

Cougars finish regular season with two exciting games

By Colleen Shrader
The Lady Cougars played their last two regular season games on Feb. 12 against St. Francis in St. Francis and against Golden Plains on the Cheylin court on Feb. 15.

Both games were exciting, especially the Golden Plains game which ended with Cheylin losing by just one point 44-43 on Senior Appreciation Night.

The final score with St. Francis was Saintry 66, Cheylin 56 with the Lady Indians coming back in the second half to earn the win. Cheylin was ahead 31-28 at halftime.

St. Francis 66, Cheylin 56
Tia Sager earned 29 points to pace the Lady Cougars against St. Francis. She also had eight rebounds.

"An exciting game for the crowd but a disappointing loss for us," Coach Deb Pochop said. "St. Francis was definitely hot at home. We got a couple of starters into foul trouble early and had trouble gelling after that."

"Tia Sager had a spectacular year high night with 29 points, Kaedra Dixon added 7. Colleen Shrader and Mindy Antholz led assists with 5 and 4 respectively."

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Points: Sager 29; Dixon 7; Naomi Reeh 6; Teryn Carmichael 4; Shrader 3; Ana Ponce 3; Blanca Ponce 2; Mindy Antholz 2.

Rebounds: Sager 8; Antholz 5; B. Ponce 4; Dixon 4; Shrader 3; A. Ponce 2; Reeh 1; Busse 1.

Assists: Shrader 5; Antholz 4; Whitney Churchwell 1; Carmichael 1; A. Ponce 1; Dixon 1; B. Ponce 1; Sager 1.

Steals: Shrader 3; Sager 3; Carmichael 2; Dixon, 2; B. Ponce 2; A. Ponce 1

Blocks: Carmichael 1; Dixon 1. Junior varsity

St. Francis 25, Cheylin 13

St. Francis and Cheylin played two quarters of basketball in St. Francis on Feb. 12. St. Francis earned 17 points in the first quarter and 8 in the second for a total of 25 while Cheylin had 6 points in the first quarter and 7 in the second for a total of 13.

"It always seems strange to play junior varsity after varsity, and we just couldn't get our heads in the game in the first quarter," Coach Pochop said.

"In the second quarter Saint's only points came from free throws."

"Carmichael led the scoring with 5, Sager led rebounds with 5, Ana Ponce led steals with 2, and Churchwell, Carmichael, and Sager all had 2 blocks apiece."

Points: Carmichael 5; Sager 3; Churchwell 2; A. Ponce 2; Amanda Walden 1.

Rebounds: Sager 5; Churchwell 3; A. Ponce 3; Reeh 1.

Steals: A. Ponce 2; Carmichael 1; Samantha Robertson 1; Reeh 1.

Blocks: Churchwell 2; Carmichael 2; Sager 2.

Senior Appreciation Night Golden Plains 44, Cheylin 43

The regular season ended on Feb. 15 with a very exciting game on the home court. The Lady Cougars were ahead at the end of each of the first three quarters but could not hold on for the win. Golden Plains outscored them 15 to 12 in the final frame.

"What a heartbreaker for the girls, but you can't say we didn't give the crowd an exciting game with a cliffhanger finish," Coach Pochop said.

"Colleen Shrader scored her personal best this year with 17 points and had four steals and two blocks too. Kaedra Dixon led rebounds with nine."

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G 12 15 12 15 44

Points: Shrader 17; Sager 16; Dixon 4; B. Ponce 4; Reeh 2.

Rebounds: Dixon 9; Shrader 6; Sager 6; B. Ponce 5; A. Ponce 4; Busse 4; Reeh 3; Antholz 1.

Assists: Shrader, Dixon 1; B. Ponce, 1; Antholz 1.

Steals: Shrader 4; A. Ponce 1; B. Ponce 1; Antholz 1.

Blocks: Shrader 2; Sager 1.

Regionals Feb. 19 Brewster 56, Cheylin 38

"I was disappointed with the score and that our season had to end; however, I was extremely proud of the way the girls played," Coach Pochop said.

"We were a little wild with passes and cold on shots the first quarter, but we played them even in the second half."

"Many of Brewster's crowd and their coach commented on how well the girls had played and how they seemed like a different team. We played as a team and scored all around."

"I appreciate the Ladies for an awesome season!"

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B 12 14 15 15 56

Points: Dixon 12; B. Ponce 8; Reeh 7; Sager 5; Shrader 4; A. Ponce 2.

Rebounds: Sager 8; Shrader 6; Dixon 6; Reeh 4; B. Ponce 3; Antholz 2; Busse 1.

Assists: B. Ponce 5; Shrader 3; Reeh and Antholz 2; Sager 1

Steals: Shrader 5; Reeh 5; B. Ponce 2; A. Ponce 1; Dixon 1.

Blocks: Shrader 1.



SENIORS SALUTE their parents. During a recent basketball game, moms and dads joined their kids. (L) Robin, Vanessa and Michelle Antholz stand beside Donnie, Chris and Melinda Basnett.

Girls wrap up basketball year

By Colleen Shrader

The Cheylin junior high girls basketball team played four quarters of basketball with Weskan on Feb. 7 and then moved into the first game of the league tournament on Feb. 14.

Against Weskan the final score was Weskan 41, Cheylin 27 with the half-time score being Weskan 25, Cheylin 14.

The fifth quarter game ended with Cheylin winning 12-4.

"We played another strong team of eighth graders," Coach Dan Carsons said. "The Lady Cougars outscored the Coyotes in the second and fourth quarters."

"I was pleased at their play tonight. We only had six girls on our team, so they all got lots of playing time."

Points: Stephanie Busse 11; Shayla Hubbard 7; Forrest Burr 5; Cassie Rucker 2; Nakita Schneider 2

Rebounds: Busse 17; Burr 6; Rucker 4; Hubbard 2; Ellie Pochop 1.

Steals: Rucker 3; Hubbard 2; Schneider 1

Blocks: Hubbard 1; Busse 1.

Fifth Quarter Game

Cheylin 12, Weskan 4
"We have looked great in fifth quarter games all year," Coach Carson said. "That's very exciting, considering that's many of the girls we will play against next year."

Points: Busse 8; Hubbard 4.

League tournament first game Grinnell/Wheatland Feb. 14

The Grinnell/Wheatland team had Cheylin down 37-6 at half-time and finished the game with a 64-15 victory.

"We played our final game of the season today," Coach Carson said. "We finished the year with a record of 3-11. This was a tough

loss for us today.

"I have been very pleased with the way our young team has come out game after game and played with such good teamwork."

"It has been a tough season with the lower number of girls trying to play against so many eighth graders. The girls really showed

improvement this year and I was very pleased with their progress."

Points: Burr 11; Busse 4.

Rebounds: Busse 7; Rucker 5; Burr 4.

Steals: Busse 3; Hubbard 2.

Blocks: Busse 2; Schneider 2; Burr 1.

Final game marked by heartbreaking loss

By Colleen Shrader

The high school boys basketball season ended with a heartbreaking loss to the Greeley County Jackrabbits Monday of the tournament.

The Jackrabbits have gone on to sub-state, as many of the boys would agree they should.

"They couldn't miss anything and we couldn't make anything," said senior Lincoln Pochop.

"Even their junior varsity was hitting everything."

One of Tribune's starters, Jace Young, hit seven 3-pointers to add to the 50 point loss.

Coach Grippin and Coach Walden both agree that the Cheylin boys came a long ways from where they started. Statistics from the game will not be shown due to technical difficulties.

Junior high basketball season comes to an end

By Colleen Shrader

The junior high boys' basketball season ended very well.

The A team's record ended 13-3 putting them first in the league. However, they placed second in the league tournament.

The B team was second in the league with a record of 9-5 and placed fourth in the tournament.

The C-team overall record was 5-1.

During the league tournament, the A team beat Brewster and Sharon Springs to advance to the championship game which was

lost to a good Greeley County team.

The B team beat Golden Plains and then lost in a close game to the eventual B-team champions, Triplains, which put them playing for third place. The third place game was lost to Sharon Springs giving the Cheylin B their fourth place title.

"I was proud of the overall effort from the kids and am looking forward to working with them next year and watching them grow," Coach Max Keltz said.



'DO I GET EXTRA CREDIT for this?' Whitney Churchwell kisses a pig during some FFA fun. Times photo by Taylor Leibbrandt

Club Clip

Red Hatters

The McDonald Senior Center took on a look only cupid could portray on Feb. 19. McDonald/Bird City Red Hatters enjoyed a potluck featuring salads in pink and red colors, an entree of lasagna and desserts of red and white.

Tables were adorned with valentine napkins, hatboxes filled with candy and red nut cups with M and M's.

Heart bingo was the core for the decorated box gift exchange. Lively trading amongst the creative boxes was followed by viewing the surprise contents.

The queen, Phyllis Wingfield, brought laughter as she shared

four befitting stories.

The March meeting will be on St. Patrick's Day and will be a brunch at Vernetta's followed by her doll collection showing.

Those attending wish to offer a special thank you to the Bird City ladies for bringing the salads and McDonald ladies for the remainder of the delicious lunch.

Red Hatters attending were: Ana Antholz, Florence Antholz, Sandra Antholz, Frieda Black, Bonnie Burr, Bethel Goldt, Vernetta Haack, Beverly Higgins, Diane Kribs, Betty Lewis, Iris McIntosh, Carol Mears, Lois Morelock, Edna Roensner, Joan Tongish, Phyllis Wingfield and Marlene Young.



Boys High School Basketball Team: front row - Managers Steven Pham, Jacob Diers, Vanessa Antholz, Taylor Leibbrandt; (row 2) Max Hegen, Justin Miller, Eric Estrada, Chris Walden, Jacob White, Heath Antholz, Mitchel Jensen, Lance Leonard; (row 3) Coach Morgan Grippen, Sam Hengen, Josh Garner, Lincoln Pochop, Jayden Cahoj, Vance Churchwell, Adrian Garcia, Hudson Louderbaugh, Caleb Keltz, Danny Frisbie, Jared Cahoj, assistant coach Tony Walden

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Girls High School Basketball Team: front row - Manager Lezah Diers, Samantha Robertson, Whitney Churchwell, Ana Ponce, Naomi Reeh, Teryn Carmichael, manager Shawn Pochop; (row 2) Assistant coach Jim Poore, Sydney Busse, Blanca Ponce, Mindy Antholz, Kaedra Dixon, Colleen Shrader, Tia Sager, Coach Deb Pochop

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