

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

and Kelli Cole. Jena Jessup (bottom right) puts in one of her two 3pointers. Jessup was second high

Andrea Lowry, Serena Woodside scorer for Northern Valley with 15 points. The Lady Huskies scored seven 3-point baskets against Alma.

— Telegram photos by Susie Marble

## 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 grin-

It was a matter of scoring scoring BIG! Like 30 points big.

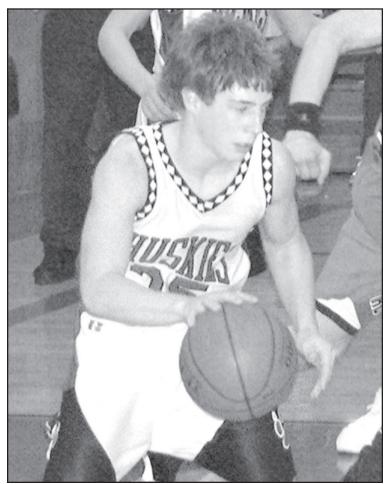
He got to that figure with 11 2point field goals and 8 from the charity line as his Huskies moved past the visiting Alma Cardinals,

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

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 Almena. Thalheim tallied 14 points for the Huskies. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

chine wasn't finished. Quarter and a 39-34 home team lead at the three produced another big output, buzzer.

The mean Northern Valley ma- 16 points vs. 11 for the Cardinals

# Logan girls beat Mankato 57-44

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 night beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The Logan Lady Trojans beat 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 toLogan 57, Mankato 44 Score by quarters:

11 23 8 15 - 57

16 6 18 4 — 44 Mankato

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 0-06, Archer 002-11. Totals 192 18-13 57.

Mankato

Jensen 9 0 13-7 25, Diamond 2 14-29, Newell 200-04, Ernst 10 2-02, Bauer 100-02, Stafford 10 0-0 2. Totals 16 1 19-9 44.

### Logan girls drop game to Eastern Heigh

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 halftime. 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 night beginning at 4:30 p.m. Logan's ladies with 14 points, followed by Megan Brumbaugh, 12; Shelley Kemper, 8; Jenny Noel, 8; Shaley Van Loenen, 4; and Logan 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 Clements 103-13. Totals 15121and 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. Logan will host Kensington to- 16 63.

Eastern Heights 63 Logan 49

Score by quarters: 9 9 10 21 - 49E. Heights  $17\ 20\ 13\ 13 - 63$ 

Logan Hartman 506-414, Brumbaugh 307-612, Kemper 204-48, Noel 2 1 1-1 8, Van Loenen 2 0 0-0 4,

**Eastern Heights** 

Matteson 5 1 13-11 24, Mic. Berg 607-315, Mel. Berg 220-0 10, Jones 3 0 0-0 6, Graber 1 0 6-2 4, Stones 200-04. Totals 19326-

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 Almena.

#### 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 Copper 110 11-8=30; Andrew Sheley 010-0=3. Totals: 17219-15=55.

Alma

Wes Spady 406-3=11; Charlie Shaffer 4 0 4-1=9; Dillon Kauk 1 1 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,

### Logan boys win 78-64 at Stockton

If you like a lot of scoring, then you should have been at Logan's basketball game Tuesday night to watch the Trojan boys topple the Stockton Tigers, 78-64. That adds up to a total of 142 points.

There were two standout scorers - one from each team. Logan's Zach Long connected for 25 points and Stockton's Leneal Weiser bucketed 26.

The Trojans opened up a 19-14 lead at the end of the first quarter and left the floor at half-time with a 44-23 advantage. Going into the final period, the Trojans were still on top, 58-44.

In addition to Zach Long, others breaking into the scoring column for Logan were: Ethan Gottschalk with 17; Kyle Brobst 16; Kevin Burge 8; Jeff Brown 6; Troy Babcock 4; and Tanner Pabst 2.

For Stockton, Leneal Weiser had the game high 26; K. Weiser 7; LeSage 5; Post 4; Bellerive 6; Kriley 8; Beougher 7; and Barnedt

Logan got its 78 points on 26 2point field goals, 5 treys and 11 charity tosses.

For Stockton, it was 21 2-point field goals, 3 treys and 13 free throws

# Husky girls win 61-53 over Alma

### By TOM DREILING

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 Almena 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

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 halftime, however, the Huskies, thanks to a sizzling 22-point performance in that second frame, 16-8=53. Free throws (8 of 16) 50 headed to the lockerroom with a 34-27 lead.

tors again outscoring the home p.m.

bunch 13-10, but it wasn't enough Crossing the state line can be 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 manufacturer was Gillian Hogeland

### Northern Valley 61 Alma 53

**Score by quarters:** 

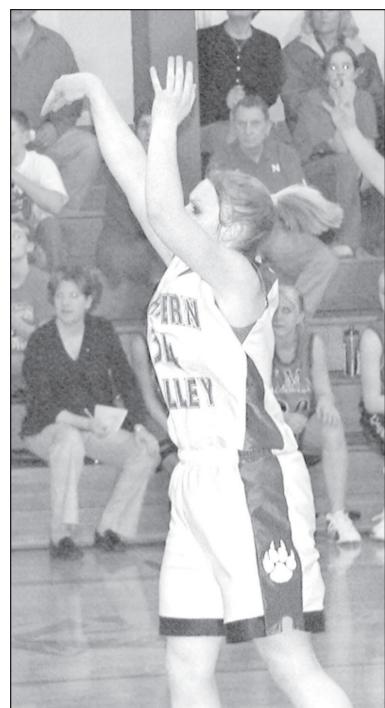
N. Valley 12 22 10 17 = 61 16 11 13 13 = 53 Alma Northern Valley

(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 20-0=8; Serena Woodside 2011-7-11; Jena Jessup 4 2 2-1=15; Jessica Largent 3 0 2-2=8. Totals: 13 723-14=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 200-0=4; Chelsea McKenzie 3 0 4-3=9. Totals: 21 1

Northern Valley will host The third quarter found the visi- Bertrand tonight with tipoff at 5





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