

CLASS 1A REGIONAL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Lebo Wolves top Madison, capture regional championship

WAVERLY — The Lebo Wolves emerged Regional Champions from the Waverly regional Saturday, Feb. 29, and the third time was the charm for the Wolves, as they took down the Madison Bulldogs in the championship game.

After falling to Madison in regular season Lyon County League play and the Lyon County League Tournament championship game, the Wolves looked to avenge those losses in the regional championship game. They scored evenly with Madison in the first quarter of the contest, but were edged by three points in the second quarter. Madison was on top 17-14 at halftime. However, Lebo was not finished and topped Madison 8-4 in the third quarter to take a 22-21 lead into the final quarter. The Wolves continued their push for the win, putting up 20 fourth-quarter points and holding Madison to 14. Lebo earned the victory, 42-35.

Devan McEwen led the Wolves' attack with 18 points. Andrew Bailey added nine points, and Kyle Reese chipped in seven.

In other stats, McEwen, Bailey and Kaden Ott each grabbed three rebounds. Avery Peek caught two and Reese, Landon Grimmett, Jerome Ferguson and Luke Davies each took one. McEwen, Bailey and Reese each had an assist. Bailey made three steals, while Ott made two and McEwen, Peek, Ferguson and Reese each made one.

In the semifinal round, Lebo took on Olpe. The Wolves trailed early and were on the short end of an 18-11 halftime score. However, the tide turned in the second quarter and the Wolves topped Olpe by eight points in the third quarter and seven in the fourth. Lebo won, 42-34.

McEwen scored 18 points. Ott added 11 points and Bailey had eight. Ott led on the boards with seven rebounds, while McEwen caught six and Ferguson took two. Bailey had two assists and Peek, McEwen, Reese and Grimmett each had one. Ott, Ferguson, Reese and Grimmett each made a steal. Ott had two blocked shots.

In the other semifinal game, Waverly faced Madison. The Bulldogs were outscored in the first quarter but scored even with Madison in the second, keeping the deficit at five points, 11-6, at halftime. However, Waverly was held to single-digit scoring in the final two quarters and topped 29-16 in the second half. Waverly took the season-ending loss, 52-34.

"We played three of the four quarters very well," Waverly coach Tyler Williams said. "The third quarter we struggled to find the basket, missing many makeable shots, while Madison was doing a great job finding the basket. Other than that quarter, I was very pleased with the effort our boys gave. Being down five at halftime to a top-tier team like that and being in the ballgame was a step in the right direction. We just would have obviously like to come out on top."

Jolon Lacey scored 14 points for Waverly. Damian Foster chipped in eight and Lane Bartley, Christian Decker and Weston Patterson four each. Lacey collected eight rebounds, Foster pulled down six rebounds and Decker and Patterson grabbed four each. Lacey, Decker, Bartley and Logan Pyle each had two assists and Foster had one. Decker had two steals and Lacey and Patterson each had one. Lacey had two blocks.

Waverly ends its season with a 9-12 record.

Lebo advances to substate play, where they will compete in a tournament at White Auditorium in Emporia beginning with semifinals on Thursday, March 5. In the semifinal round, the Wolves, now 20-3, will play Crest (10-13) at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The winner of the game will play the winner of a game between Udall (20-3) and Hutchinson-Central Christian (15-8) in the championship game 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Championship	
Lebo 42, Madison 35	
Lebo	10 4 8 20 - 42
Madison	10 7 4 14 - 35
Lebo - McEwen	7 (1) 3-4 18, Bailey 1 7-10



Annabelle Payton/The Republican
After taking two losses to the Madison Bulldogs earlier this season, the Lebo Wolves defeated Madison in the Class 1A Regional championship game, 42-35, at Waverly Saturday, Feb. 29. Members of Lebo's team are, from left, front row - Landon Grimmett, Jonas Konrade, Kaden Schroeder, Colin Whalen, Kyle Reese, Jerome Ferguson, Andrew Bailey; back row - manager Alex Sage, assistant coach Dennis Becker, Caleb Fehr, Avery Peek, Devan McEwen, Kaden Ott, Luke Davies and head coach Dwayne Paul.



Annabelle Payton/The Republican
Lebo's Devan McEwen lays it up over the top of Madison's Ryan Wolgram (3).



Toni Sipe/The Republican
In a pivotal moment in the regional championship game with the score tied, Lebo's Kaden Ott makes a basket and draws a foul. He made the resulting free throw, completing the three-point play to put the Wolves up three points.



Annabelle Payton/The Republican
Lebo's Kyle Reese takes on Madison defenders Chase Harrison (30), Brome Rayburn (5) and Drew Stutesman (14) as he shoots a jump shot.



Annabelle Payton/The Republican
The Lebo Wolves erupt in celebration as the buzzer signals the end of the regional championship and finalizes Lebo's 42-35 victory over Madison.

9, Reese 2 (1) 2-2 7, Ott 2 2-3 6, Grimmett 1 0-0 2, Davies 0 0-3 0, Totals 13 (2) 14-22 42.
Madison - Wolgram 5 (2) 2-2 14, Stutesman 5 0-0 10, Bro. Rayburn 2 3-5 7, Engle 0 2-2 2, Miser 1 0-0 2, Foltz 0 0-1 0, Totals 13 (2) 7-10 35.

Semifinals	
Lebo 42, Olpe 34	
Lebo	5 6 14 17 - 42
Olpe	10 8 6 10 - 34
Lebo - McEwen 7 (2) 2-2 18, Ott 5 1-3 11, Bailey 3 2-2 8, Reese 1 (1) 0-0 3, Ferguson 1 0-0 2, Totals 17 (3) 5-7 42.	
Olpe - D. Redeker 3 4-4 10, W. Redeker 3 1-1 7, D. Hoeltling 2 2-4 6, Soyez 2 2-2 6, Robert 1 (1) 0-0 3, Barnard 1 0-0 2, Totals 12 (1) 9-11 34.	

Madison 52, Waverly 34	
Madison	11 12 18 11 - 52
Waverly	6 12 7 9 - 34
Madison - Buettner 6 1-2 13, Stutesman 4 3-4 11, Wolgram 3 (2) 0-1 8, Harrison 2 (2) 0-0 6, Bro. Rayburn 1 4-4 6, Engle 2 0-0 4, Foltz 2 0-0 4, Totals 20 (4) 8-11 52.	
Waverly - Lacey 6 (1) 1-1 14, Foster 2 (1) 3-4 8, Bartley 2 0-0 4, Decker 2 0-0 4, Patterson 2 0-0 4, Totals 14 (2) 4-5 34.	



Annabelle Payton/The Republican
Waverly's Logan Pyle (24) shoots on a breakaway play during Waverly's semifinal game against Madison, while teammate Weston Patterson and a Madison defender approach.

CLASS 3A SUBSTATE BOYS' BASKETBALL

Wildcats advance to semifinal round

BURLINGTON — Class 3A Substate basketball tournaments are underway. The Burlington Wildcats are hosting and competing in a substate tournament and opened with a win in the quarterfinal round Monday, March 2.

In their quarterfinal game, the Wildcats, seeded first with a 14-5 record, played No. 8-seeded West Franklin (1-19). The Wildcats took off early and never looked back, topping West Franklin by 10 points in the first quarter. They put up 22 second-quarter points, while holding West Franklin to seven. Burlington was on top 39-14 at halftime. The Wildcats carried their momentum into the second half and scored almost as many points in the third quarter as they did in the first half, with 30 points to West Franklin's 10. They closed with an 18-8 fourth-quarter run and claimed the victory, 87-32.

Trevr Bahr and Andrew Haselhuhn led the Wildcats' attack with a game-high 22

points each. Brian Payer and Noah Smith each finished with eight points and Ty Anderson, Brennan Brown and Braden Sloyer each chipped in six.

Prior to their substate opener, the Wildcats played Anderson County in their final game of the regular season Thursday, Feb. 27. They bounded out to a 10-point lead by the end of the first quarter and didn't look back. They topped Anderson County by five points in the second quarter and were on top, 42-27, at the game's midpoint. They went on to outscore Anderson County by eight points in the third quarter and four in the fourth. Burlington won, 74-47.

Brennan Brown led all scorers with 24 points for Burlington. Andrew Haselhuhn was not far behind him with 20. Braden Sloyer chipped in eight points.

The Wildcats, now 16-5 with the wins against Anderson County and West Franklin, will play Osage City (9-11) 7:30

p.m. Thursday, March 5, at Burlington. The winner will play the winner of a semifinal game between Osawatomie (13-7) and Wellsville (12-7) in the championship game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7, also at Burlington.

Burlington 87, West Franklin 32	
Burlington	17 22 30 18 - 87
West Franklin	7 7 10 8 - 32
Burlington - Bahr 9 (1) 3-4 22, Haselhuhn 10 2-2 22, Payer 3 (1) 1-2 8, N. Smith 3 (1) 1-2 8, Anderson 2 2-4 6, Brown 2 2-2 6, Sloyer 3 0-0 6, Kuhlmann 2 1-2 5, Hegwald 1 0-0 2, Meats 0 2-2 2, Totals 35 (3) 14-20 87.	
West Franklin - Johnson 6 1-1 13, Conway 3 (1) 0-0 7, Fischer 2 (1) 0-0 5, Swank 1 1-1 3, Birzer 1 0-0 2, Martinez 1 0-0 2, Totals 14 (2) 2-2 32.	

Burlington 74, Anderson County 47	
Burlington	20 22 18 14 - 74
Anderson County	17 10 10 10 - 47
Burlington - Brown 7 (7) 3-4 24, Haselhuhn 8 (2) 2-3 20, Sloyer 3 (2) 0-2 8, Payer 3 (1) 0-0 7, Bahr 1 2-5 4, Meats 1 2-2 4, N. Smith 1 1-2 3, S. Smith 1 0-0 2, Hegwald 0 1-2 1, Kuhlmann 0 1-4 1, Totals 25 (12) 12-24 74.	
Anderson County - Edens 6 (4) 4-6 20, Kellerman 4 0-2 8, Katzer 2 (1) 0-0 5, Rockers 2 0-0 4, Jarett 1 (1) 0-2 3, Dilliner 0 2-4 2, Register 1 0-0 2, Stifter 1 0-2 2, Martin 0 1-4 1, Totals 17 (6) 7-20 47.	

CLASS 1A REGIONAL BASKETBALL

Lady Titans fall in regional semifinal

MORAN — The Southern Coffey County Lady Titans saw their season come to an end Friday, Feb. 28, in the semifinal round of a Class 1A Regional tournament at Moran.

SCC played St. Paul in the semifinal game and fell into a hole early on, as St. Paul opened with a 22-3 run. The deficit grew in the second quarter, with St. Paul scoring 16 points and SCC tallying five, and SCC was on the short end of a 38-8 halftime score. The two teams scored more closely in the second half, with St. Paul edging SCC by just three points in the third quarter and the Lady Titans outscoring St. Paul 6-2 in the final quarter. However, the Lady Titans were unable to overcome the deficit and took the loss, 49-20.

Bryli Copeland scored eight point to lead the SCC offense. Josie Weers had seven points

and Callie Johnson had two.

In other stats, Weers and Reed Szambecki each pulled down six rebounds. Emersyn Hall collected three and Copeland and Kyra Ohl each grabbed two. Copeland, Hall, Johnson, Weers and Rylee Mattheis each had an assist. Hall made four steals and Szambecki and Ross Snovelle each made one.

The Lady Titans played host team Marmaton Valley in the quarterfinal round. They trailed early but battled back in the second quarter to take a one-point, 19-18 lead at the half. They expanded the lead to three points in the third quarter and held on to the lead in the fourth, despite being edged by a point. SCC won, 37-35.

Copeland and Szambecki each put up 11 points to lead SCC in scoring. Weers finished with seven points and Hall scored six. Weers hauled

in seven rebounds, Szambecki took six and Ohl caught five. Copeland and Ohl each had two assists and Hall, Johnson and Jalea True each had one. Copeland made four assists, while Ohl, Hall and Weers each made two and Makayli Walters made one.

The Lady Titans end their season with a 7-15 record.

St. Paul 49, SCC 20	
St. Paul	22 16 9 2 - 49
SCC	3 5 6 6 - 20
SCC - Copeland 3 (2) 0-0 8, Weers 3 1-3 7, Johnson 1 0-0 2, Szambecki 0 1-2 1, Hall 0 0-1 0, Ohl 0 0-1 0, unassigned 2, Totals 8 (2) 2-7 20.	

SCC 37, Marmaton Valley 35	
SCC	7 12 10 8 - 37
Marmaton Valley	10 8 8 9 - 35
SCC - Copeland 4 (3) 0-0 11, Szambecki 1 9-18 11, Weers 2 3-8 7, Hall 2 (1) 1-3 6, Lather 1 0-0 2, Walters 0 0-2 0, Totals 10 (4) 13-31 37.	
Marmaton Valley - A. Ard 6 (2) 2-9 16, Becker 1 5-8 7, Lawson 2 2-8 6, M. Ard 2 0-0 4, Scharff 0 1-2 1, Sutton 0 1-2 1, Totals 11 (2) 11-29 35.	

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