

Area Athletes compete in NCK All-star Games

Seventeen local area high school athletes earned a right to compete in the NCK All-star games this past weekend out at Cloud County Community College; while two local area coaches, coached in the in the basketball matchups, also.

This past Saturday was the volleyball NCK All-star game with five area athletes competing in the contest. Marysville's, Blair Russell and Chelsie Detimore, Frankfort's, Melissa Christener and Mykaela Smart and Mikaela Miller of Washington County competed in the All-Star game. The showdown on the volleyball court was a great start to the All-Star game weekend as it went to five sets with the Yellow team winning ultimately with a 15-11 fifth set. The Gold team and Black team would rotate winning the first four sets, with the Black team taking the initial set 25-20 and the Yellow team taking the fourth set, 26-24. Then it would be the Yellow team winning consecutive sets to close the match out, taking the fifth and final set, 15-11.

The Yellow team featured three of the five local area athletes in Frankfort's, Christener, Marysville's, Blair Russell and Washington Counties, Miller. Miller finished the match with eight digs and four assists; her eight digs were a team high. Christener finished matchup with 35 assists, throughout the five sets, which was good for the second most assists on the day. While, Russell lead all players in kills with 17, tied for the most aces on the day with four and also tallied two digs and blocks, as well as five assists.

For the Black team the other two local area athletes were featured on that squad in Frankfort's, Smart and Marysville's Detimore. Smart, finished off the contest with a pair of kills and six digs. While Detimore enjoyed a day that featured a match high of 36 assists, while also tallying four digs and four aces.

After having to follow up the performance displayed on Saturday by the volleyball players the girl's and boy's basketball All-Star's wouldn't disappoint on Sunday. First up was the girl's NCK All-Star matchup in a close one it was the Gold team, lead by area coach, Jon Holliday of the Holton Wildcats that came away with the 76-70 win over the Black team. The Black team had the lead at the half by three-points 43-40, but would be outscored in the second half by nine points. Black team was lead by Smith Center's, Tangie Hileman who scored 24 points, earning herself the Offensive MVP award. Local area players featured on the Black team were three Marysville Bulldogs, in Maggie Schotte, Blair Russell and Maggie Leonard. Schotte tallied two points, Russell added seven and Leonard scored eight points.

For the Gold team, there were three local area athletes on the squad and it was Holton's, Jayna Smith who lead them in scoring tied with Republic Counties, Saren Hobelmann, as they both tallied 14 points in the Gold teams win. Smith would go on to be a defensive spark in the game, also; as she earned the Defensive MVP award in the game. Blue Valley's, Emily Tucker and Wetmore's, Nichole Boden both chipped in on the Gold teams win with, six and five points, respectively.

The boy's NCK All-Star matchup would not disappoint either, as it was a close contest with the Black team holding on for the 87-83 victory. The Blue team held a 44-33 margin at the end of the first half of action, but the Grey team, behind the coaching of Frankfort's head coach, Brian Ebert outscored the Black team 50-43 in the second half, to mount a comeback but ultimately it was not enough. In the victory it was a local area athlete leading the way for the Blue team as Hanover's, Reid Blackburn had a team-high 15 points. B&B's, Eric Huerter, Centralia's, Michael Glatczak and Linn's, Tyler Herrs all contributed for the Blue team. Huerter was the second leading scorer on his

team with 13 points, all scored in the second half. While Glatzcak and Herrs both tallied four points each in the game.

The Grey team featured the highest individual scorer of the day in the boy's game, which was Frankfort's, Jacob Broxterman. Broxterman, tallied 20 points in the All-Star matchup, earning himself the Offensive MVP honors for the game. Two other local area athletes competed on the Grey team in Wetmore's, Derek Henry and Nemaha Valley's, Alex Hermesch. Henry finished as the teams second leading scorer with 13 points; while Hermesch tallied eight points, all of which came in the second half.

Overall it was a solid performances from all the local area athletes on display in the 2012 NCK All-Stars games.