

BURLINGTON INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Lady Wildcats finish sixth in BIT Wildcats fourth in home tourney

BURLINGTON — The Burlington Lady Wildcats made a run in the annual Burlington Invitational Tournament held Jan. 21, 24 and 25 and came away with a sixth-place finish.

The Lady Wildcats went 1-2 in the tournament, with losses in the quarterfinal and final rounds.

"We had a pretty good week for the BHS Invitational," Burlington coach Doug Stewart said. "We started out with a tough game against Rock Creek, followed by an overtime win versus Caney Valley and a tough loss on Saturday versus Independence. I thought the tournament did us a lot of good. We have improved our defense and were in every game with a chance to win."

The Lady Wildcats played Independence in the fifth-place game Jan. 25. They led early and were up 10-5 after the first quarter. A 17-5 run by Independence in the second quarter erased that lead and Burlington was on the short end of a 22-15 score at halftime. They battled back in the second half but were outscored by three points in the third quarter and seven in the fourth. Burlington dropped the game, 44-38.

"Once again, we played a good defensive game," Stewart said. "They just hit shots in the first half. We jumped out to a 10-0 lead, and then they came back with a 22-5 run to end the half. They got on fire from the three-point line and hit some tough shots. In the second half, we battled back twice from double digit deficits. We got it cut to two in the middle of the third and again fought back from an 11-point lead in the fourth. We kept climbing the mountain and sliding back down. I'm really proud of the way the kids battled. You cannot count us out of any game. We just need to find ways to score when we really need a bucket. We missed eight free throws that would have been the difference in the game."

Caydence Doebele scored 13 points to lead the Lady Wildcats in scoring. Myka Watkins chipped nine. Grace Hess and Harlee Young each scored five.

In the consolation semifinals Jan. 24, the Lady Wildcats played a thriller with Caney Valley. They took an early lead and were on top 19-18 at halftime. Caney Valley outscored them 25-24 in the second half, tying the game 43-43 and forcing overtime. Burlington blanked Caney Valley 8-0 in the overtime period to win, 51-43.

"We played a pretty solid game," Stewart said. "We had to deal with Caney's freshman guard Saige Scott. She hit four threes and had 21 points to keep Caney in the ballgame. We had an uphill battle all night. We really struggled from the field and the line, missing 18 free throws that would have made a big difference in the score. In overtime, we were able to take an early lead and played much more confidently once we had the lead. Myka Watkins did an outstanding job on the defensive end, and we were able to



Mark Petterson/The Republican
Burlington's Abby Dunn (45) works to fire off a shot from between Caney Valley defenders Maggie Simmons (33) and Mary Cummins (15) during the consolation semifinal game between Burlington and Caney Valley Friday, Jan. 24.

get three girls in double figure scoring, which hasn't happened all year."

Young tallied 15 points, while Doebele had 11 and Watkins 10.

On Jan. 21, the Lady Wildcats faced Rock Creek in their tournament opener. They trailed early and were down 18-16 at halftime. Topped 19-15 in the second half, they fell, 37-31.

"Once again, we were right there with an opportunity to win the game at the end," Stewart said. "We continue having trouble finding offense. Down the stretch, we couldn't convert on the offensive end and had to foul at the end to try and get the ball back. Rock Creek missed a couple of front ends, and we had some chances but just couldn't get it done. Our kids continue to play hard and give themselves a chance."

Young put up 14 points. Hess added seven and Watkins and Doebele four each.

"Harlee was our spark Tuesday night," Stewart said. "She was hitting from the three-point line and played a good solid floor game. As a freshman, Harlee is really doing some good things for our team. She kept us in the game the first half. They guarded her better in the second half and limited her shots. We need to find a way to get our inside game going. The last two games, we haven't gotten much scoring from the post, and we need that to help open up the floor for our offense."

Doebele caught six rebounds. Watkins, Young and Abby Dunn each grabbed four. Josie Fejfar took three. Watkins and Young each had two assists. Dunn, Doebele, Madison Coursen and Aleesia Hernandez each

had one. Young had two steals. Watkins had one.

For their play in the tournament, Watkins and Young were named to the girls' all-tournament team.

For achieving a 4.0 GPA, Watkins, Doebele, Miranda Meats and manager Dorotea Azzetti were named to the all-academic all-tournament team.

The Lady Wildcats played Prairie View at La Cygne Tuesday, Jan. 28. They will host Royal Valley 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31. The games will be BHS' Winter Homecoming games.

Girls' All-Tournament Team	
Melinna Schumann	Sabetha Jr.
Kinley Schuette	Sabetha Sr.
Leah Renyer	Sabetha Jr.
Anna Dean	Labette County So.
Madison Brannin	Labette County So.
Kate Ediger	Paola So.
Trinity McDow	Paola Sr.
Grace Gehl	Rock Creek So.
Brooklyn Goehring	Rock Creek So.
Jenna Eytcheson	Independence Sr.
Myka Watkins	Burlington Jr.
Harlee Young	Burlington Fr.
Saige Scott	Caney Valley Fr.

Most Valuable Player	
Melinna Schumann	Sabetha Jr.

Independence 44, Burlington 38	
Independence	5 17 16 16 - 44
Burlington	10 5 13 9 - 38

Burlington 51, Caney Valley 43 OT	
Burlington	8 11 13 11 8 - 51
Caney Valley	4 14 15 10 0 - 43

Rock Creek 37, Burlington 31	
Rock Creek	12 6 9 10 - 37
Burlington	8 8 8 7 - 31

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Foster and Lacey each had 10 points, Patterson six and Decker two.

Lacey recorded a double-double with 10 rebounds. Foster took six and Decker four. Decker, Foster and Logan Pyle each had an assist. Foster made three steals, Decker two and Lacey and Bartley one each. Lacey had all of the team's three blocks.

The Lady Bulldogs took fifth place in the regular-season LCL standings with a 4-3 league record, while on the boys' side, the Bulldogs also took fifth place with a 3-4 league record. Both Waverly teams are competing in the LCL tournament at White Auditorium in Emporia this week. The Lady Bulldogs received the No. 5 seed in the girls' bracket and faced fourth-seeded Burlington in a Tuesday evening quarterfinal game. The Bulldogs received the No. 5 seed in the boys' bracket and played No. 4-seeded Burlington in a Tuesday evening quarterfinal contest. For teams falling in the quarterfinals, consolation semifinal games will be held Thursday, Jan. 30, starting at 4 p.m. For teams winning in the quarterfinals, championship

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On Saturday, Jan. 25, the third-place game saw the Wildcats battle Independence. The game opened close, with Burlington down only three points after the first quarter. The Wildcats chipped away at the deficit in the second quarter and were within one point of the lead at halftime, when the score stood at 33-32 in favor of Independence. However, momentum didn't carry into the second half for the Wildcats. They were topped by seven points in the third quarter and two in the fourth. Burlington fell, 72-62.

Andrew Haselhuhn led the Wildcats' attack with 22 points. Carter Hegwald also reached double digits, finishing with 10 points. Brian Payer added seven.

In the championship semifinals Friday, Jan. 24, the Wildcats played Sabetha. They trailed 34-27 at the half and were unable to overcome the deficit, ultimately falling by a 69-55 score.

Brennan Brown scored 14 points. Hegwald had eight and Haselhuhn and Payer each had seven.

To open their tournament run, Burlington took on Paola. After trailing early, the Wildcats came back to lead 26-25 at halftime. They outscore Paola 36-25 in the second half, winning the game 62-50.

Brown had 14 points, Parker Meats 13, Haselhuhn 11 and Payer 10.

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Mark Petterson/The Republican
Carter Hegwald (12) maneuvers the ball for Burlington while Sabetha's Kaleb Grimm (30) attempts to defend during the championship semifinal game between Burlington and Sabetha Friday, Jan. 24.

Braden Sloyer and Max Kuhlmann were named to the all-academic all-tournament team.

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Boys' All-Tournament Team	
Dawson Zenger	Rock Creek Jr.
Brooks Whaley	Rock Creek Jr.
Gabe Garber	Sabetha Sr.
Braden Argabright	Sabetha Sr.
Camdyn Melchiori	Caney Valley Sr.
Jace Kaminska	Caney Valley Sr.
Jaden McGrath	Independence Sr.
Davion Lewis	Independence Sr.
Trey Moala	Paola So.
Brennan Brown	Burlington Sr.
Andrew Haselhuhn	Burlington Sr.
Luke Falkenstein	Labette County Sr.
Justin Scott	Prairie View Sr.

Most Valuable Player	
Dawson Zenger	Rock Creek Jr.

Independence 72, Burlington 62	
Independence	15 18 25 14 - 72
Burlington	12 20 18 12 - 62

Sabetha 69, Burlington 55	
Sabetha	21 13 12 23 - 69
Burlington	18 9 12 16 - 55

Burlington 62, Paola 50	
Burlington	11 15 14 22 - 62
Paola	13 12 10 15 - 50

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Hartford splits with MdCV, Burlingame

HARTFORD — The Hartford Jaguars and Lady Jaguars played their final regular-season Lyon County League games of the season at home against Marais des Cygnes Valley Thursday, Jan. 23, and at Burlingame Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The Lady Jaguars powered past MdCV easily. They opened with a 20-3 first quarter run and topped MdCV 23-5 in the second quarter. Hartford held a commanding 43-8 lead at halftime. The Lady Jaguars carried their momentum into the second half, putting up 24 points in the third quarter and holding MdCV to two. They added nine points in the final quarter and got the big win, 75-15.

Bailey Darbyshire scored a game-high 30 points for Hartford. Taylor Kelley also reached double digits with 10 points and Kiernan Breshears finished with nine.

The boys' game was much closer. The Jaguars fell behind early and were down 16-7 after one quarter. They scored more closely with MdCV in the second quarter but were still be-



Don Martin/The Republican
Hartford's Cody Thomas attempts to block a shot by a Burlingame player during the Jaguars' Tuesday, Jan. 21, game against Burlingame.

hind 34-20 at halftime. In the second half, Hartford mounted a comeback and edged MdCV 10-7 in the third quarter. They also topped MdCV in the fourth quarter, 17-15, but came up short of the win, 52-47.

Ali Smith tallied 17 points to lead the Jaguars in scoring. Cody Thomas was not far behind him with 15. Shayden Sull chipped in 10.

Against Burlingame, a strong first quarter proved key for the Lady Jaguars in the girls' game. They bounded out to an

18-6 lead in the first quarter and were up 25-15 at halftime. The Lady Jaguars were edged by one point in the second half but got the win, 46-37.

Brooke Finnerty led Hartford's scoring with 15 points, followed by Breshears with 14 and Darbyshire with 10.

The boys' contest was much tougher for the Jaguars. Trailing 23-7 after one quarter, Hartford was on the short end of a 33-9 halftime score. They were

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Waverly teams fall to Burlingame, Olpe

The Waverly High School basketball teams took on Burlingame Thursday, Jan. 23, and Olpe Tuesday, Jan. 21, in their last regular-season Lyon County League games for the 2019-20 season.

The girls' game between Waverly and Burlingame had a sluggish start, with each team scoring only five first-quarter points. Waverly took the lead in the second quarter, with 10 points to Burlingame's nine, and was on top 15-14 at the game's midpoint. However, the tide turned in the third quarter when Burlingame put up 17 points to Waverly's seven. The Lady Bulldogs scored nearly even with Burlingame in the final quarter but could not reclaim the lead and fell, 48-37.

Leading Waverly's effort was Sara McWilliams with 18 points. Megan Foster finished with 13 points and Kaylynn Vogts added four.

Waverly also led early in the boys' game, going up 11-9 by the end of the first quarter. Their lead evaporated in the second quarter and they were down one point, 21-20, at halftime. Outscored by four points in the third quarter and five in the fourth, the Bulldogs were unable to retake the lead and dropped the game, 48-38.

Wes Patterson scored a game-high 16 points for Waverly. Jolon Lacey chipped in eight points and Christian Decker finished with six.

In other stats for the Bulldogs, Lacey led on the boards with five rebounds. Decker grabbed four and Patterson took two. Lacey also led in assists with three, followed by Lane Bartley with two and Patterson and Damian Foster with one each. Patterson led in steals with four, while Decker made three and Foster two. Lacey had the team's only block.

Against Olpe, the Lady Bulldogs got into a hole early and were down 39-18 at halftime. They were outscored 18-12 in the second half and fell, 57-30.

Foster finished with 11 points, Bonnie Romig with eight and McWilliams with six. The Bulldogs also fell behind early, trailing 22-15 at the half. They were topped 21-14 in the second half and took the loss, 43-29.

"We played hard and pulled ourselves within four in the third quarter, but they extended their lead and took a nine-point lead into the fourth," Waverly coach Tyler Williams said. "Our kids battled through the whole game, and that was

good to see against an opponent like Olpe."

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semifinal games will take place Friday, Jan. 31, beginning at 4 p.m. Games to determine seventh, fifth and third places and the championship will be held Saturday, Feb. 1, beginning at 9 a.m.

Burlingame 48, Waverly 37	
Burlingame	5 10 7 15 - 37
Waverly	5 9 17 17 - 48

Burlingame 48, Waverly 38	
Burlingame	11 9 8 10 - 38
Waverly	9 12 12 15 - 48

Olpe 57, Waverly 30	
Olpe	17 22 15 3 - 57
Waverly	11 7 6 6 - 30

Olpe 43, Waverly 29	
Olpe	8 14 11 10 - 43
Waverly	4 11 9 5 - 29

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Burlingame	5 10 7 15 - 37
Waverly	5 9 17 17 - 48



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