

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Wildcats, Lady Wildcats drop opener to Holton

BURLINGTON — The Burlington Wildcats and Lady Wildcats hosted Holton for their home and season opener Thursday, Dec. 3.

The Lady Wildcats fell behind early and were down nine points after the first quarter. The deficit grew to double digits in the second quarter, and Burlington trailed 32-13 at the half. They allowed fewer points in the second half but were still edged by seven points in the third quarter and one in the fourth. Burlington fell, 58-31.

"Holton was bigger and a lot more physical," Burlington coach Doug Stewart said. "They killed us on the boards. Eight points off stick back of defensive rebounds. They shot the ball very well, and we did not get out and push them off their spots. They were very comfortable in their offense. We shot the ball poorly at 27 percent. We didn't get to the free throw line much, and we were outplayed. Bottom line is, we need to get better and play more aggressively if we are to play with teams like Holton."

Myka Watkins led the Lady Wildcats in scoring with seven points. Caydence Doebele and Harlee Young each chipped in six and Madison Coursen had five.

In other stats, Doebele led in rebounding with six. Young pulled down two and Watkins, Coursen, Miranda Meats and Josie Fejfar each grabbed one. Watkins had four assists, Doebele and Young two each and Coursen one. Doebele made two blocks and Coursen made one. Meats made two steals and Watkins, Doebele and Aleesia Hernandez each made one.

In the boys' game, the Wildcats took the lead early and were up 14-7 after one quarter. They expanded their lead in the second quarter and took a 30-20 lead into halftime. However, the tide turned and their lead evaporated in the third. Down three points going into the final quarter, Burlington battled back but was edged by one point. The Wildcats fell, 52-48.

"With limited varsity experience returning from last



Photo submitted
Burlington's Max Kuhlmann drives the ball against tough defense from Holton during the Wildcats' home opener Thursday, Dec. 3, where the Wildcats dropped a close one, 52-48.

season, we knew we would find ourselves fighting some growing pains early this season," Burlington coach Justin Logan said. "We jumped to a first-half 18-point lead, forcing 13 turnovers early, and controlled the tempo of the game. Holton, huge credit to them here, continued to slowly chip away during a streak that we went cold from the floor. We were getting the looks we wanted but not finishing our shots. Our shooting woes continued out of halftime, while Holton caught fire in the third quarter, and we found ourselves in a dog fight. The Purcell kid hit some big shots down the stretch for them, and we struggled to find the answer on our end. It will be some good film to learn and grow from with many teachable and learnable moments."

Max Kuhlmann and Sam Smith led the Wildcats' effort with 13 points apiece. Ty An-

derson contributed 11 points and Brian Payer chipped in 10.

The Lady Wildcats played Louisburg Tuesday, Dec. 8, and will play Baldwin 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. The Wildcats are not playing this week due to quarantines. Both the Lady Wildcats and Wildcats will play at Iola 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Holton 58, Burlington 31
Holton 15 17 13 13 — 58
Burlington 6 7 6 12 — 31
Holton — Tanking 5 (4) 2-2 16, Patch 4 3-4 11, Allen 4 (1) 0-0 9, Paxton 4 (1) 0-0 9, Flewelling 3 (1) 0-0 7, Moore 2 0-0 4, Barnett 1 0-0 2. Totals 23 (7) 5-6 58
Burlington — Watkins 3 (1) 0-2 7, Doebele 3 0-2 6, Young 2 (2) 0-0 6, Coursen 1 3-4 5, Meats 1 2-2 4, Whitworth 1 (1) 0-0 3, Hernandez 0 0-2 0. Totals 11 (4) 5-12 31.

Holton 52, Burlington 48
Holton 7 13 19 13 — 52
Burlington 14 16 6 12 — 48
Holton — Purcell 25, Boswell 9, Karn 6, Mulroy 5, Snyder 4, Lierz 3. Total 52.
Burlington — Kuhlmann 13, Smith 13, Anderson 11, Payer 10, Combs 1. Total 48.

Lebo teams dominate Flinthills in home opener

LEBO — The Lebo High School basketball teams hosted Flinthills for their season and home opener Friday, Dec. 4, and came away with a clean sweep.

The Lady Wolves jumped out to an 18-6 lead by the end of the first quarter. The six points was the most they would allow Flinthills in any given quarter. They topped Flinthills by 22 points, 27-5, in the second quarter and held a commanding 45-11 lead at halftime. They went on to hold Flinthills to just five second-half points, all scored during the third quarter, while adding 28 points to their own score. Lebo won by 57 points, 73-16.

Brooklyn Jones led the Lady Wolves in scoring with 22 points. Audrey Peek was just behind her with 20 points. Abby Peek, Alli Moore and Demi Schrader each added eight points.

In the boys' game, the Wolves got off to a strong start, powering out to a 26-2 lead by the end of the first quarter. They scored 31 points to Flinthills' two in the second quarter and held a dominating 57-4 lead at the half.

They went on to top Flinthills by 16 points in the third quarter and five in the fourth. The Wolves claimed victory by 74 points, 87-13.

Devan McEwen was Lebo's top scorer with 26 points. Landon Grimmertt contributed 15 points and Kyle Reese finished with 12 points.

Lebo played Rural Vista at Hope Tuesday, Dec. 8. The Wolves and Lady Wolves will return home to host Chase County 4:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10.

Lebo 73, Flinthills 16
Flinthills 6 5 5 0 — 16
Lebo 18 27 17 11 — 73
Flinthills — Carney 2 1-2 5, Girdy 2 0-1 4, Alvord 1 1-4 3, Hall 1 0-0 2, Holcomb 1 0-2 2. Totals 7 2-9 16.
Lebo — Jones 9 4-9 22, Au. Peek 7 (4) 2-2 20, Ab. Peek 3 (2) 0-0 8, Moore 3 (2) 0-0 8, Schrader 4 0-0 8, Ott 2 0-1 4, unknown 1 (1) 0-0 3. Totals 29 (9) 6-12 73.

Lebo 87, Flinthills 13
Flinthills 2 2 6 3 — 13
Lebo 26 31 22 8 — 87
Flinthills — Lowmaster 4 0-0 8, Becker 1 2-2 4, Stanfield 0 1-3 1. Totals 5 3-5 13.
Lebo — McEwen 10 (4) 2-3 26, Grimmertt 4 (3) 4-4 15, K. Reese 5 (1) 1-1 12, Risner 3 0-0 6, Shoemaker 3 0-0 6, Au. Bailey 2 0-0 4, Ferguson 1 (1) 1-2 4, Kiefer 2 0-0 4, An. Bailey 1 (1) 0-0 3, Konrade 1 (1) 0-1 3, Davies 1 0-5 2, Fehr 1 0-0 2. Totals 34 (11) 8-16 87.

Titans open with sweep over Crest

COLONY — The Southern Coffey County High School basketball teams traveled to Colony for their season opener against Crest Thursday, Dec. 3, and both returned home with a victory.

The Lady Titans trailed in a hard-fought first half of the girls' game, as they were edged by one point in each of the first two quarters. They were on the short end of a 21-19 score at halftime. However, the tides turned in the second half. The Lady Titans claimed the lead with a 16-5 third-quarter run. They then topped Crest by six points in the final quarter to earn the win, 48-33.

Emersyn Hall scored 16 points to lead the Lady Titan offense. Josie Weers put up 14 points and Jalea True had nine.

In other stats, Kyra Ohl led on the boards with 10 rebounds, while True grabbed nine and Weers pulled down four. Hall, Ohl, Weers, True and Ross Snovelle each had three assists and Taryn Lather had one. Weers led in steals with five, followed by Lather with four and Ohl and True with two each. Weers had two blocks and Snovelle had one.

In the boys' game, the Titans had a two-point lead after the first quarter but saw

KSHSAA amends spectator policy to allow parents, guardians

TOPEKA — The Kansas State High School Activities Association Board of Directors (KSHSAA BOD) met virtually Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the request of the Appeal Board to reconsider their position on spectators for the winter activity season.

By a vote of 54-24, the KSHSAA BOD approved a motion stating effective Thursday, Dec. 10, through Jan. 28, interscholastic activities will allow for attendance of up to two parents/guardians per

participant(s) family as allowed by local board of education or health department standards.

Participants include players, coaches, student managers, cheerleading squads, dance teams, pep bands and student journalists.

Each school is expected to follow the universal face coverings and social distancing guidelines passed by the KSHSAA BOD on Nov. 24. This includes the face coverings policy stating all par-

ticipants (including but not limited to athletes, coaches, officials, spectators, support staff and all others attending/participating in school activities) shall wear a face covering in the manner it is intended to be worn (for purpose of COVID-19 risk mitigation) while at the event venue and for duration of the event.

The only exception is provided for athletes during the time they are competing and for officials during active play.

Waverly girls first, boys second in preseason tournament

WAVERLY — The Waverly Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs have started their season with games in a preseason tournament they hosted Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3, 4 and 5.

The tournament utilized a round robin format. Down one team due to quarantines, the field featured three teams, Cair Paravel Latin School, Cornerstone Family School and Waverly. Waverly played Cornerstone Thursday, Dec. 3, then played Cair Paravel Friday, Dec. 4. Cornerstone and Cair Paravel faced off Saturday, Dec. 4, to wrap up the tournament.

After two games, the Lady Bulldogs are 2-0. In their opener, they trounced Cornerstone. Waverly held Cornerstone scoreless through the first three quarters. After scoring 31 unanswered points in each of the first two quarters, Waverly led 62-0 at halftime. They insured their win with another 22 unanswered points in the third quarter and led 84-0 with one quarter left. Cornerstone got on the board in the final quarter, but Waverly claimed the win by 86 points, 92-6.

Kaylynn Vogts finished with a game-high 22 points for Waverly. Macy Fairchild and Sara McWilliams each contributed 16 points, and Serenity Lockwood scored 12.

In their second game, the Lady Bulldogs held Cair Paravel to single-digit scoring all four quarters, while their own scoring was into double digits for three of the four quarters. They took an 11-point lead by the end of the first quarter and didn't look back. They outscored Cair Paravel by another 11 points in the second quarter and took a 35-13 lead into halftime. The scoring was slightly closer in the second half but Waverly was not to be caught. They topped Cair Paravel by nine points in the third quarter and six in the fourth to capture the victory by 37 points, 56-19.

Vogts again led the Lady Bulldogs' attack, scoring 28 points. McWilliams followed with 12 points and Chloe Meehan had seven.

The Bulldog boys went 1-1 in the tournament. In their first game, they bounced out to a 20-5 lead by the end of the first quarter and expanded it by 11 points in the second quarter. They were on the upper end of a 38-12 score at the half. They went on to top Cornerstone by nine points in the third quarter and three in the fourth. Waverly won by 38 points, 64-26.

Lane Bartley led all scorers with 28 points for the Bulldogs. Damian Foster and Ben Meehan each scored 10 points and Zach Skillman chipped in



Photo submitted
Waverly Lady Bulldog Kaylynn Vogts steals the ball from Cornerstone during tournament action Dec. 3 where Waverly won, 92-6.



Photo submitted
Waverly's Lane Bartley (14) battles for a rebound against Cair Paravel's Carter Brian (3) during the boys' game where Waverly fell, 64-34.

eight.

In other stats, Bartley also led on the boards, taking eight rebounds. Meehan caught seven and Skillman took six. Foster and Meehan led in assists with six each, while Bartley made four and Brantley Petersen made three. Meehan led in steals with eight, while Foster made four and Skillman made three.

The Bulldogs' second game was tougher. They trailed Cair Paravel by four points, 15-11, after the first quarter. Held to single-digit scoring thereafter, the deficit grew.

The Bulldogs were behind 30-17 at the game's midpoint. They were outscored 34-17 in the second half and took the loss by 31 points, 64-33.

Foster was the only Bulldog to score in double digits, finishing with 14 points. Bartley put up seven and Petersen scored six.

In other stats, Foster pulled down five rebounds, Bartley and Meehan each took three and Skillman and Koy Myers each caught two. Meehan made four assists and Bartley, Petersen and Myers each made two. Foster had seven steals, Myers, Meehan and Brady Wallace each had two and Bartley and Petersen each had one.

Waverly next plays Maranatha Christian Academy at Shawnee Friday, Dec. 11. Games will tip off at 5 p.m.

Waverly Preseason Tournament Girls

Waverly 92, Cornerstone 6	
Cornerstone	0 0 0 6 — 6
Waverly	31 31 22 8 — 92
Cornerstone — Carnes 2 0-4 4, Martin 1 0-0 2. Totals 3 0-4 6.	
Waverly — Vogts 9 (2) 2-2 22, Fairchild 5 (1) 5-6 16, McWilliams 8 0-0 16, Lockwood 6 0-0 12, Hughes 3 2-4 8, Meehan 4 0-0 8, Romig 3 0-0 6, Knowles 1 0-0 2, Matthews 1 0-0 2. Totals 40 (3) 9-12 92.	

Waverly 56, Cair Paravel 19	
Cair Paravel	9 4 3 3 — 19
Waverly	20 15 12 9 — 56

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Sports Schedule

December 10

Middle school basketball
Burlington girls at Osawatomie, 4 p.m.

High school basketball
Burlington JV girls at Fort Scott, 6 p.m.

Lebo vs. Chase County, 4:45 p.m.
SCC vs. Altoona Midway, 5 p.m.

December 11

High school basketball
Burlington girls vs. Baldwin, 4:30 p.m.

Waverly at Shawnee-Marathana Christian Academy, 7 p.m.

High school wrestling
Burlington at Basehor, 4:30 p.m.

Burlington JV at Basehor, 4:30 p.m.

December 12

High school basketball
Burlington JV girls at Fort Scott, 9 a.m.

December 14

Middle school basketball
SCC vs. Lebo, 4 p.m.
Waverly vs. Hartford, 4 p.m.

December 15

High school basketball
Burlington at Iola, 4:30 p.m.
Hartford vs. Madison, 4:45 p.m.

SCC at Burlingame, 4 p.m.
Waverly vs. Lebo, 4:45 p.m.

High school wrestling
Burlington girls at Baldwin, 5 p.m.

Burlington JV at Baldwin, 5 p.m.

December 17

Middle school basketball
Lebo at Burlingame, 5 p.m.

High school basketball
Lebo vs. Hartford, 5 p.m.
SCC vs. Olpe, 4 p.m.
Waverly at Madison, 5 p.m.