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exposer to Section wrestling. Nielson bumped up a weight and still dropped just a 12-8 decision and Johnson lost a major decision but lasted a full six minutes against a veteran Minnesota wrestler. Cole Froehlich, an eighth grader, not only wrestled a full match but lost just 9-1 to Adam Devlaeminck, also eighth grade and ranked sixth at 106. Another seventh grader, Wyatt Rudnigen, filled a hole at 126 and lost by fall.

Underclassmen also filled eight of the other 20 weights including juniors Noah Johnson, Luke Froehlich, Masyn Olson and Jason Jones, sophomores Owen Kidrowski and Collin Johnson, freshmen Jett Olson and Trey Gunderson, an 8th grader ranked #1 at 106. Pushed out of the line-up for this meet were Colton Noble, an eighth grader that has wrestled a good share of the season at 106, and freshman Aaron Jones, who placed 6th in the recent '9th grade and under' state tournament.

With just Ely Johnson and Coy Gunderson the lone seniors, the future rests on this young group while the teams seeded ahead of them are senior and junior dominated. The door should be open for

the next few seasons.

Here are individual match results and some highlights:

106: Trey Gunderson pinned Quinton Anderson in :36.

113: Cole Froehlich lost 9-1 major decision to Adam Devlaeminck. The Saints went with inexperience at 113 to face the 6th ranked 8th grader and Froehlich put up a good fight, allowing just a takedown in the first period, then escaped in the second before fighting out of a cradle hold to avoid a pin and trailed 7-1 going into the final two minutes. Devlaeminck managed just a takedown in the 3rd for the major decision.

120: Noah Johnson lost by fall in :54 to Peyton Gillund. The 8th ranked Viking made quick work of the KMS junior when he locked in the Minnesota-patented cradle hold for the pin.

126: Wyatt Rudnigen lost by fall in :22 Troy Van Keulen. The KMS 7th grader was sent out as a 'weight filler' and had no real chance against the Minnesota veteran.

132: Tayton Nielson lost 12-8 decision to Chase Johnson. Nielson, another Saints 7th grader, continues to grow and battled to the end before losing the 12-8 decision. Johnson took Nielson down then picked up back points twice but Nielson escaped to trail 7-1 after the 1st period. He gave up another 3-near fall in the 2nd, but escaped and took Johnson down to cut into his lead... a reversal sent the match to the 3rd with the KMS youngster trailing,

124. Nielson chose to start the final two minutes neutral and scored a takedown before turning Johnson for two more to pull within four points before running out of time.

138: Logan Johnson lost 14-1 major decision to Kade Lozinski. Johnson trailed just 2-0 after the first but the Minnesota veteran went to the cradle twice in the 2nd and again in the 3rd but was unable to hold the wiry freshman for a pin.

145: Jett Olson defeated Brock Fier, 8-2 decision. Olson picked up two back points in the 1st with a tilt following the takedown. Fier escaped in the 2nd but the KMS freshman made it 6-1 with another takedown then closed out the win with a 3rd period reversal.

152: Luke Froehlich lost 12-4 major decision to Zack Fier. Fier, ranked 6th at 160, dominated the KMS junior with five takedowns and a reversal, allowing only four escapes in the match.

160: Ely Johnson lost by fall in 7:00 SV OT to Eli Grueness. The Saints moved Johnson up a weight where he and Grueness locked up in a good battle, Johnson scoring a 1st period takedown and led, 2-1 going to the 2nd where Grueness scored the only point to take a tie into the final two minutes. Neither wrestler scored in the 3rd, sending the match to a 'sudden victory' period. Grueness scored the winner with a late takedown and a fall just before the over-time expired.

170: Coy Gunderson pinned Noah Goreckli in :54. The 2nd ranked KMS

wrestler was likely hoping for a match-up with Grueness but got Norecki instead. No messing around with building up a lead in this match as he went right for the pin.

182 Owen Kidrowski lost 1-0 decision to Alex Depestel. With no takedown in the 1st and Kidrowski unable to get away from Depestel in the 2nd, the match was scoreless until Depestel escaped early in in the 3rd and made that point stand up for the win.

195: Masyn Olson lost by fall in 1:52 to Jonah Grueness, ranked 2nd at 170. Grueness picked a single leg and turned that into an inside cradle, turning Olson to his back for the pin, eight seconds before the 1st period ended.

220: Collin Johnson lost by fall in :56 to Hudson Scholten. Johnson, weighing in at about 180 pounds, has filled the 220 spot all season. Giving up that much weight is a problem. As the two grappled for an advantage, the bigger Scholten locked Johnson up in a bear-hug takedown right to his back and quickly scored a pin before a minute had run off the clock.

285: Jason Jones lost 5-1 decision to Jackson Esping, a senior who had placed 5th in Class A state last season and came into the season ranked 6th at 220 pounds. This would be his first trip to the mat this season after being out with an injury. Jones was able to score just a 2nd period escape and trailed 2-1 after two periods. Esping escaped in the 3rd then sealed the win with a second takedown.



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and drove for another score, and moments later she was open for another trey and hit that to put up eight of her nine points in a span of 2:20.

About a minute later, with KMS up 59-33, Grace Collins hit the Saints' ninth three-pointer of the night, and Olson added a free throw for the final 63-37 score. "We shot the three-ball really well tonight which was nice to see," Johnson said afterwards, adding, "Hopefully we are getting hot at the right time."

Half of Benson's field goals were three-pointers, five of them on 29 tries. Wroblewski owned four of them and finished with 16 points. The Braves took just 17 two-point

field goal attempts and shot just under 25 percent from the floor.

The Saints shot 46 percent from the field and were nine of 19 from long range. Gjerde's 15 points led KMS' balanced scoring attack, Luft next with 14, while Demuth and Hacker added nine apiece. Six different players scored at least one three-pointer for KMS. Luft also had six rebounds, four assists, seven steals and two blocked shots as she continues to play very well all over the floor.

KMS held an advantage defensively as well, coming away with 22 steals and 15 pass deflections to their credit. Benson had a total of 28

turnovers while KMS ended up with 20, causing comment from Johnson. "We knew Benson would sit in a zone all night and we have not seen much zone as of late," he said. "We did some nice things offensively but at times we tried to force some passes."

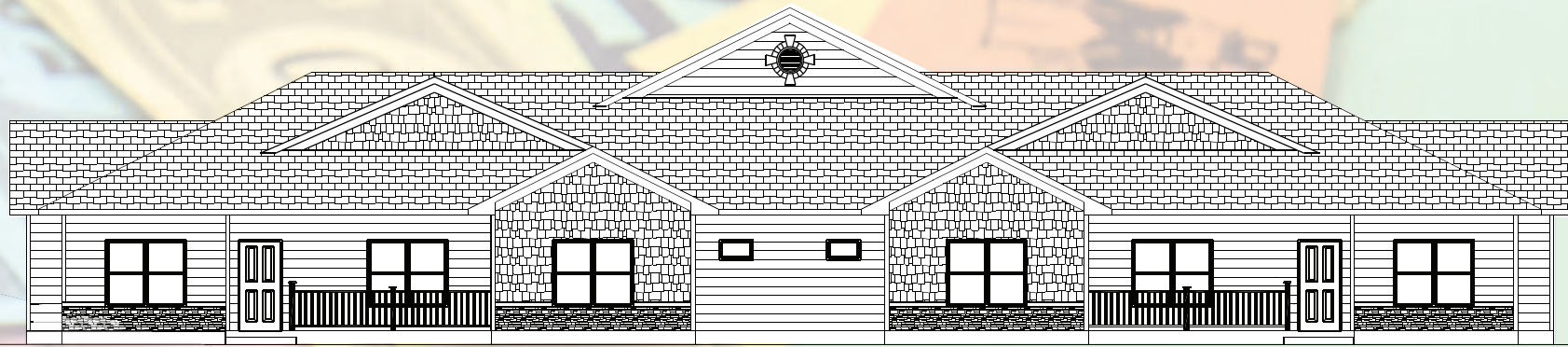
KMS 36 27 - 63
Benson 21 17 - 38

Benson (2-17): 10-46 FG (5-29 3-pt)... 13-18 FT... 34 Rebounds... 7 Fouls... Individual scoring: Presley Nygaard 2, Madilyn Wroblewski 16, Marley Rush 8, Norah Hilleren 3, Mya Kurkosky 9... 3-point shots: Wroblewski 4, Kurkosky 1... Rebounds leader: Kurkosky 8... Assists leader: Kurkosky 3... Steals leader: Nygaard 2... Blocked

shots: Rush 2.

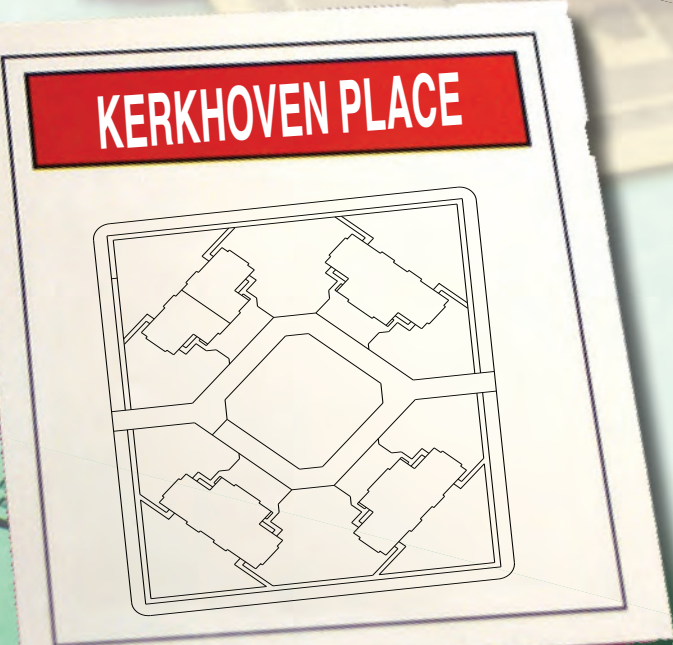
KMS (10-12): 23-59 FG (9-19 3-pt)... 8-10 FT... 40 Rebounds (14 off/26 def)... 12 Fouls... Individual scoring (fg-ft-tot): Grace Collins 1-0-3, Acelynn Hacker 3-1-9, Shae Fath 0-1-1, Emily Wagner 2-0-5, Julia Carlson 1-0-2, Josie Gjerde 6-0-15, Shakira Olson 2-1-5, Madelyn Luft 6-2-14, Hayley Demuth 2-4-9... 3-point shots: Collins 1, Hacker 2, Wagner 1, J. Gjerde 3, Olson 1, Demuth 1... Rebounds: Collins 1, Hacker 3, Elsa Gjerde 2, Wagner 2, Carlson 5, J. Gjerde 6, Olson 3, Alana Hettver 1, Luft 6, Libby Rohner 1, Katelyn Marquardt 1, Demuth 3... Assists: Hacker 2, E. Gjerde 1, J. Gjerde 6, Olson 1, Luft 4, Demuth 2... Steals: Hacker 2, E. Gjerde 1, Wagner 3, Carlson 1, J. Gjerde 3, Olson 2, Luft 7, Demuth 3... Blocked shots: Carlson 1, Luft 2.

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