

Holiday cheer urges teams in pep rally



TY CARMICHAEL, 00, jumps above his opponent to shoot for two points at a recent game. Photo courtesy of Darci Shields

Thursday, December 12 at 12:50 p.m. the High School Gym was filled with students when Amy Hendricks and Tami Carmichael conducted the JH/HS Christmas Pep Rally titled "Tis the Season...Let's Wrap up Some Wins!" Santa and Mrs. Claus entered the gym playing horns and wearing their sunglasses to boost everyone's spirits for 'Getting in the Mood' to win the game with the Thunderhawks and Titans.

The rowdy cheerleaders entered next, raising spirits higher by shouting, "If you're proud... CHEER, ROWDY-ROWDY... CHEER". The coaches and two Reindeer Teams were selected from the audience to compete in a Reindeer Run. The reindeer are connected together by hula hoops held together in two rows and lead by Shayla Hubbard as Rudolph with her shiny blinking nose. The first team consisted of Coaches Blair and Ashley Raile as the leading reindeers and Miguel Gonzalez, CJ Antholz, Echoe Lennox, Danea Magnani, Gregor Burr, Shawn Pochop, Alex Hazuka, Shayla Hubbard and Ethan Moore leashed together following them. The second team consisted of coaches Max Keltz and Dennis Hengen as the leading reindeers and Jayden Boyson, Steph Granados, Josie Frisbie, Devon Janicke, Leigh Brown, Allie Frisbie, Rusty Porubsky, Rachel Keltz and Matt Cimbulka following their leaders. Each team had to run the obstacle course around the gym out the door into the hallway and back into the gym ending with coaches Blair and Keltz going through a spring tunnel and standing up to get out while Mr. Dixon, as the North Pole's Maintenance Man, timed each team in North Pole days and hours. First team's time was 39 days and 11 hours and team two came in as the winners at 32 days and 8 hours.

After the cheerleaders lead the Blue/White...Fight Cougars Fight cheer, Mr. Dixon lead the Santa's Show and Tell...How to make a snowball! Once the crowd all learned how to crunch a piece of paper into a round snowball



MRS. CLAUS AND SANTA are clowning around, playing their horns, as they enter the pep rally. Times photo by Norma Martinez

the cheerleaders lead the crowd in shouting the SP-IR-IT (Christmas Spirit)-Cheer. During this cheer Santa and Mrs. Claus recognize two Elves (Casey Vandike and Ty Carmichael sneaking in around the Cheerleaders) but they don't look like they are Elves from the North pole...Santa and Mrs. Claus acknowledge that they are actually Thunderhawk and Titan basketball players sneaking in to spy on the Cougars!

Santa stands up and points at the elves...turning to Mrs. Claus and says, "Are those two of our elves from the North Pole?" Mrs. Claus replies, "I don't recognize them!" and Santa proceeds to say...they look like imposters from the opposing teams...turning to the crowd Santa tells the kids... "I'm in the Mood for a snowball fight...so kids let's give it to those Titans and

Thunderhawks!" The crowd Fight Song. As the crowd leaves the gym, Mr. and Mrs. Claus hand everyone a candy cane for attending!



ROWDY-ROWDY...CHEERING is loud and clear from De-stany Clemans. Times photo by Norma Martinez

Cougar Sports

By Bru and the Crew

Hello Cheylin sports fans!!!! The latest installment in the Cougars basketball season involved a long haul to Quinter. For the second straight year, the Cougars took part in the annual Castle Rock Classic. Started in 1984, this is the 30th playing of the Castle Rock tournament.

How did the Cougars fair? Let's take a look at some pleasant surprises and some bitter disappointments from last week's games.... Both the men and lady Cougars played Ellis Railroaders in the first round. Both Ellis squads came in as 2 seeds. Both Cougar squads came in as 7 seeds. The lady Cougars were the first to face the Railroaders. The lady Cougars found quite a formidable opponent in Ellis. Our girls fought hard as they dived for every loose ball, fought for every rebound, and hustled all the way. But, this Ellis squad was just too good. The final score: Ellis 92 Cheylin 37. The ladies moved to the consolation side of the bracket.

The men's game came next. The Cougar's really hung with the Railroaders all first half and trailed by a score of 32-30 at halftime. The men were thinking about an upset. However, the 3rd quarter wasn't in the Cougars favor and by the time the Cougars picked themselves up it was too late. The Cougar men lost an offensive clinic by a final score of 71-51. They too joined the consolation side of the bracket.

The ladies next game was a match-up with the Rawlins County Buffaloes. This is always a rivalry for the Cougars, especially if you're from McDonald. The lady Cougars did the crowd proud! They weathered the storm and held off several furious comeback attempts by the Buffaloes. The Cougars won a high flying offensive game by a final score of 60 to 50. The girls would now get a chance to play for the consolation championship!!

The men were not so fortunate in their game with the Golden Plains Bulldogs. This game can

only be described as rough-tumble, with a questionable call or two. The men entered the fourth quarter battered and bruised, but up 33-30. However, the Bulldogs won the battle of the paint in the fourth. This combined with some poor shooting on Cheylin's part caused the Cougars to suffer another loss. The final score read 46-41 in favor of Golden Plains. The men were headed for the seventh place game.

The ladies were set to play the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks for the consolation championship. As you may recall the Thunderhawks beat the lady Cougars early this season. The ladies came out firing. They were down by a few points early and things were tied at halftime at 20 points apiece. The ladies really came alive in the second half. Free throws and rebounds came up big for the ladies and they won the game by a final score of 52-43. That made our ladies the consolation champions. Technically that's fifth place, but let's face it, consolation champion sounds better. Congratulations to our ladies on two great victories!

The men's final game of the tournament was a seventh place match up with the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks. The first half was a knock-down drag-out match and the Cougars trailed 25-22 at half time. Things only got worse in the second half. The Cougars struggled with shooting in the paint and also had trouble clearing the boards. It's a bit difficult to win ball games without those two assets. The Cougar men found that out as they lost the game by a final score of 52-41. Another disappointing loss on a disappointing week for our Cougar men.

The Cougar men's record now stands at 0 wins and 4 losses. The ladies hit the .500 mark with 2 wins and 2 losses. Both teams travel to Ransom this Friday to take on Western Plains. The junior varsity teams will also see action this Friday. Best of luck to all teams in this final game before Christmas. GO COUGARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



ROD KLEPPER, Debbie Bailey and Carol Marsh were first in line for the pot luck as they have December birthdays. Times photo by Norma Martinez

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