

# Northern Valley boys win one tourney game

The Northern Valley High School basketball team ended in fourth place in the Cheyenne Conference Basketball Tournament. The team was defeated by Palco 60-54 last Monday, then beat Eastern Heights 60-44 last Tuesday, but lost to Logan 57-55 on Saturday.

## Palco

"After having played this team the previous Friday, we knew what we had to do to win the game," said Coach Jason Dibble. "Everything played out fairly well other than we got off to a bad offensive start.

"We shot the ball from twos and the free-throw line well, had fewer turnovers, and closed the gap on the rebounding margin. We just spotted them too much of a lead in the first quarter.

"We outscored them in the second and third quarter and only got outscored by one in the fourth. Joey had a high point game for the first time in a while. Something we talked about after Friday's game was getting touches in the paint."

Joey Copper led scoring for the Huskies with 22 points, followed by Avery Thalheim, 10 points; Andrew Sheley, 6; Jesse Hilburn, 5; Cole Kinderknecht, 4; David Harris, 4; and Henry Griffiths, 3.

Rebounding honors went to Griffiths with 8, followed by Copper, 7; Sheley, 6; Thalheim, 4; Kinderknecht, 3; and Harris, 2.

Making steals were Hilburn, 2; and Kinderknecht, Thalheim and Copper, 1 apiece.

Griffiths led assists with 3, followed by Thalheim, 2; and Hilburn, Sheley and Harris, 1 each.

Kinderknecht led blocks with 3, while Harris made 1.

## Eastern Heights

"This was a relaxing game for a coach where the players went out and did what we had to pressure a team into a lot of turnovers and not give them very many opportunities to be in the game," said the coach. "The only time I used a timeout was in the fourth quarter when I sat the starters to reach the goal of playing everyone on the bench in the game. I did not want us to lose focus and play down to a winless team and we took care of business.

"The game started somewhat slow, but once we put fullcourt pressure on them and turned turnovers into easy baskets we took control of the game. Overall we forced 35 turnovers and the starters put us up 52-30 in the fourth when the subs came in to finish the game."

Thalheim and Copper led scoring with 11 points apiece, followed by Kinderknecht, 10; Hilburn, 8; Griffiths, 7; Sheley, 5; Cody Lowry, 3; Bryce Marble, 3; Clarke Nelson, 1; and Chad Husted, 1.

Rebounding honors went to Hilburn and Copper with 7 apiece, followed by Griffiths, 4; Thalheim and Sheley, 3 each; and Lowry, Nelson, Kinderknecht and Scott Shearer, 1 apiece.

Thalheim led steals with 7, followed by Hilburn, 6; Copper, 4; Griffiths, 3; Sheley, 2; Lowry, 1.

Assists were made by Hilburn, 4; and Nelson, Thalheim, Griffiths and Copper, 1 each.

Griffiths and Copper both made 1 block.

## Logan

"Third place in the league tournament, a chance to give a regional seeding opponent a loss, an opportunity to get back to .500 on the season, and a chance to beat Logan — a lot of things were riding on this game and we came up just a little short, but only after showing a ton of heart and determination to try and come back and beat them," said Coach Dibble. "We were sluggish for the first three quarters on offense and then came alive in the fourth scoring 23 and coming from 14 down to tie the game at 45.

"Unfortunately we had a missed shot and a turnover toward the end of the game and had to foul them. They scored 10 of their 14 points in the fourth from the foul line, so we give them credit for stepping to the free-throw line and doing what

they had to win the game.

"We need to keep this week in perspective, because we will definitely face Eastern Heights and Logan for regular season games and depending on how the regional seedings end up, we will potentially face Palco somewhere down the road. We know we can play with every team in our league, it's just a matter of putting together four good quarters to give ourselves a chance."

Griffiths led scoring for Northern Valley with 18 points, followed by Kinderknecht, 11; Copper, 10; Thalheim, 9; Hilburn, 5; and Sheley, 2.

Rebounding honors went to Griffiths with 8, followed by Copper, 7; Kinderknecht and Thalheim, 4 apiece; and Hilburn and Harris, 1 each.

Steals were made by Thalheim, 4; Copper, 3; Hilburn, Kinderknecht and Griffiths, 2 each; and Harris, 1.

Thalheim, Copper and Sheley each made 2 assists, while Harris made 1.

Griffiths made the team's only block.

## Palco 60, Northern Valley 54

Score by quarters:  
N. Valley 4 16 15 19 — 54  
Palco 12 14 14 20 — 60

**Northern Valley**  
Copper 7 10-8 22, Thalheim 3 15-1 10, Sheley 3 0-0 6, Hilburn 2 0 2-1 5, Harris 1 0 3-2 4, Kinderknecht 1 0 2-2 4, Griffiths 1 0 2-1 3. Totals 18 1 24-15 54.

## Palco

Trumpp 9 1 12-5 26, Simoneau 3 1 4-3 12, Hamel 1 2 6-3 11, E. Belisle 1 0 2-24, M. Belisle 1 0 2-24, Beiker 1 0 2-0 2, Knipp 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 16 4 30-16 60.

**Northern Valley 60, Eastern Heights 44**  
Score by quarters:  
N. Valley 11 19 15 15 — 60  
E. Heights 10 6 10 18 — 44

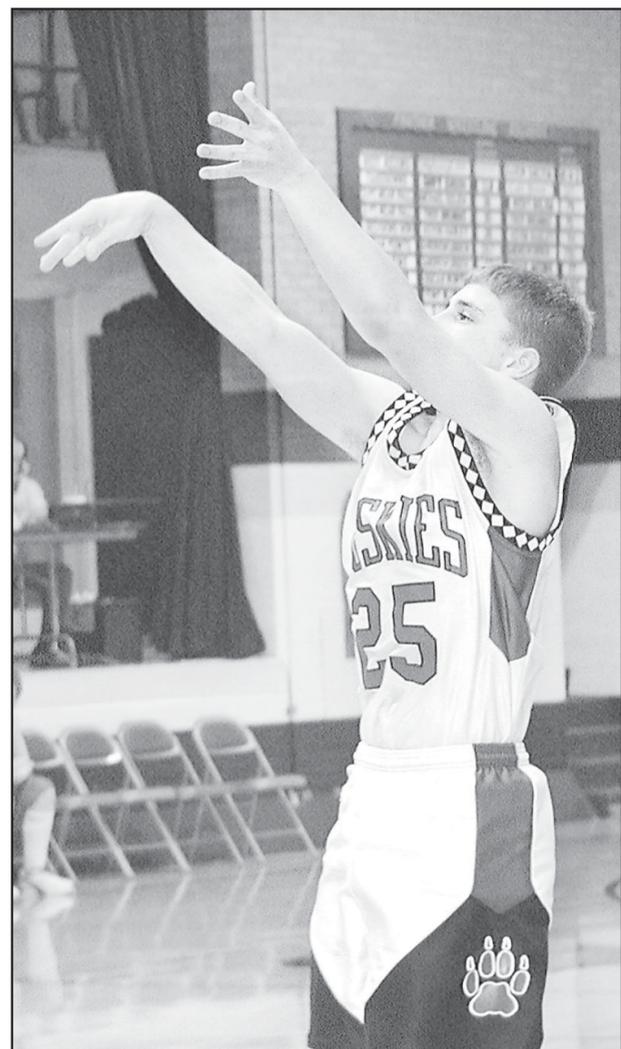
**Northern Valley**  
Thalheim 2 1 4-4 11, Copper 4 0 5-3 11, Kinderknecht, 3 0 6-4 10, Hilburn 3 0 2-2 8, Griffiths 3 0 2-1 7, Sheley 2 0 2-1 5, Lowry 0 1 0-0 3, Marble 1 0 2-1 3, Nelson 0 0 2-1 1, Husted 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 18 2 27-18 60.

**Eastern Heights**  
Kirk 7 0 5-3 17, J. Rose 4 0 0-0 8, Lowe 2 0 4-2 6, Wyrill 2 0 2-0 4, D. Kirk 1 0 2-1 3, Shaffer 1 0 0-0 2, Brewer 1 0 0-0 2, Morgan 1 0 0-0 2, Suchsland 0 0 2-0 0. Totals 19 0 15-6 44.

**Logan 57, Northern Valley 55**  
Score by quarters:  
N. Valley 10 10 12 23 — 55  
Logan 17 12 14 14 — 57

**Northern Valley**  
Griffiths 4 1 9-7 18, Kinderknecht 2 1 6-4 11, Copper 5 0 3-0 10, Thalheim 1 2 2-1 9, Hilburn 1 0 4-3 5, Sheley 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 14 4 24-15 55.

**Logan**  
Kyle Burge 5 0 6-5 15, Troy Babcock 2 1 6-5 12, Tim McElroy 4 0 5-1 9, Kyle Brobst 0 2 0-0 6, Zach Sammons 1 0 1-0 2, Lee Van Loenen 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 13 6 20-13 57.



Northern Valley junior Avery Thalheim lets loose a three-pointer in the Huskies' win over Eastern Heights in the Cheyenne Conference Tournament last Tuesday. Thalheim tied for high scorer for the Huskies with 11 points in the contest. Northern Valley won by a score of 60-44.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble



The Northern Valley Huskies and the Logan Trojan girls battled for a rebound near the end of the contest for third place in the Cheyenne Conference Tournament on Saturday. The Northern Valley girls came away with a 68-57 win. Shown for Logan are Michaela Berg (No. 43), Melanie Berg (No. 50) and Lanee Webb; and Northern Valley's players are from left, Jena Jessup and Serena Woodside.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

# Husky girls beat Logan 68-57 to take third in league tourney

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies took third place in the Cheyenne Conference Basketball Tournament when they defeated Logan 68-57 on Saturday.

"This was a great win for our season," said Coach Bill Lowry. "We were able to elevate our game to another level tonight.

"We were tough mentally and had a great fourth quarter, shooting the ball very well."

Kelli Cole led scoring for the Lady Huskies with 19 points, followed by Lindsey Jessup, 14; Lindsey Graham, 12; Serena

Woodside, 11; Jena Jessup, 4; Jessica Holmes, 3; and Jayme Horacek, 2.

Rebounding honors went to Graham with 11 and Woodside with 7. Northern Valley made a total of 30 rebounds.

Out of the team's 5 steals, Woodside and Cole both grabbed 2.

Cole made the team's 3 assists. The Lady Huskies had 12 turnovers.

## Northern Valley 65,

## Logan 57

Score by quarters:

N. Valley 9 16 12 28 — 65  
Logan 15 11 13 18 — 57

**Northern Valley**  
Cole 2 5 0-0 19, L. Jessup 4 1 4-3 14, Graham 4 0 4-4 12, Woodside 3 0 6-5 11, J. Jessup 0 0 6-4 4, Holmes 1 0 3-1 3, Horacek 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 15 6 23-17 65.

**Logan**  
Lanee Webb 7 0 9-5 19, Michaela Berg 5 2 0-0 16, Kati Chestnut 4 0 0-0 8, Jenny Noel 1 0 5-3 5, Melanie Berg 1 0 2-2 4, Megan Brumbaugh 1 0 2-1 3, Candace Thompson 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 20 2 17-11 57.

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 Normal Low 16  
 Sunrise 7:48 to 7:53am  
 Sunset 5:51 to 5:59pm

After a couple of days in the 60's we will start to see temperatures steadily decrease the rest of this week as a ridge of high pressure over the Rockies weakens. Disturbances Thursday and Friday will give us good chance for a mixed bag of precipitation in the form of rain, freezing rain and snow through early Saturday morning. The rest of the weekend will feature temperatures rebounding into the 40's ahead another storm system Monday and Tuesday.

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