

KIMBERLY BOOSTER CLUB

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KIMBERLY WRESTLING

The Kimberly High School wrestling team had another successful season in 2008-09. We finished the season with a dual record of 10 wins and 11 losses. We did not lose a conference match and were conference champions. In each of the tournaments that we participated in, we had at least one wrestler in the top six. We usually had three or four medalists.

This year was our third year of including Hansen kids on our team. This year we had three Hansen wrestlers with us. They wrestle as part of our team during the season and then wrestle for Hansen during the District and State Tournaments.

We finished in 5th place out of five teams at the District Tournament, but qualified nine wrestlers for the state tournament. All three of the wrestlers from Hansen qualified for the State Tournament. Although we finished behind everyone in our district at the District Tournament, we placed ahead of all our district teams at the State Tournament. We finished with three medalists from Kimberly and one medalist from Hansen. Nolan Ward finished in 4th place and Tucker Mulberry and Jamie Folk each finished in 3rd place. One of our wrestlers from Hansen, Koltin Kenney, finished in 2nd place.

The elementary wrestling program continues through the month of March with practices Monday through Thursday at the high school gym and tournaments each Saturday (except March 21). There are nearly 80 elementary kids participating in the elementary program this year.

Troy Palmer
KHS Head Wrestling Coach



Most Inspirational:
Nolan Ward
Most Pins:
Jamie Folk
Most Improved:
Tyson Hardy
Most Valuable:
Tucker Mulberry &
Jamie Folk

BULLDOG MEN'S BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL AT KIMBERLY WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL THIS YEAR! THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS BOTH HAD WINNING RECORDS AND MADE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. THE FRESHMAN BASKETBALL TEAM WAS DOMINANT ALL SEASON. THEY WERE NOT ONLY UNDEFEATED, BUT MORE THAN DOUBLED THEIR OPPONENTS' POINT PRODUCTION, WINNING MOST GAMES BY LARGE MARGINS. THE JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM WON THE CONFERENCE AND THE J.V. TOURNAMENT.

THE VARSITY TEAM TIED FOR THE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP, WON THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT, AND MADE THEIR THIRD TRIP IN A ROW TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT. A NUMBER OF PLAYERS WERE SENIORS; HOWEVER, WE HAD A GREAT DEAL OF SUCCESS AT EVERY LEVEL OF THE PROGRAM AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO RE-LOAD FOR NEXT YEAR.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE BASKETBALL PROGRAM IN KIMBERLY.

MARVIN MUMM
KHS MEN'S HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

Best Offensive: Duston Brown
Best Defensive: Cody Wadsworth
Most Improved: Lael Schoessler
Most Valuable: A.J. Schroeder

Congratulations to Our Kimberly Team and Fans!!! 3A Boys' State Basketball Sportsmanship Award Winners!

FROM THE BOOSTER CLUB

Welcome to the second edition of the Kimberly Booster Club Newsletter. It is amazing how time flies. It seems like yesterday when we were finishing the fall sports season and now the winter sports season is over! The athletes, once again, have given another reason to be proud to be from Kimberly. The Boy's and Girl's Basketball teams along with Wrestling and the Bowling team all had great seasons. Congratulations to all the players and coaches on a job well done.

The Booster Club has stayed busy over the winter. We started off with something new for Boy's Basketball by holding an open house. This event was very well attended and was a big success. It was a great way to start off the season and an opportunity for parents and the coaching staff to get to know each other. We are already planning next year's event and plan to make it a Winter Sports Kickoff event.

The Booster Club was involved in supporting Kimberly athletics over the winter in several different ways. We held a Sloppy Joe Dinner at a home Wrestling match. We sponsored the year end pizza party for the 7th grade Girls Basketball team. We helped sponsor the Pep Club and the fan bus to the Boy's State Basketball tournament. The Boosters also sponsored the Winter Sports Awards Banquet. A big thanks to Pepsi-Cola and Ridley's of Kimberly for donating to our events.

One of my highlights for the year was the Booster Club Donkey Basketball team. Ten courageous individuals took to the court and represented the Booster Club to the end. We can now say that the Booster Club is the proud champion of the 2009 Donkey Basketball tournament sponsored by the Kimberly FFA. I think I am still recovering from that event.

The Booster Club had the opportunity to get involved with a special event. A young student athlete from Wendell was diagnosed with Leukemia and his story touched some of our 9th grade Boy's Basketball players and they wanted to make a difference. The Booster Club matched and donated dollars raised at a halftime shoot and before the dust settled, the Community of Kimberly had donated over \$700.00 to Victor Vargas from Wendell. This was truly a proud day to be a citizen from Kimberly and to be a part of Kimberly athletics. Way to go Bulldogs!!!!

What's next? On April 4th at 1:00PM the Boosters will be sponsoring an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new track. Come out for hamburgers and hotdogs and visit our new track and meet our track team. Rumor has it there may even be some competitive events among the older crew.

Ouch!!
Thank you,
Dan Rongen
Booster Club President
420-1736

2008/2009 Lady Dawgs Varsity Basketball

This year's girls' basketball team exceeded a lot of expectations. After coming off of two straight undefeated regular seasons and losing some great players to graduation, a lot of people expected this group of girls to lose a lot more games this year. As a staff we knew this team had a lot of potential and they did not disappoint. They completed a third straight perfect conference record and finished the regular season with a 15-3 record. Two of those losses came to Jerome who was one of the top ranked teams in the state in the 4A division.

This group of girls won the district tournament and made it to the State Tournament. The State tournament didn't go as we wanted it to, but these girls competed to the very end. Even though we didn't play our best basketball of the season, we were in every game and we had a chance late in the game. We ended up winning one game and losing two games, those two losses coming by 5 and 4 points respectively.

These girls beat Wendell four out of four times, and Wendell ended up getting second at the State Tournament. That just shows that this group of girls was one of the top 3A teams in the state.

We only had eight girls on the team this year, but these eight girls worked hard and each one of them contributed to the success that we had this year. We were made up of four seniors, one junior, and three sophomores, and even with the differences in age these girls worked well together and had fun with each other.

We will be losing Kelsey Molyneux, Megan Crist, Jessica Funk, and Sarah Lentz, and they will be missed a great deal. They are leaving this program as one of the best teams in the state the past three years and have helped put Kimberly girls' basketball program on the map and be well respected by everyone.

With the success of the younger programs and the young girls we have coming back, Kimberly girls' basketball will still be in good shape next year.

I am very proud of this year's basketball team. Megan Crist and Alex Pfefferle were voted to the All-Conference Team, and Sarah Lentz was named honorable mention All-Conference. Megan Crist was voted to play in the senior all-star game on March 12.

On behalf of the team and the coaching staff we would like to thank everyone that supported us throughout the season and all that were able to make the trip to the state tournament. We would also like to thank those who sent goodie baskets (Wells Fargo, Booster Club, and Kathy Makings).

Rich Bishop
KHS Girls' Head Basketball Coach

**3A State
Academic
Champs!**

Best Offensive: Megan Crist
Best Defensive: Sarah Lentz
Most Improved: Kelsey
Molyneux

KHS BOWLING

The bowling season went well this year for the KHS Girls' Bowling Team. We finished the year with nine girls on the team. Although only one dual match was won, they gained experience and knowledge. They participated in three tournaments, including the State Bowling Tournament in Burley. The following is the result of our dual matches:

Varsity Stats:
Kimberly 4 vs Gooding 9
Kimberly 10 vs Wendell 3
Kimberly 0 vs Twin Falls 13
Kimberly 3 vs Filer 10
Kimberly 1 vs Burley 12
Kimberly 4 vs Minico 9
Kimberly 4 vs Jerome 9

JV Stats:
Kimberly 6 vs. Gooding 7
Kimberly 6 vs Wendell 7
Kimberly 0 vs Twin Falls 13
Kimberly 6 vs Filer 7
Kimberly 5 vs Jerome 8

Ted Wasko
KHS Head Bowling Coach

Lady Dawgs JV Basketball

This basketball season started as a huge unknown. At the beginning both coaches and players did not know what to expect. We had some players who were playing their second season on the JV team, and they were now the leaders who everyone looked to for leadership. Some players were without their friends that they had played with since their KYA days, and this was stressful.

There were freshman and sophomores who were not sure what they were doing playing against the varsity and getting yelled at for their mistakes. It was a stressful time to say the least. However, this group endured the daily punishment dished out by the varsity and slowly improved.

We got off to a good start and beat Valley and American Falls. Then we played Wood River and stumbled a little. We scored three points in the second half and suffered our only defeat of the season. We improved steadily from that game on. Our most exciting game was in Jerome. We came back from a 10 point deficit in the second half to win in overtime in their gym. We ended the season as the first place team in the conference.

In the district tournament our first game was against Filer. We played well and advanced to the championship game. In the championship game our opponent was Buhl. The first half was not one of our best efforts but the girls came out in the second half and played as well as we had all year and won the conference championship.

This group of girls worked extremely hard every day and it paid off for them going 19-1 and earning the championship trophy. I would like to thank all of the parents who brought snacks and positive words of encouragement to our games. They were a great assets to all of success.

Lawrence Pfefferle
KHS Girls' JV Basketball Coach

GIRLS' FRESHMEN BASKETBALL

The C-Team girls finished with a record of 8 wins and 8 losses. We struggled early in the year going 3-5, which included a couple of 4th quarter leads slipping away. After the break the girls really showed their character, winning 5 of their next 6 games, putting us at 8 wins and 6 losses, before stumbling at our last 2 games of the season against Jerome and Wood River.

We finished 6-2 against teams 3A or smaller and 2-6 against larger schools. It was an up and down year, lacking consistency. But the one thing that was constant was the effort the girls showed every time they stepped on the floor.

It was another fun year and I am proud of the way the girls turned around their season.

Tom Myers
Girls' C Team Coach

Upcoming Events:

Track Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!

Place: Our New Track
Date: April 4, 2009
Time: 1:00 PM

Activities:

Booster Club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs! We will be having a mini track meet for anyone wanting to participate.

Coaches will introduce the track teams (sprinters, jumpers, throwers, and long distance runners). If you would like to help, please let us know.

Hope to see you all there!

IT'S GREAT TO HAVE OUR OWN TRACK!!!!

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Next Booster Meeting:
Monday, April 6, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Kimberly High School Commons



GOLF

The Kimberly High School Golf program has completed try-outs and our first match of the season. The program had twelve girls and twenty two boys competing for the team. With the volunteer assistance of Londa Stout, the KHS golf team kept 12 girls and narrowed the varsity boys to 10. Two remaining varsity basketball boys need to try-out for the team following the State Tournament. I anticipate flighting the boys' team with 12 players and Cody Martin will remain as a JV player. Along with the team, Pierce Reynolds has played on the squad for the past three years and will come to us this year as an assistant. He helped with try-outs and is actively involved in the raffle. With his work schedule, he is unable to play this season.

During competition, only five golfers qualify for the varsity matches. To qualify for those five spots, we have qualifying rounds allowing the best five scores of the week to travel to the matches. Fortunately, I have JV matches available for the other athletes. The top five season qualifiers from both the girls and boys team will compete in the district tournament on May 5th and hopefully travel to Idaho Falls for the State Tournament on May 11-12. To qualify for the state tournament, each team must be in the top two and/or shoot 325 for boys and 425 for girls. Also, if you are in the top scoring ten at the district tournament, you also qualify for State. With the amount of athletes interested in the golf program, Londa and I kept as many athletes as possible. We are extremely excited about this season with all the boys returning from last year and seven girls returning.

Please feel free to come to a match and walk around with the golfers. The only rule is that you cannot talk with an athlete other than to cheer them on. This protects a golfer from getting coaching tips during play. Thank you for all you do for our student athletes and our support of the golf program.



Jan Hall. Head Golf Coach

2009 Lady Dawg Softball

We are excited about this year's softball squad. We don't have any returning seniors this year, but we do have some good returning underclassmen that started for us the past couple of years. Along with those returning players, we have added some players from last year's JV team, as well as two freshmen and a senior who is new to the school and program. Last year's team finished with a 31-2 record and a runner-up finish at state. We lost some good players from that team, whom we will miss, but we have some key players back that contributed a great deal to our success last year. Alex Pfefferle, Jandy Altomose, Nellie Makings, Averie Schroeder, and Whitney Carlton all started for us last year in the state tournament and throughout a lot of the year. These five young ladies will lead the five that we have added to our team, and will give us a good shot at having another successful year and hopefully a return trip to the state tournament. Making the state tournament this year will be extra special since we are hosting the state tournament. The girls that we have on our team this year will work hard to put themselves where they need to be at the end of the year. We hope that everyone will get a chance to come out and see us play this year. We would like to advise that if you do come out, make sure to dress warm.

Rich Bishop

KHS Head Softball Coach

KHS BASEBALL

This year's baseball team will return 4 starters with seniors AJ Schroeder (SS), Nic Jayo (2B), Anthony Merkle (P) and junior Nick Dame (C). The remaining squad features seniors, Jace Thacker and Trevor Soderquist, juniors Kyler Hartley and Parker Champlin, sophomores Cody Casperson and Skylar O'Donnell, and freshman Seth Champlin.

Our team has good speed and we should have a solid defense. The big question will be how our pitching can hold up this year? We will have Anthony Merkle and Kyler Hartley as our main starters, with AJ Schroeder, Nick Dame, Cody Casperson and Seth Champlin in relief. We are confident that any of our starting 9 players can hit the ball and look to score plenty of runs each game.

We have an outstanding coaching staff that consists of Tom Myers, Curtis Collins and Jimmy Linn.

We want to thank Randall Jayo for the installation of a new sound system at the field and Gordy Schroeder for announcing the games this year. We would like to invite all of our supporters out to a ballgame.

**Darin Gonzales
KHS Head Baseball Coach**

KHS TRACK

The track program in Kimberly has been dominant for the past four years. We are very competitive not only in our conference, but with all of the larger schools in the area. We have been one of the top six or seven teams in the State the last four years with the boys, and the last three years with the girls. We have nearly everyone back from last year.

The girls' team lost only one track participant to graduation and should be one of the top teams in the State with the addition of a good freshman class.

The boys' team lost very few runners to graduation and has also added many new participants from the freshman class.

We return 17 participants from last year's State Track Meet, and have an additional 14 runners returning from last year's track team. We have 24 new participants this year for a large squad featuring many good athletes.

With the new track facility and a number of good athletes, it should be an exciting year for track and field in Kimberly!

*Marvin Mumm
KHS Head Track Coach*