



Kat Chatter



Monday, August 26, 2019



Thought for the day

“Without self-discipline, success is impossible, period.”

Lou Holtz



Today’s Athletic Events

SPORT	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Golf (Girls V)	Logansport	Logansport	4:30 PM
Tennis (Boys V)	McCutcheon	McCutcheon	4:30 PM
Soccer (Boys JV)	Harrison	Harrison	5:30 PM
Volleyball (Girls Fr)	Guerin	KHS	6:00 PM

THE WILDKAT SCOREBOARD

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Football

New Palestine 63, Kokomo 13

Boys Soccer

Kokomo 5, Muncie Central 1

Girls Soccer

Kokomo 10, Muncie Central 0

Volleyball

VolleyKats went 0-4 in the KHS Invite

Girls Golf

Kokomo was seventh in the WEBO Invitational

Boys Cross Country

Kats finished 12th in the Jacob Graf Invitational

Girls Cross Country

Lady Kats placed 10th in the Jacob Graf Invitational

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FOOTBALL

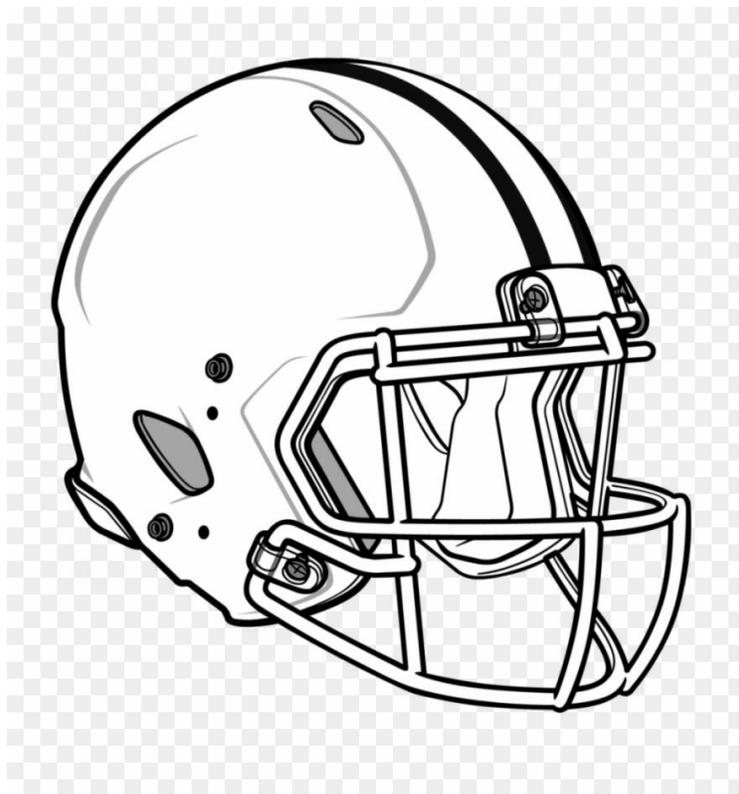
The Kokomo Wildkats had a strong opening quarter then showed some promise against a strong New Pal team. Kokomo fell 63-13 to the Dragons.

There were some bright spots in the play of safety Kohl Beard and linebacker Myles Lenoir.

On the offensive side, Andres Begne and Evan Barker each threw touchdown passes. Andres threw a touchdown to Noa Wainscott, and Evan Barker threw one to Patrick Hardemon.

The Kats travel to Plymouth for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff in an attempt to claim their first win of the 2019 campaign.

Coach Benberry



BOYS SOCCER

The Wildkats hosted North Central Conference rival Muncie Central and pounced on the Bearcats, tallying a 5-1 victory to even their record at one win and one loss on the young season.

From the opening whistle, the Wildkats seized momentum, created several chances, and capitalized on two of them in the first five minutes of the match and three of them before halftime to establish a 3-0 lead. Senior midfielder Guilherme Miranda's left footed lasers connected three times during the run of play, good for his first goals and hat trick as a Wildkat varsity player. Senior forward Anjelo Flores notched one goal and had the assist of the afternoon for Miranda's third goal, and sophomore midfielder Kieran Morrison tallied the fifth goal of the afternoon off a one-time volley served by junior defender Bryan Stoltzfus.

The Wildkats, who were incredibly unlucky against Western on Thursday, left nothing to chance today. Freshman goalkeeper Joey McConnell recorded three saves and left the match in the second half with a shutout before Muncie Central was able to get one back on senior goalkeeper Yuitzen Zimbron. Senior midfielder and captain Gabriel Araujo Lage played every minute of the match and was once again a dominant box-to-box midfielder, and proved to be a difference-maker in the attack and in defense.

Miranda and Araujo Lage were our men of the match, and our season record is 1-1-0. The Wildkats travel to conference foe Harrison Monday for a critical early season test.

The junior varsity team defeated Muncie Central by a score of 3-0. Sophomore goalkeeper Aaron Galles kept a clean sheet and goals by junior Wilmer Corrales, sophomore Travarion Corbin, and sophomore Micah Lamberson led the Wildkats to victory. The JV season record is 1-1-0 (1-0-0).

Coach Blessing

GIRLS SOCCER

The Lady Kats squared off against the Muncie Central Bearcats Saturday in a 10-0 victory on the road.

Senior Maya James netted four goals and sophomore Nicole Burdette scored a hat trick for the second game in a row. Sophia Kidd, Kate Mayfield, and Emily Riggle each netted a goal apiece. Assists were each accumulated by Katherine Lay, Emily Riggle, and Brianna Bautista.

The Lady Kats led 5-0 in the first 20 minutes and 7-0 by half and then added three more goals in the second half with all the second half scores from one-touch shot restrictions.

The Lady Kats created lots of room Saturday to move players around and find different ways to possess the ball and control our opponents defense.

Tuesday our Lady Kats will host Marion at 5:30.

Go Kats! 2-0 !!

Coach Duggins



Maya James

Scored four goals as the Lady Kats shellacked Muncie Central

VOLLEYBALL

Saturday saw eight teams join us for the annual Kokomo Invitational. Our inexperience showed as we struggled scoring points in bunches all day long. Our girls showed some promise at times, but fell in all four matches.

Frankfort got out early on us and we could not recover, losing 25-10, 25-17. Next up was tournament champion Warsaw. We played tough in the first set, but lost in two 25-20, 25-14. After the break we took on invite newcomer DeKalb. We took the first set but could not finish as we dropped the match 20-25, 25-11, 9-15. Our final match was against NCC foe Richmond. We struggled to finish points out and lost 25-16, 25-14.

Our serving and attacking was not aggressive enough this weekend. We will keep working to put pressure on the opposing side's defense.

Malori Nichols led the VolleyKats offense with 20 kills and four blocks on the day and fellow MB Asijah Miller added 11 kills and four blocks. Mae Brandon tallied nine kills and 13 digs from the OH position. Jada Moore had six kills, and Jannessa Reece downed five kills and dug up 14 balls. Libero Jada-Claire Broomfield dug 48 balls and was our highest rated passer on the day. Sarah Stonebreaker served six aces and had seven digs in the tournament. Sophomore Jalyynn Warden saved 13 rallies as did Correll Heath. Heath also passed out 51 assists on the day from the Setter spot.

The VolleyKats got a chance to see some solid volleyball this weekend and hope that we are able to learn and grow from these early season contests.

We are back in action Tuesday as we head to Greentown to take on the Lady Comets of Eastern.

See you at the gym!

Coach Watson

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

The Kokomo boys cross country team traveled to Logansport to compete in the Jacob Graf Memorial Invite and placed 12th out of 13 teams with a score of 299.

Western won the meet with a score of 58.

The Kats were shorthanded as we were missing one of our top runners due to testing and we had a couple others out due to injury, but the boys who ran did a nice job in the first meet of the season. Three of our five runners who competed had never run a cross country meet and did well for their first time.

Junior Bryan Stoltzfus was the lead runner for the Kats as he took 36th place with a time of 19:46, and sophomore Collin Keesling was the next runner in with a time of 20:57.

The runners did not let the low placing discourage them as they enjoyed competing in the meet and are excited to get back to work to improve and better their times and score.

Our next meet is on Saturday at the Maverick Invite over at McCutcheon.

Coach Ousley



Bryan Stoltzfus

Led the Kat runners in the
Jacob Graf Memorial Invite at
Logansport

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

The Kokomo cross country team ran in the Jake Graf Invitational at Logansport on Saturday the 24th. The young Lady Kats gained valuable experience; this was the first high school 5K for five out of the seven ladies who ran.

I was impressed with the way that our girls finished the race as each girl set or tied a season best over the last 400 meters. With the increase in distance from our first meet and the increase in competition, most of our runners started too quickly and struggled through the hilly second mile of the Berry Patch. We stress the importance of negative splits and will continue to improve on this throughout the season.

Kokomo's sophomore Julynne Spidell won the meet with a time of 20:46. She let the other girls in the race push the pace on the first mile and was in fourth place as they entered the hilly course for the second mile of the race; she exited the Berry Patch in first place with about a ten-second lead. There will be a huge break though for her over the next two weeks as she has been ill over the last week. The sky is the limit for Julynne, and I know that she will continue to do everything to compete at her highest level.

We had two additional standout performances for the Lady Kats. Junior Jaylee Copeland finished with a time of 24:23 for 29th place. This was Jaylee's first cross country meet and I expect great things to come from her this season. Freshman Sedalia Herrera ran the race in 27:51 for 75th place. She will cut minutes off this time throughout the season. Our gap time between our first and fifth runners was 7:36; we should be able to cut our gap time by a few minutes over the course of the next few meets.

Three out of our remaining four girls ran pretty well and seemed determined to compete throughout the race. Sophomore Kylie Lewis finished in 78th place with a time of 27:57, Emma Nelson in 84th place with a time of 28:22, Eva Gonzales in 97th place with a time of 29:39, and Kaileigh Jones in 112th place at 32:30. These four girls will need to continue to work hard in practice and show determination to push themselves through the second and third mile to run pace or negative splits.

Our Lady Wildkats will be at the extremely hilly McCutcheon course next Saturday, the 31st. We are looking forward to next weekend for another opportunity to build and improve.

Coach Salinas

GIRLS GOLF

The Lady Kats headed over to Cool Lake Golf Course in Lebanon Saturday for the Western Boone Invitational.

As a team, we scored a 360. This was good enough for 7th place out of 18 teams.

We are consistently shooting in this area, but we should be shooting at least 15-20 strokes better. We are working on our short games when we practice.

Kiah Parrott kept up the good play and was Low Medalist with a 1-over 71. This was a good score considering the condition of the course. The rest of the team followed in with good scores.

Molly Mavrick shot another good score of 88.

Haley Salinas shot a 99.

Layla Andrysiak had a good round and shot 102.

Elizabeth Lytle shot a good round of 108.

We are off to the Dykeman Golf course in Logansport tonight to take on the Berries.

Until next tee time,

Coach Carpenter

DID YOU KNOW?

In falling to top-ranked New Palestine last Friday, the Kats have lost their last four season openers. The last time Kokomo won a season lid-lifter was on August 21, 2015, in a 7-6 win over Chesterton.

This year's Kokomo-New Pal game had a running clock in the second half. The new IHSAA Mercy Rule was enforced, mandating a running clock if there is a 35-point difference in the two scores at half time. Kokomo trailed 56-0 at intermission.

New Pal had 11 drives against the Kats; they scored nine touchdowns. One drive was stopped via a fumble recovery, and the other was stopped at the game's end.

For the second year in a row, New Pal controlled the line of scrimmage. Last year, the Kats gained minus-7 yards on the ground, and this season Kokomo had minus-15 yards rushing.

Kokomo's top ground-gainer was freshman Evan Barker, who had one rush for 10 yards in the fourth quarter.

The Wildkats outgained the Dragons in the passing department. Kokomo had 161 yards through the air to 134 for New Pal.

Leading 28-0 in the first quarter, New Palestine tried an 'on-side' kick. The Dragons were called for being offsides and didn't try the on-sides kick again.

Kokomo actually led in time of possession. The Kats had the pigskin for 25:23 to New Palestine's 22:37.

New Pal was in the Red Zone (Kokomo's 20-yard line) on nine occasions and scored eight touchdowns. The Kats were 1-for-2 in Red Zone conversions.

The Dragons never punted in the game with Kokomo.

New Pal had four plays that resulted in negative yardage; Kokomo had 12.

Kokomo's top receiver in yardage was freshman Patrick Hardemon, who caught a 64-yard touchdown pass. Plez Lawrence had four receptions for the Kats, gaining a total of 19 yards.

Kokomo's Myles Lenior had a 66-yard fumble return in the first quarter against New Pal. It was the longest fumble return since Darrian Story picked up a Logansport fumble and returned it 90 yards for a touchdown in 1997.

In the Past

BOYS TENNIS

August 25, 2014

The weather didn't allow the entire match to be played, but there was enough to get the Wildkats a 3-1 victory over McCutcheon in NCC boys tennis action on the Kokomo tennis courts.

Coach Shawn Flanary's boys swept the doubles matches. The #1 team of juniors Ben Tracy and Jake Farkas had a 6-0, 6-2 easy win over their counterparts, and junior Chris Chesser teamed with freshman Nate Hemmerich to take #2 doubles at 6-1, 6-2.

Kokomo wrapped up the victory when sophomore Grant Patterson took the win at #2 singles by a 6-1, 6-1 score.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Cody Westerman

Grade: 12

Sport: Football

The NCC school I most enjoy playing against: **Marion**

If I could play one musical instrument it would be: **Guitar**

The exotic food I have tried and liked: **Frog legs**

Which of your immediate family participated in sports? **None**

The streaming service I like best: **YouTube TV**

I have tried deep fried: **Pickles, Oreos, Twinkies**

My favorite movie type: **Comedy**

My favorite professional team in Indiana: **Colts**

My favorite subject area: **Social Studies**

If I could trade places with one former KHS athlete it would be: **Kyle Wade**

My favorite thing to cook: **Cheeseburgers**

My role model: **My Dad**

A nickname my friends sometimes call me: **Westerdork**

One thing most people don't know about me: **I used to play baseball**



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Chris Thomas

Grade: 12

Sport: Football

The NCC school I most enjoy playing against: **McCutcheon**

If I could play one musical instrument it would be: **Piano/keyboard**

The exotic food I have tried and liked: **Squid**

Which of your immediate family participated in sports? **Father, Mother, Sister(s). Brother(s)**

The streaming service I like best: **Hulu**

I have tried deep fried: **Oreos**

My favorite movie type: **Comedy**

My favorite professional team in Indiana: **Pacers**

My favorite subject area: **Physical Education**

If I could trade places with one former KHS athlete it would be: **Frankie Young**

My favorite thing to cook: **Chicken**

My role model:

A nickname my friends sometimes call me: **C.T.**

One thing most people don't know about me: **I play minecraft**

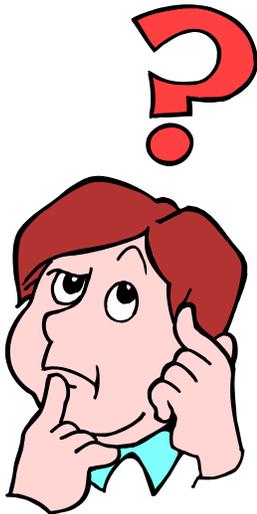


You Make the Call

What number did Levi Hrabos wear in football last season?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. 10
- F. 11
- G. 21
- H. 32
- I. 44

Answer appears at the bottom of the page.



WILDKAT TRIVIA

Who made the All-NCC team for girls soccer in 2018?

Answer will appear in the next Kat Chatter.

Answer to the last Wildkat Trivia

Name the two males who have coached the KHS varsity volleyball team.

Ron Byram and Jason Watson



You Make the Call Answer: C

This Week in Wildkat Country

SPORT	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
<u>Monday, August 26</u>			
Golf (Girls V)	Logansport	Logansport	4:30 PM
Tennis (Boys V)	McCutcheon	McCutcheon	4:30 PM
Soccer (Boys JV)	Harrison	Harrison	5:30 PM
Volleyball (Girls Fr)	Guerin	KHS	6:00 PM
Soccer (Boys V)	Harrison	Harrison	7:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, August 27</u>			
Tennis (Boys V)	Hamilton Heights	Hamilton Heights	4:30 PM
Soccer (Girls V)	Marion	KHS	5:30 PM
Volleyball (Girls JV)	Eastern	Eastern	6:00 PM
Volleyball (Girls V)	Eastern	Eastern	6:00 PM
<u>Wednesday, August 28</u>			
Volleyball (Girls Fr)	Harrison	KHS	6:00 PM
<u>Thursday, August 29</u>			
Golf (Girls V)	Western	Kokomo Country Club	3:30 PM
Tennis (Boys V)	Harrison	KHS	5:00 PM
Soccer (Girls V)	Northwestern	Northwestern	5:00 PM
Volleyball (Girls V)	McCutcheon	KHS	5:30 PM
Volleyball (Girls Fr)	McCutcheon	KHS	5:30 PM
Volleyball (Girls JV)	McCutcheon	KHS	5:30 PM
Soccer (Boys JV)	Northwestern	Northwestern	6:00 PM
Soccer (Boys V)	Northwestern	Northwestern	7:30 PM
<u>Friday, August 30</u>			
Football (Boys V)	Plymouth	Plymouth	7:30 PM
<u>Saturday, August 31</u>			
Cross Country (Girls V)	McCutcheon Invite	McCutcheon	9:30 AM
Cross Country (Boys V)	McCutcheon Invite	McCutcheon	9:30 AM
Football (Boys JV)	Plymouth	KHS	10:00 AM
Golf (Girls V)	Lady Broncho Invite	Battleground	1:00 PM

KHS Student-Athlete of the Week

Nicole Burdette

Nicole, a sophomore, has had an incredible start to her girls soccer season. When the Lady Kats opened with a 4-0 shutout of Oak Hill, Nicole scored a hat trick to lead the Kokomo offense. In the Wildkats next game, Burdette netted three more goals in Kokomo's 10-0 win over Muncie Central.



KHS Web Favorites

KHS Athletics

<http://www.kokomoschools.com/domain/410>

Kokomo Tribune

<http://www.kokomotribune.com/>

Sports Journal of Central Indiana

www.indianasportsjournal.com

WIOU – Radio broadcasts

1350amwiou.com

Kokomo Herald Sports

<http://theheraldsports.com>

Kokomo Perspective

www.kokomoperspective.com

FastPlay Sports

www.fastplaysports.com

Howard County Sports Hall of Fame

<http://www.howardcountysportshof.com>