Huskies walk away with victory over Cheylin

By Mike Stephens

mstephens@nwkansas.com The Northern Valley High School boys basketball team hosted the Cheylin Cougars on Friday, Feb. 7, and came away with an 18 point victory, 65-47.

It was a very competitive first quarter. Brant Cox scored seven points and Matt Stutsman five points, in the quarter for the Huskies as they took a 16-13

lead.

In the second quarter, Hunter Chandler had the hot hand inside the paint, scoring eight of the Huskies 15 points. The Cougars kept pace with 13 points and trailed by five points at the half, 31-26.

The Huskies pulled away from the Cougars in the third quarter with a 19 point outburst. Five Huskies scored in the quar-

ter. Jordan Baird had six points, including a 3-pointer and Matt Stutsman scored five points with a 3-pointer as well, and the Huskies extended their lead to 13 points going into the fourth quarter, 50-37.

The Huskies scored 15 points in the final stanza, with Baird and Clint Cole contributing six and five points, respectively. The Cougars ran out of fight the fourth, as the Huskies won handily 65-47.

"The 10 day layoff between games had a negative effect on our performance as expected," said head coach Chuck Fessenden. "Ball handling was the biggest area, as we had 20 turnovers. We did play well in other areas, especially rebounding and transition. Hunter Chandler

and managed only 10 points in and Clint Cole shot well on the inside. Brant had a nice night at the free throw line going six for seven."

> **Huskies scoring:** Jordan Baird - 16 Brant Cox - 12 Clint Cole - 11 Matt Stutsman - 11 Hunter Chandler - 11 Colten Bach - 3 Ame Baird - 1

Huskies rebounding: Cline Cole - 9 Matt Stutsman - 7 Junior Varsity Northern Valley - 50 Cheylin - 36 Leading scorer: Colten Bach - 19 Leading rebounder: Colten Bach - 15

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Northern Valley boys bring home another big win over Franklin

By Mike Stephens

mstephens@nwkansas.com The Northern Valley High School boys basketball team came away with an easy 56-25 victory over the Fighting Flyers of Franklin, Neb., last Tuesday in Almena.

The Huskies were never threatened in the contest. Matt Stutsman had the hot hand in the first quarter, scoring eight

points, including two 3-pointers. The Flyers were shut out in the quarter by the Huskies defense, and trailed 12-0.

In the second quarter, Stutsman remained hot scoring seven points and Hunter Chandler made his presence felt, scoring six points and the Huskies extended their lead to 31-8 at halftime.

The Huskies came out of the

break and lit up the Flyers for 21 points. Clint Cole and Jordan Baird were hitting from the perimeter, scoring eight and six points, respectively. The third quarter ended with the Huskies in complete control, leading by 32 points, 52-20.

In the fourth quarter, the Huskies shutdown the offense scoring only four points, but cruised to an easy 56-25 victory over the Franklin Fighting Flyers.

"We were not very sharp on offense, but we were still able to pick up a fairly easy win," said head coach Chuck Fessenden. "We did play decent defense. Our shooting was pretty good, but we need to clean up our turnovers before this Friday.

Huskies scoring: Matt Stutsman - 18 Hunter Chandler - 12

Clint Cole - 10 Jordan Baird - 8 Philip Rupp - 2 Carson Wallace - 2 Brant Cox - 2 Ame Baird - 2 Huskies rebounding: Hunter Chandler - 7 Clint Cole - 6 Junior Varsity (1/2 game) Northern Valley - 25 Franklin - 15

Leading scorers: Phillip Bryant - 4 Drake Shearer - 4 Philip Rupp - 4 Colten Bach - 4 Leading rebounders: Carson Wallace - 2 Colten Bach - 2

Lady Huskies reach victory over Franklin Flying Flyers

By Mike Stephens

mstephens@nwkansas.com The Northern Valley High School girls basketball team hosted the Franklin, Neb. Fighting Flyers last Tuesday in Almena and came away with a 55-39 victory.

Brooke Hammond got the Lady Huskies off to a fast start in the first quarter scoring two 3-pointers. The Flyers struggled, managing only five points in the quarter and trailed by seven points, 12-5.

In the second quarter, Hammond scored five of her team's 13 points, including another 3-pointer. Shayna Vincent scored four points as well, and the Huskies stretched their lead to 13 points and led 25-12 at the break.

In the third quarter, all five of the Lady Huskies starters scored a field goal. Kortney Cunningham scored four points, including two points from the charity stripe. The Huskies extended the lead to 16 points going into the fourth, 37-21.

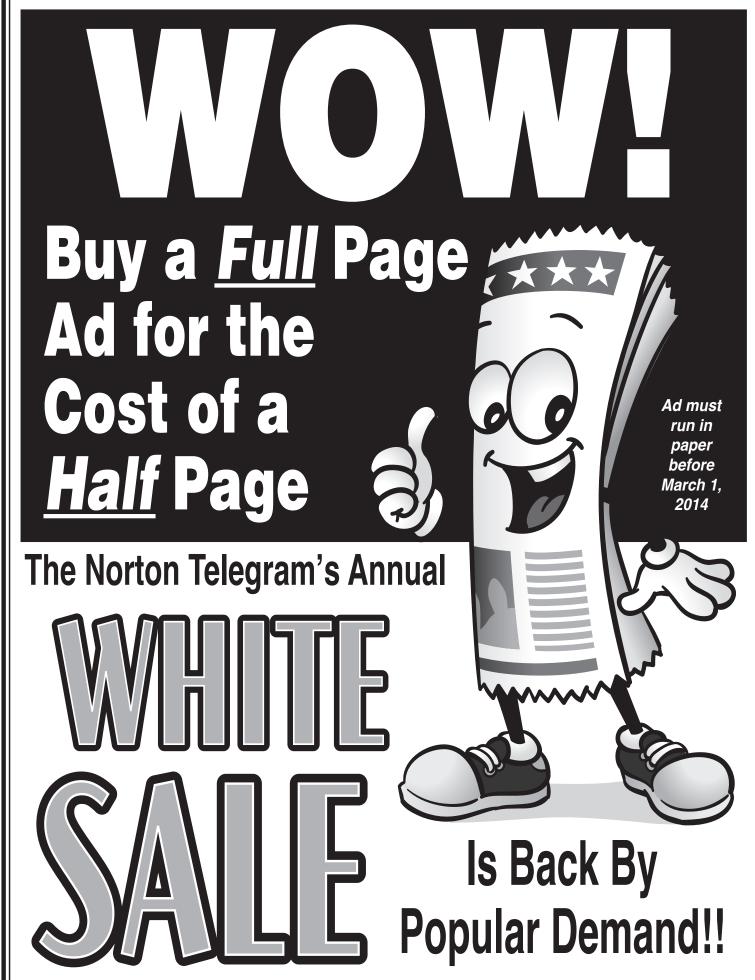
The Huskies and Flyers lit up the scoreboard in the fourth, with both teams scoring 18 points, but the Flyers couldn't cut into the Huskies lead. Vincent scored six points, from the perimeter and the free

throw line, Hammond added another four points to her team leading 17 points on the night, Cunningham and Brooke Baird also scored four points each in the quarter, as the Huskies won handily over the Fighting Flyers 55-39.

Three of the Lady Huskies scored in double figures on the night. As mentioned, Hammond led the team with 17 points and went three for four from the 3-point line. Vincent finished with 14 points hitting on four field goals and going six for six from the free throw line. Cunningham had 10 points on the night and was perfect from the free throw line as well, going four for four.

"We came away with a good victory against Franklin, Neb.," said head coach Logan Kats. "We had a complete team effort tonight (Tuesday) and defended well. It was good to get back on track and get a victory. Every win counts, as our Sub-state is very tough and very tight."

Huskies scoring: Brooke Hammond - 17



Shayna Vincent - 14 Kortney Cunningham - 10 Brooke Baird - 8 Sarah Baird - 4 Kylie Kinderknecht - 2



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