

Huskies defeat Eastern Heights 82-60



Senior Cody Lowry returned to the Huskies' lineup Friday to contribute nine points. Lowry has been out after receiving an eye injury in an earlier game. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

The Northern Valley High School boys basketball team beat Eastern Heights 82-60 Friday night in Agra.

The Huskies jumped out to a good lead in the first quarter and then maintained it throughout the game: 26-14, 43-32, 61-49, 82-60.

Joey Copper and Avery Thalheim led scoring for the green team. Copper brought in 24 points, while Thalheim added another 22. Also scoring for the Huskies were Henry Griffiths, 15; Cody Lowry, 9; Andrew Sheley, 6; Bryce Marble, 3; Cole Kinderknecht, 2; and Chase Miller, 1.

The Huskies will play Logan in the third night of the Cheyenne Conference Tournament Thursday beginning at 7:45 p.m. in Phillipsburg.

Northern Valley 82, Eastern Heights 60
 Score by quarter:
 N. Valley 26 17 18 21 — 82
 E. Heights 14 18 17 11 — 60

Northern Valley
 Copper 8 0 14-8 24, Thalheim 6 0 14-10 22, Griffiths 6 1 2-0 15, Lowry 0 3 0-0 9, Sheley 2 0 6-2 6, Marble 1 0 2-1 3, Kinderknecht 1 0 0-0 2, Miller 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 24 4 40-22 82.

Eastern Heights
 Ben Suchsland 5 2 2-2 18, Josh Kirk 6 0 9-3 15, Drew Kirk 3 0 1-0 6, Lowe 1 1 0-0 5, Brewer 0 1 2-2 5, Capps 2 0 2-1 5, Joe Suchsland 1 1 0-0 5, Iman 0 0 2-1 1, Wyrill 0 0 3-0 0. Totals 18 5 21-9 60.

Junior high girls beat Phillipsburg

The Norton Junior High School eighth grade girls team beat Phillipsburg.

"We played our pre-tournament game with Phillipsburg this year and were very glad for the competition before the actual tournament game began," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman.

"We played like we had not played a game in three weeks. Well, I guess we haven't, but still that's no excuse for our lackluster offensive performance.

"Defensively, we did as well as we have all season. Our deflects leader was Ashlie Stewart, who got her hands on 4, followed by Amanda Ray, who touched 3, and Hannah Waggoner, who bothered the Panthers with 2.

"Steals were then picked up by Ray with 6 and Stewart, Shelby Jones and Waggoner with 2 each.

"Rebounds were gathered in by Kaitlyn Wolf with 6, Ray with 4, while Lacy Keilig and Jones grabbed 2 each.

"With the team not scoring many baskets—we won this game by the score of 19-12—we as a team did not record many assists. Jones did find two teammates open for scores to lead us this game."

Stewart led scoring with 6 points, followed by Keilig and Ray, 4 each; Waggoner, 3; and Wolf, 2.

The junior varsity defeated Phillipsburg 16-14 on the Pan-

thers' home court.

"As we entered a new year, the Lady Jays junior varsity faced another challenge," said Coach Lynette Archer. "An additional game was added to our season. We played Phillipsburg on their home court and handed them a defeat. The score at the buzzer was 16-14. It was a hard fought battle as we faced several members of their varsity team.

"Emily Juenemann dominated the inside, leading her team with 6 points. Kendra Engelbert and Beth Roy added 4 points each, along with Kelsey Nuzum adding 2 points. The team's shot selection was great. They moved the ball around and found the open person. We shot 33 percent in the first half and second half.

"Roy, with 5, and Austine Dole, with 3, were assertive in finding the rebounds. Engelbert hustled her way to 5 steals.

"We had been working on our half court press and the girls stepped up their game. We didn't press until the last quarter, but when the Ladies executed their press, they rattled the offense. We created a number of turnovers off of the press. The defense was outstanding!

"This team stepped on the court wanting to win and fought hard every minute. Their 'undefeated season' shows the determination of the young ladies who play it."

Lady Huskies lose to Eastern Heights

The Northern Valley varsity basketball team lost 68-40 to Eastern Heights Friday, but the junior varsity won 22-14.

The Lady Huskies fell behind in the first and then couldn't catch up: 20-4, 34-9, 48-21, 68-40.

Serena Woodside led scoring for the green team with 12 points, followed by Kelli Cole, 8; Jena Jessup, 6; Andrea Lowry, 4; Jessica Holmes, 4; Joni Hilburn, 3; Kelsey Kinderknecht, 2; and Jessica Largent, 1.

Rebounding honors went to Cole with 8, followed by Woodside, 6; Holmes, 5; Largent, 4; Lowry, 3; Jessup, 2; and Hilburn, 1.

Holmes made the team's only two blocked shots.

Making steals were Holmes, 3; Cole, Jessup and Woodside, 2 each; and Lowry, 1.

The junior varsity girls beat the Mustangs 22-14.

Scoring for the Huskies were Hilburn and Largent, 6 points;

each; Kylene Hager, 4; Stephanie Tubbs, 3; and Amanda Hopkins, 2.

The Lady Huskies will play Western Plains tonight in the second game of the Cheyenne Conference Basketball Tournament. The game begins at 4 p.m. in Phillipsburg.

Eastern Heights 68, Northern Valley 40
 Score by quarter:
 N. Valley 4 5 12 19 — 40
 E. Heights 20 14 14 20 — 68

Northern Valley
 Woodside 5 0 3-2 12, Cole 0 2 2-2 8, Jessup 0 2 0-0 6, Lowry 2 0 0-0 4, Holmes, 2 0 0-0 4, Hilburn 1 0 2-1 3, Kinderknecht 1 0 0-0 2, Largent 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 11 4 9-6 40.

Eastern Heights
 K. Matteson 3 1 18-14 23, M. Berg (43) 6 1 9-8 23, M. Berg (22) 2 1 2-0 7, A. Jones 2 0 3-3 7, A. Allenberger 2 0 0-0 4, B. Gruber 1 0 4-0 2, C. Stones 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 17 3 36-25 68.



Northern Valley High School head girls basketball coach Bill Lowry and assistant coach Erin Manning take a time out to explain their defense in the game against Eastern

Heights on Friday. Shown, from left, are No. 22, Kelsey Kinderknecht; No. 15, Andrea Lowry; No. 34, Jena Jessup and No. 33, Serena Woodside. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Norton eighth-grade Lady Jays win two in league tournament

The eighth grade Lady Jays beat both Stockton and Smith Center in the Mid-Continent Elementary League Basketball Tournament on Jan. 7 for a chance to play Osborne in the championship game on Thursday.

Stockton

"We began our tournament play against an improved Stockton team," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman. "They either improved, we got worse, or we just didn't play with the intensity that is needed once you step onto the floor. We caused a season high 36 turnovers by the Tigers, but we just couldn't convert them into points. But, the defense continues to give us opportunities and eventually the offensive side of our game will surface as it did in the first part of our season.

"Leading the day defensively was Shelby Jones as she led the

team in deflects with 5, while Lacy Keilig tipped 3 and Beth Roy 2. Jones also co-led the team in steals as she took 5 from the Tigers' guards, while Amanda Ray took 5 from the forwards. Keilig was also instrumental as she didn't allow 3 passes to get to their post.

"Rebounds were few for us this game. Again, for as tall as we are, you would think we should rebound each team we play, but this is not the case with this group. The old saying of 'defense wins championships' leaves out the point that rebounding is the final step in any defensive effort and if a team does not rebound, well, very few championships, let alone games, are won without winning the rebounding battle. Time will tell if this group focuses on this very important phase of the game.

"Rebounding leader was Ray with 3, followed by Jones and

Ashlie Stewart with 2 each.

"Assists were handed out by Jones and Ray with 3 each.

"Even with our not winning the rebounding battle we did win the game 26-20, which allowed us to move to the next round of the tournament."

Ray led scoring for the Lady Jays with 9 points, followed by Stewart, 5; Keilig and Jones, 4 each; Alyssa Thomson, 3; and Waggoner, 1.

Smith Center

"We won the right to face off against Smith Center, a team we had defeated by just 3 points earlier in the season," said Coach Zimmerman. "And, with our display just a few hours before (26-20 over Stockton), I'm sure they were chomping at the bit to get back on the floor to pull the upset.

"Well, something clicked in the minds, hearts or souls of the Lady

Blue Jays as they realized that they were now playing a much tougher team and the goal of the 'winning two for you' must go through the Warriors. The ladies responded by not allowing Smith Center to score in the first quarter, while scoring 12 ourselves. This set the tone for the rest of the game as the Jays continued to defend, as they have all season long, and create turnovers. But, the difference in this game was the offense converted the take-aways into points that gave us a cushion and built our confidence to a point we have not experienced in quite a few ball games.

"Deflects were tipped by Kaitlyn Wolf and Waggoner with 2 each. Steals were taken by Stewart with 5, followed by Ray with 3.

"Rebounding honors went to Thomson, who had a terrific stretch in the second half and

grabbed 8 total, while Ray and Keilig each grabbed 4, with Waggoner and Stewart sneaking into 'the land of giants' and taking 3 each.

"The team had a higher assist total this game as our offense put in the open shots they were given by our passers. Three players found two teammates open for scores. They were Jones, Austine Dole and Ray.

"It was a great team win, 48-24, with all our team members getting to contribute in a positive manner of some kind.

"This sets up the final championship game against our league nemesis Osborne, the team that gave us our only blemish. They are undefeated at this point in their season. Again, for this Blue Jay team to 'win two for you', they must go through the Bulldogs to achieve it."

Stewart led scoring for Norton with 10 points, followed by Ray, 8; Beth Winkel and Thomson, 6 each; Waggoner, 4; Steph Eagleburger, Kendra Engelbert, Keilig, Raven Brown, Brandi Graham, Wolf and Emily Juenemann, 2 each.

Logan boys basketball team loses game to Golden Plains

The Logan High School boys basketball team lost 63-52 to Golden Plains Friday in Logan.

The Trojans just barely trailed throughout the game, getting to within one point by the end of the third quarter: 9-7, 25-20, 39-38, 63-52.

Bryant Reese led scoring for

Logan with 21 points, followed by Kyle Brobst, 17; Tim McElroy, 5; Troy Babcock, 4; Zach Long, 3; and Ethan Gottschalk, 2.

The Trojans will play Northern Valley at 7:45 p.m. Thursday on the third night of the Cheyenne Conference Basketball Tournament in Phillipsburg.

Golden Plains 63, Logan 52
 Score by quarter:
 Logan 7 13 18 14 — 52
 G. Plains 9 16 14 24 — 63

Logan
 Reese 4 4 4-1 21, Brobst 1 5 0-0 17, McElroy 2 0 2-1 5, Babcock 2 0 0-0 4, Zach Long 0 1 0-0 3, Gottschalk 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 10 10 6-2 52.

Golden Plains
 Alan Bruggeman 9 0 9-4 22, Drew Stevenson 3 0 12-10 16, Andrew Broeckelman 3 0 4-3 9, Brett Spresser 2 0 4-4 8, Ryan Brantley 2 0 0-0 4, Josh Lahnhan 1 0 0-0 2, Dan Rogers 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 21 0 29-21 63.

Norton County Weather – January 10th – 14th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
55/25	60/23	48/18	53/20	58/25

Normal High: 42
 Normal Low: 15

Sunrise: 7:59 to 8:00 A.M.
 Sunset: 5:34 to 5:39 P.M.

Frontal systems keep moving through every three to four days, but all we can squeeze out of the sky is a few sprinkles and flurries. High pressure anchored over the Rockies will continue to keep temperatures above normal and chances for precipitation close to zero through the middle of the month. January is typically a dry and cold month, but hopefully with the warmer temperatures a good wet 6" snow will turn up before we get to February.

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