited about it," said Hughes. "We are trying to make this an exciting and fun

event for the players, and think the fans will enjoy the evening as well. Anyone who enjoys basketball will truly want to see this event."

Admission for the event will

be \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 5 to 12, and children 4 & under are free.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

First published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, March 11, Tuesday, March 18, and Tuesday, March 25, 2014 3(T)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of **MICHELLE MARSH**, Deceased
Case No. 2013-PR-04

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND ALLOWANCE AND CLASSIFICATION OF DEMANDS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Julie A. Neff, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator with Will Annexed of the Estate of Michelle Marsh, Deceased, praying that her acts be approved; that her account be settled and allowed; that the claims of the Estate's creditors be allowed and the estate be assigned to Enfield Funeral Home; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Administrator be discharged and that she be released from further liability.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE your written defenses thereto on or before the 2nd day of April, 2014, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, Norton County Courthouse, Norton, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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