

# Christian's CORNER

STATS FROM MARCH 2-8

## Games this past week:

### March 4: 75-66 win against TCU

20 minutes, 4 points, 2-6 FGs (0-1 on 3s), 0-0 FTs, 4 rebounds, 0 assists, 1 steal, 0 blocks, 2 fouls, and 1 turnover

### March 7: 66-62 win at Texas Tech

21 minutes, 5 points, 2-5 FGs (0-1 on 3s), 1-1 FTs, 4 rebounds, 0 assists, 1 steal, 0 blocks, 3 fouls, and 0 turnovers

Watch for updates each week.

## Season averages:

18.4 MIN, 5.3PT, 43% FGs, 44% 3s, 73% FTs, 2.9 REB, .5 AST, .2 BLK, .7 STL, 1.3 PF, & .4 TO



**Katie McMurray/The Republican**  
On March 7, clockwise from left, Wildcats Brennan Brown (2) and Brian Payer (31) form a wall of defense against Wellsville's Luke Richards; Andrew Haselhuhn takes an open two-point shot; excited Wildcats celebrate their substate championship just after the final buzzer; BHS head coach Matt Barrett advises his team during a timeout.



# Cats

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quarterfinal round and played Anderson County in their final regular-season and Pioneer League game, which was also senior night.

Burlington defeated West Franklin by 55 points, 87-32, to start their substate run with a big win, giving them momentum they hoped to and did carry into the semifinal game against Osage City.

"Our guys came out ready and really set the tone early," Barrett said. "We were able to establish our tempo for the start of the game, and between that and our depth, West Franklin had a hard time handling our pressure. We forced 40 turnovers, which is an incredible amount against any opponent."

Leading scorers were Bahr and Haselhuhn with 22 points each, Payer and Smith with eight each and Brown, Sloyer and Ty Anderson with six each. On the boards, Brown, Meats and Payer each collected five rebounds, Haselhuhn caught three and Bahr, Hegwald, Sloyer, Kuhlmann and Anderson each grabbed one.

Against Anderson County, the Wildcats closed their regular season with a 74-47 win on senior night. Seniors recognized that evening included Bahr, Brown, Haselhuhn, Hegwald, Meats, Smith and Easton Burns.

"This group of seniors is so special," Barrett said. "There were so many unknowns, people saying .500 would be a good season, but what no one knew is the desire, passion and grit this group was going to play with, and at a very consistent level. I could not be more proud of these guys. Not only have they achieved some great things on the court to this point, like being the outright Pioneer League Champions, but they have so much more out there to achieve. Many life lessons have been learned this year, as well. I am so proud of



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Burlington's Parker Meats (32) and Osage City's Landon Boss (15) vie for control of a loose ball during semifinal action.



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Wildcat Trevr Bahr runs the ball down the court with Wellsville defender Zebediah Harris alongside.



**Katie McMurray/The Republican**

Noah Smith handles the ball for Burlington against defense from Osage City's Gunner Fort.



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Burlington's Carter Hegwald puts defensive pressure on Osage City's Gunner Fort (14).

how this group has responded to everything that has been thrown their way. The younger kids have learned so much from watching how these guys give it their all every time they step onto the floor. It is really not only paying dividends now, but I think it will for the future of Wildcat basketball, as well. They have been good leaders, and the younger kids are learning each day from them what it takes to be successful at that level."

Leading scorers against Anderson County were Brown with 24 points, Haselhuhn with 20 and Sloyer with eight.

## Lady Cats Fall

OSAGE CITY — The Burlington Lady Wildcats, seeded fifth in their Class 3A substate tournament, traveled to Osage City to face the fourth-seeded Osage City Lady Indians in the quarterfinal round Tuesday, March 3.

The Lady Wildcats got off to a slow start and were down nine points after the first quarter. They whittled away at the deficit in the second quarter and trailed by only one point, 19-18, at halftime. However, they were edged by three points in each of the final two quarters. Burlington took the loss, 36-30,

and saw their season come to a close.

"We ended up going on the road for our first-round game at Osage City," Burlington coach Doug Stewart said. "It was a low scoring affair. We played great defense all night and slowed down their main scorers. We had a tough time finishing shots around the basket and knocking down outside shots. We got off to a slow start and got down by 10 but were able to get it to one by halftime. Caydence Doebele had a solid game defensively and also rebounded well all night. Madison Coursen rebounded well also."

Harlee Young led the Lady Wildcats' attack with nine points. Coursen and Doebele each contributed seven. Miranda Meats chipped in three.

"These kids have worked hard and never quit in any game, and Tuesday night was the same," Stewart said. "They kept fighting and clawing back every time Osage City looked like they were going to separate from us. We wish the season could go on. We will miss our two seniors who provided leadership throughout the season, Abby Dunn and Mary Grace Hess. They were key in the success we had this sea-

son."

The Lady Wildcats end their season with a 9-12 record. They also posted a 7-5 record in Pioneer League play, earning them a third-place finish in the league.

**Burlington 63, Wellsville 50**  
Burlington 14 15 13 21 - 63  
Wellsville 9 14 11 16 - 50  
Burlington — Payer 5 (2) 6-6 18, Haselhuhn 3 3-4 9, Meats 3 (1) 2-3 9, Sloyer 4 (1) 0-0 9, Hegwald 3 0-0 6, Bahr 1 3-4 5, Brown 2 (1) 0-0 5, Kuhlmann 1 0-0 2. Totals 22 (5) 14-17 63.  
Wellsville — Showalter 5 (2) 4-4 16, O'Neil 2 (1) 6-6 11, Swanson 3 (1) 2-2 9, Richards 0 8-10 8, Aamold 1 2-4 4, Dorsey 1 0-0 2. Totals 12 (4) 22-26 50.

**Burlington 76, Osage City 57**  
Burlington 16 25 21 14 - 76  
Osage City 9 20 22 6 - 57  
Burlington — Haselhuhn 7 (1) 2-2 17, Brown 6 2-2 14, Bahr 5 (2) 0-3 12, Payer 5 (2) 0-0 12, Sloyer 3 (1) 2-2 9, Meats 3 0-0 6, N. Smith 1 1-2 3, S. Smith 1 1-2 3. Totals 31 (6) 8-13 76.  
Osage City — Shaffer 6 (1) 5-7 18, Orender 4 (4) 2-2 14, Fort 2 (1) 3-5 8, Sage 1 (1) 2-2 5, Smith 1 (1) 0-0 3, Stromgren 0 1-2 1, Boss 4 0-0 8. Totals 18 (8) 13-18 57.

**Osage City 36, Burlington 30**  
Osage City 14 5 7 10 - 36  
Burlington 5 13 5 7 - 30  
Osage City — Serna 6 (2) 2-3 16, Kerns 4 2-6 10, Kirkpatrick 2 1-3 5, Sage 2 (1) 0-0 5. Totals 14 (3) 5-12 36.  
Burlington — Young 4 1-2 9, Coursen 3 1-2 7, Doebele 3 1-2 7, Dunn 1 0-0 2, Hess 0 2-2 2, Meats 1 (1) 0-0 3. Totals 12 (1) 5-8 30.

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