



Jessica Largent (above) was a strong rebounder for the Lady Huskies on Tuesday in Alma. Other Northern Valley players pictured are from left,

Andrea Lowry, Serena Woodside and Kelli Cole. Jena Jessup (bottom right) puts in one of her two 3-pointers. Jessup was second high

scorer for Northern Valley with 15 points. The Lady Huskies scored seven 3-point baskets against Alma. — Telegram photos by Susie Marble

Husky girls win 61-53 over Alma

By TOM DREILING

Crossing the state line can be hazardous to your health.

Basketball health, that is. And it was for the Alma (Nebraska) Lady Cardinals as they bumped into the Northern Valley Lady Huskies at Alma Tuesday night and sustained a 61-53 injury.

A drama of sorts occurred in the closing minute of the game when an apparently frustrated Lady Cardinal ended up tossing the ball in the direction of her coach who caught the thing and in so doing ended up on the playing floor and was hit with a "T" — as in technical foul.

Noteworthy, for the Lady Huskies, was the fact three players combined to pocket 44 of the team's 61 points, falling just nine points shy of scoring as many points as the visiting Cardinals scored as a team.

It all sounds so simple, but was it?

No. It was one of those kind of games that saw each team holding leads at the end of quarters. After the first period of play, Alma held a 4-point 16-12 advantage. At half-time, however, the Huskies, thanks to a sizzling 22-point performance in that second frame, headed to the lockerroom with a 34-27 lead.

The third quarter found the visitors again outscoring the home

bunch 13-10, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Huskies' lead at the buzzer, 44-40.

The final quarter saw the Huskies popping in 17 points while the guests settled for 13 for a final tally of 61-53.

Leading the charge for the Huskies was Kelli Cole with 18 points. Jena Jessup added 15 and Serena Woodside shook the nets with 11.

The Cardinals' top point man, Jena Jessup, was the visiting Cardinal's top scorer with 14.

Northern Valley 61

Alma 53

Score by quarters:

N. Valley 12 22 10 17 = 61

Alma 16 11 13 13 = 53

Northern Valley

(FG 2's, 3's; FTA, FTM; TP)

Kylena Hager 0 0 2-1=1; Kelli

Cole 3 3 6-3=18; Andrea Lowry 1

2 0 0=8; Serena Woodside 2 0 11-

7-11; Jena Jessup 4 2 2-1=15; Jes-

sica Largent 3 0 2-2=8. Totals: 13

7 23-14=61. Free throws (14 of 23)

60 percent.

Alma

Erica Waggoner 2 1 0-0=7; Tara

Monahan 3 0 2-0=6; Jenna Ehrke

3 0 4-2=8; Gillian Hogeland 6 0

5-2=14; Cristee Norris 2 0 1-1=5;

Chelsey Losey 2 0 0-0=4; Chelsea

McKenzie 3 0 4-3=9. Totals: 21 1

16-8=53. Free throws (8 of 16) 50

percent.

Northern Valley will host

Bertrand tonight with tipoff at 5

p.m.

Northern Valley boys defeat Alma

By TOM DREILING

Not only did Joey Copper have the partisan Northern Valley home crowd smiling Tuesday night, he also had the basketball goals grinning.

Why?

It was a matter of scoring — scoring BIG! Like 30 points big. He got to that figure with 11 2-point field goals and 8 from the charity line as his Huskies moved past the visiting Alma Cardinals, 55-46.

Teammate Avery Thalheim was also in double figures with 14, and between the two they came within two points of matching the Cardinals' total team output.

But let's start at the beginning of the game, which, for all practical purposes was, well, like a team suffering anemia: a lack of vigor, vitality, lifelessness. A team that could muster only four points while letting the tourists get away with 15.

Ouch!

Whatever Coach A.J. Landon said to the Huskies at the end of that first quarter paid off handsomely because his charges took command and literally frazzled the nets. By the time the buzzer ended the second frame, the Huskies had scored 19 big points while limiting Alma to just eight to knot the encounter at 23-all going into the lockerroom.



Senior Avery Thalheim takes the ball to the Huskies' goal after a defensive rebound in the Huskies' win over the Alma Cardinals on Tuesday in Alma. Thalheim tallied 14 points for the Huskies. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

The mean Northern Valley machine wasn't finished. Quarter three produced another big output,

16 points vs. 11 for the Cardinals and a 39-34 home team lead at the buzzer.

The Huskies liked that 16-point third quarter performance so much that they repeated it in the fourth, while Alma was hitting for 12. The 5-point edge in the third and 4-point edge in the fourth spelled the 9-point difference in the end result.

But the analysts would point to that 19-point explosion in the second period, coupled with a tough defensive effort, as setting the stage for the ultimate "W."

It was an interesting night at Alma.

Northern Valley 55

Alma 46

Score by quarters:

N. Valley 4 19 16 16 = 55

Alma 15 8 1 12 = 46

Northern Valley

(FG 2's, 3's; FTA, FTM; TP)

Cody Lowry 1 0 0-0=2; Drew

Britt 1 0 2-2=4; Cole

Kinderknecht 1 0 0-0=2; Avery

Thalheim 3 1 6-5=14; Joey Cop-

per 11 0 11-8=30; Andrew Shey-

er 0 1 0-0=3. Totals: 17 2 19-15=55.

Alma

Wes Spady 4 0 6-3=11; Charlie

Shaffer 4 0 4-1=9; Dillon Kauk 1

1 0 0-0=5; Chris Tripe 1 0 4-3=5;

Alan Ruskamp 1 0 0-0=2; Jake

Ring 5 0 0-0=10; Alex Ring 2 0 0-

0=4. Totals: 18 1 14-7=46.

Next game for the Huskies is

tonight when they host Bertrand,

Neb.



Logan girls beat Mankato 57-44

The Logan Lady Trojans beat Mankato 57-44 on Jan. 24 in Mankato.

"Mankato's press slowed us down in the first quarter," said Coach Linda Nighswonger. "We figured it out and were able to run the floor in the second quarter."

"They came rallying back in the third on the shoulders of Jensen. We were finally able to shut her down in the fourth quarter and came away with the win."

Shelly Kemper led scoring for Logan's ladies with 19 points, followed by Jenny Noel, 15; Megan

Brumbaugh, 10; Bethany Clements, 6; Anne Hartman, 6; and Jenny Archer, 1.

Of the team's 30 rebounds, honors went to Kemper with 9, Hartman with 7, and Clements with 5.

Clements led steals, making 3 of the team's 11.

Out of Logan's 14 assists, Kemper led with 6.

Kemper made the Lady Trojans' only block.

The junior varsity team lost 9-8.

Logan will host Kensington tonight beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Logan 57, Mankato 44

Score by quarters:

Logan 11 23 8 15 = 57

Mankato 16 6 18 4 = 44

Logan

Kemper 4 2 6-5 19, Noel 7 0 2-1

15, Brumbaugh 2 0 8-6 10,

Clements 3 0 0-0 6, Hartman 3 0

0-0 6, Archer 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 19 2

18-13 57.

Mankato

Jensen 9 0 13-7 25, Diamond 2

14-29, Newell 2 0 0-4, Ernst 1 0

2-0 2, Bauer 1 0 0-2, Stafford 1 0

0-0 2. Totals 16 1 19-9 44.

night beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Eastern Heights 63

Logan 49

Score by quarters:

Logan 9 9 10 21 = 49

E. Heights 17 20 13 13 = 63

Logan

Hartman 5 0 6-4 14, Brumbaugh

3 0 7-6 12, Kemper 2 0 4-4 8, Noel

2 1 1-1 8, Van Loenen 2 0 0-0 4,

Clements 1 0 3-1 3. Totals 15 1 21-

16 49.

Eastern Heights

Matteson 5 1 13-11 24, Mic.

Berg 6 0 7-3 15, Mel Berg 2 2 0-0

10, Jones 3 0 0-0 6, Graber 1 0 6-2

4, Stones 2 0 0-4. Totals 19 3 26-

16 63.

Logan girls drop game to Eastern Heights

The Logan girls basketball team lost 63-49 to Eastern Heights on Jan. 27 in Logan.

"We played a much smarter game against Eastern Heights this time," said Coach Linda Nighswonger. "But we were unable to hit our shots in the first half and were down 19 points at half-time. We whittled away at the lead throughout the second half and were able to come within six points (49-55), but could not do more."

"I am so proud of our team! We continue to improve each game as we gain confidence in ourselves and our teammates. Our fans are the greatest!"

Anne Hartman led scoring for Logan's ladies with 14 points, followed by Megan Brumbaugh, 12; Shelley Kemper, 8; Jenny Noel, 8; Shaley Van Loenen, 4; and Bethany Clements, 3.

The Lady Trojans had a total of 21 rebounds. Honors went to Hartman with 7 and Kemper and Clements, both with 4.

Out of the team's 9 steals, Noel and Clements led. Noel had 4 and Clements had 3.

Kemper, Clements, Hartman, Brumbaugh and Noel each made two of the team's 12 assists.

The junior varsity lost 16-13.

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