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Romeo High School bowling team results

The Romeo High School varsity girls' bowling team lost a very close match Jan. 31 by three pins to Eisenhower (17-13).

The girls started off well, winning the first Baker game. Ike responded with a win of the second Baker game and Baker totals and had a 6-4 lead over the Bulldogs going into match play. The Bulldogs won the first match game, 796-763 and took a 10-9 lead going into the final match game. Eisenhower won the game 829-793 and won match totals by three points.

Kaylla Koster won both of her match points with her 225-245 (470 series). Rachel Hayden did very well and won both of her match points. Stephanie Seefried had a solid day, winning a match point with a 179 game. Co-captains Kelsey Ruebelmann and Shannon Kelley both competed for match points but were outscored.

The varsity boys had an old-fashioned slugfest against Ike, eventually losing 19-11. They lost the first Baker game 227-187 but won the second, 228-192. Romeo was down 6-4 heading into match play. Ike won game one, 1,082-941 but Romeo won the second game 1,060-1,033. Dylan Stokes led the Bulldogs with a 246-201 (447 series) and won a match point. Alec Shipman had a nice set, winning a match point with a 187-227 (414 series). Co-captain Tyler Stokes won a match point with a 196 as did Matthew Fazzalare with a 234. Tyler Culver did an excellent job in the second game and shot a 202, but could not win a match point.

The junior varsity boys suffered a loss Jan. 31 at Sunnybrook, losing two close Baker games, 185-175 and 204-201. The Bulldogs were not able to overcome being down 10-0 going into match play and lost 22-8. They lost the first match game 869-785 but came back to win the second game 878-842. Kirk Lightcap won both his match points and posted a solid 175-234 (409 series). Michel Steffens' 196 and Andrew Nelson's 171 each won a match point. Patrick Brunkey and Joseph Seefried battled the conditions but did not win any match points.

Kelley found Kingswood Lanes to her liking Jan. 28 against Utica, shooting 268-183 (451 series) and winning both of her match points. The girls had to bowl short-handed because of the flu. They competed hard, nearly winning a Baker game and the first match game despite having only four bowlers against Utica's five. Hayden, Seefried and Ruebelmann all worked hard throughout the match, but they lost 28-2.

The varsity boys started off the match well against the undefeated and third-ranked Division 1 Utica team. They won the first Baker game 191-186. Utica rebounded in the second baker game to win with totals for an early 6-4 lead going into match play. Utica dominated Romeo, 1,074-844 but Romeo took control in game two, winning 1,056-1,032. At one point, Romeo had 13 strikes in a row. Corey Wachtmeister led with a 182-243 (425 series) and won both of his match points. D. Stokes won a match point with a 227 game. T. Stokes bowled well and was second high on the team with a 204-209 (413 series) but was outscored by his opponent for match points. Culver and Shipman made some great shots and bowled well in the second match game. The Bulldogs were defeated 19-11.

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The junior varsity boys dominated both Baker games and put Utica away in the second match game, winning 20-10. They lost the first game of match play 910-826 but took control in the second match game, winning 820-751. Steffens led the Bulldogs with a 167-201 (368 series) and won a match point. Also winning a match point were Lightcap, Nelson, Brunkey and Seefried.

The junior varsity boys had a good showing at the Macomb County tournament held Sunday, Jan. 23. They qualified sixth for the afternoon finals with a solid 3,478 score. They came up against a hot Utica team and lost their first match, but bowled well as a unit.

The varsity girls' team and varsity boys' team bowled on Saturday, Jan. 22. The boys missed the top 16 finals by two spots, finishing 18th. The girls worked hard but also failed to qualify.

The girls' varsity team won the first Baker game by 27 pins, but lost the second and totals at Van Dyke Bowl on Jan. 21. L'Anse Creuse North kept the pressure on in the first match game with a solid 948 score, and Romeo responded with a win in the second match game with a score of 756. The Bulldogs were led by Koster's 167-211 (378 series), who won a match point. Kelley, 182-193 (376 series) won a match point, as did Ruebelmann with a 134 game. The girls lost the match 18-1/2-11-1/2.

The varsity boys did not get out of the gate well, losing both Baker games and were down 10-0 starting match play. The team showed resiliency and regrouped nicely, dominating the Crusaders in the first match game by winning nine of the possible 10 points, 929-835 to make the final game pivotal. The Bulldogs were not able to pick up the lane transition as fast as L'Anse Creuse North and lost the second game 1,003-914, and the match 19-11. D. Stokes led with a 208-215 (423 series) and won both of his match points. Culver won two match points with a 205-174 (379 series). T. Stokes's 175 and Fazzalare's 159 each won a match point. Shipman battled the tough conditions on the left side, as did Fazzalare, but the shot was not favorable on the left side and Shipman was not able to come away with a point against the opponent's right-handed lineup.

The junior varsity boys started off slow in the Baker format, going down 10-0. They came to life in the first match game and dominated, winning 916-839, but lost the second match game 914-873. L'Anse Creuse North won the match 20-10. J. Seefried led the Bulldogs with a 241-209 (450 series) and won both of his match points. Steffens' 198 and Lightcap's 204 earned them each a match point. Nelson and Brunkey battled hard but were outscored by their opponents.

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