



In the game played on Tuesday, Northern Valley's Serena Woodside kept a watchful eye on the Eastern Heights' ballhandler. Woodside was the leading scorer for Northern Valley with 16 points and also made 15 rebounds. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

# Northern Valley girls are playing in league tourney

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies beat Kensington 58-56 in the first round of the Cheyenne Conference Basketball Tournament, but then lost 50-41 to Eastern Heights in the second round.

**Kensington**  
"We got a very good game tonight," said Coach Bill Lowry. "I was very pleased with the way we controlled the end of the game."

"We got a very good start, but Kensington hit some threes to get them back into the game. "This was a good win." Lindsey Graham led scoring for Northern Valley with 30. She was followed by Serena Woodside, 9; Kelli Cole, 8; Jena Jessup, 7; Lindsey Jessup, 3; and Jessica Holmes, 1.

Rebounding honors went to Graham with 18, Woodside with 6, and J. Jessup with 5.

Out of the Lady Huskies' 10 steals, Woodside grabbed 4. L. Jessup led assists with 5. Northern Valley had 18 turnovers, while Kensington had 21.

**Eastern Heights**  
"I am very proud of our effort tonight," said Coach Lowry. "Eastern Heights is a very good team and we did a lot of things right to give us a chance to win. "This was a total team effort!" Woodside led scoring for the

Lady Huskies with 16 points, followed by Graham, 14; Cole, 5; L. Jessup, 4; and J. Jessup, 2.

Northern Valley out-rebounded the Mustangs 55-25. Rebounding honors went to Graham with 19, Woodside with 15 and Cole with 7.

Cole led steals with 2, while Graham led assists with 2.

The Lady Huskies had 18 turnovers to Eastern Heights' 10.

**Northern Valley 58, Kensington 56**  
Score by quarters:  
N. Valley 16 17 14 11 — 58  
K-town 11 13 14 18 — 56

**Northern Valley**  
Graham 12 0 10-6 30, Woodside 3 0 4-3 9, Cole 1 2 2-0 8, J. Jessup, 2 1 0-0 7, L. Jessup 0 1 0-0 3. Holmes 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 18 4 18-10 58.

**Kensington**  
Jo Ann Yoxall 3 4 4-2 20, Jay Dee Hudson 3 2 0-0 12, Kristen Yoxall 5 0 4-0 10, Emily Boswell 3 0 4-2 8, Claire Cole 2 0 2-0 4, Catlin Lehmann 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 17 6 14-4 56.

**Eastern Heights 50, Northern Valley 41**

Score by quarters:  
N. Valley 10 11 9 11 — 41  
E. Heights 9 16 14 11 — 50

**Northern Valley**  
Woodside 7 0 6-2 16, Graham 5 0 6-4 14, Cole 1 1 0-0 5, L. Jessup

1 0 3-2 4, J. Jessup 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 15 1 15-8 41.

**Eastern Heights**  
K. Matteson 4 1 22-17 28, A. Nix 3 0 1-1 7, N. Haskett 2 0 3-1 5, A. Jones 2 0 0-0 4, K. Harger 0 1 0-0 3, A. Schmid 1 0 4-1 3. Totals 12 2 30-20 50.

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Burwell won the championship with 209 points, followed by Elm Creek, 147; Cozad junior varsity, 138; Norton junior varsity, 108; Overton, 58; Alma, 41; Junior Varsity mixed, 39; Gibbon junior varsity, 38; Pleasanton, 33.5; Elm Creek junior varsity, 33; Southern Valley, 31; Lexington junior varsity, 19.

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Jeff Soderlund finished second at 135 pounds and Shane Stanley placed second at 189.

Andrew Black won third at 103 and Brian Sproul was fourth at 152.

Ray was seeded No. 1 at 112 and drew a first round bye. In the second round, he pinned No. 4 seed Justin Shriver, Overton, in 1:59. In the championship finals, he decisioned No. 2 seed Andy Miller, Alma, 4-2 to win the gold medal.

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Look was seeded No. 1 at 160. In the first round, he pinned Jesse Barto, Elm Creek, in 4:10. In the semi-finals, he won a 12-1 major decision over No. 4 seed Jake Knauss, Cozad. He wrestled Sean Jeffries, Burwell, in the championship finals and pinned him in 1:24 to earn the gold medal.

No. 3 seed Tyson Benson, Elm Creek junior varsity, won third by pinning No. 2 seed Brandon

# Husky girls beat Palco in 61-45 game

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies beat Palco 61-45 on Jan. 14. "We did a good job defensively," said Coach Bill Lowry. "We had very good effort tonight. This was a good league win for us."

Scoring for the Lady Huskies against Palco were Kelli Cole, 20 points; Lindsey Graham, 15; Serena Woodside, 10; Lindsey Jessup, 9; Jena Jessup, 4; Joni Hilburn, 2; and Kelsey Kinderknecht, 1.

Rebounding honors went to Graham with 15 and Woodside with 8. As a team, the Lady Huskies out-rebounded Palco 48 to 33.

Leading steals were Cole, 5; and Graham, 4.

Cole led assists with 4, followed by Woodside and Graham, 3 apiece.

The Lady Huskies blocked one shot.

Both Northern Valley and Palco had 25 turnovers.

The junior varsity also won, defeating the Roosters 27-23.

Kinderknecht led scoring with 7 points, followed by Jessica Largent, 6; Alysia Shearer, 5; and Hilburn, 4.

**Northern Valley 61, Palco 45**

Score by quarters:  
N. Valley 7 29 14 11 — 61  
Palco 3 15 4 23 — 45

**Northern Valley**  
Cole 4 3 6-3 20, Graham 5 0 7-5 15, Woodside 5 0 2-0 10, L. Jessup 2 1 3-2 9, J. Jessup 2 0 1-0 4, Hilburn 1 0 2-0 2, Kinderknecht 0 0 2-1 1, Holmes 0 0 2-0 0, Alysia Shearer 0 0 1-0 0. Totals 19 4 21-11 61.

**Palco**  
Belisle 6 0 2-1 13, Keller 3 0 0-0 6-2 8, Sander 2 0 5-3 7, Gehring 3 0 2-0 6, Lambert 1 0 3-1 3, Wilke 1 0 4-1 3, Bonoit 0 0 2-2 2, Lewis 1 0 0-0 2, Berland 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 17 0 26-11 45.



Lindsey Graham shot a basket good for two points in the Husky girls win over Kensington in the first round of the Cheyenne Conference Tournament in Phillipsburg on Monday. Graham had a whopping 30 points and 18 rebounds in the contest. The Northern Valley girls won by two points, 58-56. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

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Biskup, Southern Valley.

Look was named "Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week".

Soderlund was seeded No. 3 at 135. In the first round, he pinned Josh Johnson, Burwell, in 5:03. In the semi-finals, he decisioned No. 2 seed Anthony Prather, Elm Creek, 6-5. In the championship finals, he lost a 14-2 major decision to No. 1 seed Casey Stout, Burwell.

Prather won third by pinning No. 5 seed Dakota Favinger, Cozad.

At 189, Stanley was seeded No. 2. In his first match, he pinned Mike Grado, Gibbon, in 1:17. In the semi-finals, he pinned Clint Urbanovsky, Junior Varsity mixed, in 1:37. In the championship finals, he lost a 6-2 decision to No. 1 seed Ben Robison, Alma.

No. 4 seed Randy Rocheleau, Burwell, placed third by pinning No. 5 seed Dustin Johns, Elm Creek, in a repeat of their first round match.

Black was seeded No. 2 at 103 pounds. After drawing a first round bye, he was pinned in 5:59 by No. 3 seed Brandon Kautz, Gibbon. In the consolation bracket, he won an 11-2 major decision over No. 4 seed Ashley James, Alma, to place third.

No. 1 seed Brandon Rimpley, Overton, decisioned Kautz to win the championship.

At 152, Sproul was seeded No. 4. In his first match, he pinned No. 5 seed Mike Shaw, Southern Valley, in 1:47. In the semi-finals, he lost a 12-5 decision to No. 1 seed Lane Zimbleman, Cozad. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Grady Guenther, Gibbon, in 23 seconds. In the consolation finals, he was pinned in 3:17 by No. 2 seed Kyle Gill, Junior Varsity mixed.

No. 3 seed Chad Schneider,

Burwell, decisioned Zimbelman to win the championship.

Norton's Bryce Engelbert was seeded No. 2 at 119. In his first match, he lost by a fall in 3:56 to Corey Snider, Overton. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Orlando Lopez, Lexington, in 3:59 but lost by a fall in 2:26 to No. 1 seed Joe Meier, Elm Creek.

Meier placed third by pinning Snider. No. 3 seed Jarrod Swett, Burwell, won the championship with a decision over No. 4 seed Daniel Niles, Cozad.

At 125 pounds, Norton's Todd Bolt was seeded No. 2. In the first round, he lost a 6-0 decision to Nate Keep, Elm Creek. In the consolation bracket, he won by disqualification over Mitchell Hedlund, Southern Valley. In the consolation semi-finals, he lost a 3-0 decision to No. 5 seed Chris Graves, Junior Varsity mixed.

Graves pinned No. 3 seed Zach Canas, Cozad, to place third. No. 1 seed Brandon O'Neal, Burwell, won a major decision over Keep to win the championship.

Norton's Aaron Husted was seeded No. 4 at 130 pounds. In the first round, he lost by a fall in 3:40 to No. 5 seed Brock Meier, Elm Creek junior varsity. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Ryan Eckhout, Pleasanton, in 2:57. In the consolation semi-finals, he lost an 11-10 decision to No. 3 seed Ciro Saenz, Cozad.

Meier won third place by pinning Saenz. No. 1 seed Taylor Phillips, Burwell, won the championship with a decision over No. 2 seed Russell Benson, Southern Valley.

Clay McMullen wrestled 140 for Norton. In the first round, he lost by a fall in 4:42 to No. 1 seed Ivin Hubbard, Elm Creek. In the consolation bracket, he lost by a fall in

3:50 to No. 4 seed Brandon Percival, Junior Varsity mixed.

No. 5 seed Casey Eppenhach, Burwell, won third place with a decision over Percival. Hubbard won the championship with a decision over No. 2 seed Jordan Bergquist, Southern Valley.

At 145, Norton's Jordan Durham was seeded No. 4. In the first round, he lost by a fall in 5:22 to No. 5 seed Jake Wolf, Junior Varsity mixed. In the consolation bracket, he lost by a fall in 2:42 to No. 3 seed Michael Burns, Elm Creek.

Burns placed third with a major decision over No. 1 seed Ryan Carslens, Burwell. No. 2 seed Ryan Levell, Cozad, won a major decision over Wolf to win the championship.

Norton's Zach Mannel was seeded No. 4 at 215 pounds. In the first round, he lost a 13-3 major decision to No. 5 seed Colby Hartman, Gibbon. In the consolation bracket, he pinned Nick Walker, Lexington, in 2:34. In the consolation semi-finals, he lost by a fall in 2:12 to No. 2 seed Jess Casteel, Burwell.

Casteel won third by pinning Hartman. No. 1 seed Justin Daake, Elm Creek, pinned No. 3 seed Zach Schwarz, Cozad, to win the championship.

At 275 pounds, Norton's Ben Rojas was seeded No. 4. He received a bye in the first round. In the semi-finals, he lost by a fall in 29 seconds to No. 1 seed Justin Hood, Pleasanton. In the consolation bracket, he lost by a fall in 28 seconds to No. 2 seed Josh Martin, Elm Creek.

Martin won third by pinning No. 3 seed Wade Buso, Gibbon. Andy Lange, Overton, won the championship with a decision over Hood.

# Eighth grade girls take championship

The Norton Junior High School eighth-grade girls basketball team defeated Phillipsburg 36-15 in the semi-final round of the Mid-Continent Elementary League tournament, and then beat WaKeeney in the final round to take the championship.

**Phillipsburg**

"We took on a very tough Phillipsburg group in the semi-finals of the league tournament and came away with a 36-15 victory that did not at all play like the score indicated," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman. "This was a very tough game and did not open up until the very end when the Panthers were forced to press. We responded very well in attacking the

basket and making baskets.

"Another key element to this win was our free throw shooting that has not been mentioned this season because we just don't shoot that many. But in this game, we shot 18 and connected, as a team, on 10.

"Again, defense was our key as we held the Panthers to only 22 percent shooting from the field as our players bothered their shots all evening long.

"Deflect leaders were Laura Lee Baird and Wiyanna Paxton with 5 each, followed closely by Taylor Rossi with 4.

"Steals were taken by Rossi with 5, while Hayli Bozarth, (Continued to Page 10)