



Huskies Avery Thalheim (No. 25), Andrew Sheley, Joey Copper (No. 32) and Cole Kinderknecht (No. 24) played tough defense in a hard-fought game against the Brewster Bulldogs.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Northern Valley boys lose at home

The Northern Valley boys basketball team lost 66-56 to Brewster on Tuesday.

“If we play every game like we did in the second and fourth quarters, we should be a fairly tough team to beat,” said Coach Jason Dibble. “If we play like we did in the first and third, we may struggle at times.

“I definitely feel the players are beginning to recognize the kind of play that will make us successful — low turnovers and good possessions on offense. We only had four turnovers in the second and fourth, but we had 12 in the first and third.

“One of the concerns playing Brewster was pressure and I felt we handled it well by getting the ball in quick and pushing the ball up the floor by not allowing them to set up their full court pressure defense. We have been doing a really good job of that in the last three games and it is paying off by forcing teams to get back and play defense or give us some opportunities on our primary break.

“The players’ offensive aggressiveness continued to show by getting to the free throw line 27 times and hitting at a 67 percent rate.

“Brewster definitely tried to concentrate on taking Joey from us in the post, but other people stepped up. If we do not let them get away from us in the third quarter by 17, we are definitely in the game, but even in the fourth Avery hit three threes and others were getting steals to give us a chance.

“The coaches and players definitely feel this game was a good gauge of where we are as a team in the 1A picture and also feel good about our opportunities after the break and for the remainder of the season. We just need to continue doing what we are doing and get better each game to position ourselves for the league and regional tournaments.”

Avery Thalheim led scoring for the Huskies with 15, followed by Joey Copper, 13; Jesse Hilburn, 11; Cole Kinderknecht, 9; Henry Griffiths, 5; and Andrew Sheley, 3.

Rebounding honors went to Copper with 13; Griffiths, eight; Sheley and Kinderknecht, four apiece; Hilburn, three; and Thalheim, one.

Making assists were Thalheim, three; Copper, two; Hilburn, Kinderknecht and Griffiths, one each.

Copper led steals with two, while Hilburn and Thalheim both took one.

The junior varsity lost 59-36.

“In the first half, we gave ourselves a chance to win only being down by four,” said the coach. “We had a lot of opportunities around the basket, but were unable to make some plays when we needed to.

“We had a lot of energy and caused them some problems right before half, but we could not carry it over into the second half when we got into trouble being pressured and having turnovers.

“David Harris, Bryce Marble and Clarke Nelson had some success for us on the offensive side and Richie Kersch came in and was very aggressive on the defensive side.”

Scoring for Northern Valley were Clarke Nelson and David Harris, 9 apiece; Bryce Marble, 8; Scott Shearer, 5; Blake Johnson, 3; and Anthony Simants, 2.

Rebounding honors went to Shearer with five; Harris, four;

Chase Miller, Marble, and Sheley, three each; Richie Kersch, Nelson, Chance Miller and Chad Husted, two apiece; Johnson and Cody Lowry, one each.

Kersch led steals with three, followed by Johnson and Lowry with one apiece. Chase Miller, Kersch and Nelson each made one assist.

Making blocks were Chase Miller, Kersch, Nelson and Shearer, one apiece.

Brewster 66, Northern Valley 56

Score by quarters:

N. Valley 10 16 5 25 — 56
Brewster 22 10 16 18 — 66

Northern Valley

Thalheim 1 3 4-4 15, Copper 4 0 9-5 13, Hilburn 4 0 6-3 11, Kinderknecht 2 0 6-5 9, Griffiths 1 1 0-5, Sheley 1 0 2-1 3. Totals 13 4 27-18 56.

Brewster

O’Connor 5 2 5-2 18, Collett 3 0 5-4 10, Baird 4 0 2-2 10, Flanders 4 0 2-1 9, Gilley 3 0 0-0 6, Selby 1 1 0-0 5, Long 0 0 4-4 4, Ryan 2 0 1-0 4, Johnson 0 0 2-0 0, Luckart 0 0 2-0 0. totals 22 3 23-13 66.

Logan boys team lost to Kensington

The Logan High School boys basketball team was defeated 70-40 by Kensington on Friday in Logan.

Bryant Reese led scoring for the Trojans with 17 points, followed by Tim McElroy, 7; Kevin Pinkerton, 6; Troy Babcock, 4; Lee VanLoenen, 4; and Zach Sammons, 2.

After the winter break, the Trojans will travel to Natoma where play will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Kensington 70, Logan 40

Score by quarters:

Logan 6 7 11 16 — 40

K-town 16 17 15 22 — 70

Logan

Reese 4 2 6-3 17, McElroy 2 0 6-3 7, Pinkerton 1 1 2-1 6, Babcock 1 0 4-2 4, VanLoenen 2 0 0-0 4, Sammons 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 11 3 18-9 40.

Kensington

Ethan Kuhlman 4 1 2-1 12, Buzz Rice 4 1 1-0 11, Grant Levin 5 0 1-1 11, Ryan Bose 3 0 2-2 8, Jess Rietzke 4 0 2-0 8, Zach Lamont 1 1 2-2 7, Kyle Bienhoff 3 0 0-0 6, Austin Panter 1 0 4-3 5, Jason Sales 1 0 0-0 2, Trent Hesterman 0 0 1-0 0. Totals 26 3 15-9 70.

Seventh-grade loses to Victoria

The Norton Junior High School seventh-grade boys were edged by Victoria 32-30 in their final game of the season Dec. 16.

“This was yet another close game, where we missed a shot at the buzzer that rolled off,” said Coach Jim Myers. “This was another gutsy effort by these kids. This one just didn’t go our way.

“It was a very good season for these young men and I wish them well as they progress through their basketball careers. Thanks to Coach Joe Cox for his help this year.”

Landon Hamel led scoring for the Junior Jays with 17 points.

Also scoring for Norton were J.D. Gall, 6 points; Ashton Draper, 5; and Corey Lewis, 2.

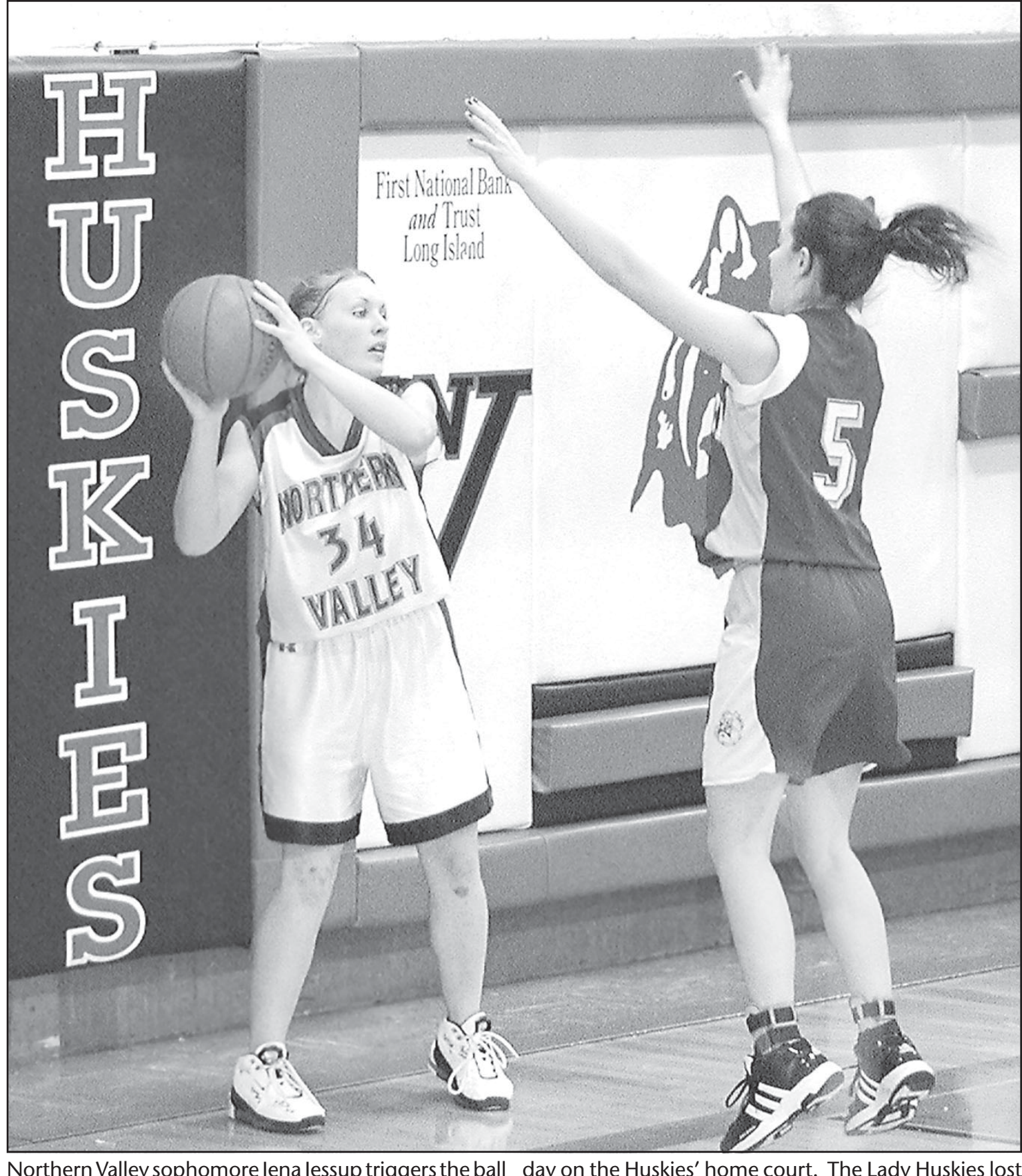
The Jays shot 26 percent from the field and 42 percent from the foul line.

Rebounding honors went to Draper with 11; Gall and Lewis, six; and Hamel, three.

Making steals were Connor Pfannenstiel, five; Hamel, three; Gall, Draper and Grant McClymont, two each; and Lewis, one.

The varsity ended their season with a 7-3 record.

The junior varsity lost 14-0.



Northern Valley sophomore Jena Jessup triggers the ball inbounds against Brewster’s press in a game held Tues-

Junior High Huskies win

Both the Northern Valley Junior High boys and girls teams defeated Damar on Thursday. The boys varsity team won 39-14, while the girls took a 43-21 victory.

Boys

“The junior high boys won all three games at Damar,” said Coach Jim Cole. “The A-team boys played outstanding defense, holding Damar to two field goals in the game to win 39-14.

“The Huskies used their height advantage by getting the ball inside to the taller Northern Valley players. They used balanced scoring on offense as seven players scored points.

“The B-team boys played a strong second half to defeat a good Damar team 27-15. The C-team boys played their best game of the season and won 13-3.

“The boys are playing very good basketball at this time. We need to continue to work hard and keep improving.”

Scoring for the A-team were Drew Britt, 14; Tanner Jessup, 9; Eric Woodside, 7; Cody Callaway, 4; Stanton Nelson, 2; Ethan Hays, 2; and Travis Redeker, 1.

Jacob Gallentine and Callaway led scoring on the B-team with 7 points each. They were followed by Hays, 5; Nelson, 2; Dusty

Eagleburger, 2; Colton Lowry, 2; and Hutch Gehrke, 2.

On the C-team, Samuel Field scored 4 points; Skyler Harris, 3; Matthew Dole, 2; Bryant Tharman, 2; and Caleb Bach, 2.

The A-team holds a 4-3 season record, the B-team has a 3-1 record, and the C-team has a 2-2 record.

Girls

“The girls improved their record to 7-0 with an impressive 43-21 win over Damar,” said Coach Cole. “The girls got out to a fast start as they led 17-0 at the end of the first quarter.

“All ten girls from Northern Valley got to play quite a bit in the game. Seven girls scored points for the Huskies.

“The girls are playing well as a team and need to continue to work together and play hard.”

Scoring for the girls team were Alison Cole, 14 points; Megan Cole, 12; Christina Anderson, 8; Brittney Braun, 3; Staci Dole, 2; Hannah Hawks, 2; and C.J. Woodmansee, 2.

The Northern Valley Junior High School teams will travel to Kensington after winter break, where they will play the Goldbugs on Thursday, Jan. 6 starting at 4:30 p.m.

Lady Huskies lose to Brewster

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies lost 71-53 to Brewster Tuesday.

Lindsey Graham led scoring with 17, followed by Lindsey Jessup, 12; Kelli Cole, 8; Serena Woodside, 7; Jena Jessup, 5; and Jayme Horacek, 4.

Brewster 71, Northern Valley 53

Score by quarters:

N. Valley 11 14 12 16 — 53
Brewster 16 23 16 16 — 71

Northern Valley

Graham 6 0 7-5 17, L. Jessup 3 2 0-0 12, Cole 3 0 2-8, Woodside 2 0 6-3 7, J. Jessup 0 1 2-2 5, Horacek 2 0 2-0 4, Jessica Largent 0 0 2-0 0. Totals 16 3 21-12 53.

Brewster

Andrea Horney 5 0 12-8 18, Avery Schultz 7 0 2-0 14, Jayln Reid 4 0 4-3 11, Audrey Hoyt 2 1 2-1 8, Caitlyn Ruch 4 0 4-0 8, Sarah Flanders 3 0 0-6, Megan Glen 0 1 0-0 3, Westover 0 0 3-1 1. Totals 25 2 23-12 71.

day on the Huskies’ home court. The Lady Huskies lost the game 71-53.

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