



Northern Valley sophomore Kelli Cole dribbles against the Osborne Bulldogs' tough defense in the game held on Tuesday in Almena. Osborne won the contest by a score of 61-43.

# Northern Valley girls take defeat

The Northern Valley High School girls basketball team lost 61-43 to Osborne on Tuesday.

"We got off to a pretty shaky start," said Coach Bill Lowry. "But, I was very proud of all of the girls as they battled hard for the rest of the game and cut the lead to seven late in the third quarter.

"We never gave up!" Lindsey Graham led scoring for the Lady Huskies with 20 points, followed by Lindsey Jessup, 9; Serena Woodside, 7; Jayme Horacek, 5; and Kelli Cole, 2.

Rebounding honors went to Graham with 12 and Woodside with 6. As a team, Northern Valley grabbed 28 from the boards.

Out of the Lady Huskies' 19 steals, Cole snagged 7 and Graham and L. Jessup both took 3. L. Jessup made 4 of the team's

12 assists. The team made 2 blocks. The junior varsity lost 38-15. Leading scorers were Jessica Largent with 5 points and Kelsey Kinderknecht with 4.

**Osborne 61, Northern Valley 43**  
Score by quarter:

N. Valley 6 14 15 8 — 43  
Osborne 21 18 7 15 — 61  
**Northern Valley**  
Graham 7 0 9-6 20, L. Jessup 4 0 1-1 9, Woodside 2 0 3-3 7, Horacek 1 0 4-3 5, Cole 1 0 3-0 2. Totals 15 0 20-13 43.

**Osborne**  
K. Ubelaker 5 1 11-9 22, K. Clausen 6 0 7-1 13, M. Prine 4 0 4-3 11, J. Schultze 0 1 6-4 7, M. Musil 3 0 2-0 6, J. Patee 1 0 0-0 2, D. French 0 0 1-0 0. Totals 19 23 1-17 61.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

# Northern Valley Huskies take on Osborne Bulldogs

The Northern Valley Huskies were defeated 65-42 by Osborne on Tuesday.

"After having watched Phillipsburg and Osborne play the night before, I knew we were going to have to show up and play our best," said Coach Jason Dibble. "Osborne had one of their starters out and Henry Griffiths was unavailable due to sickness.

"For the first half, we played extremely well and did a good job of shutting down dribble penetration on the defensive end and being patient and getting high percentage shots on the offensive end. This resulted in a five point game at half with three of their players in foul trouble.

"In the second half they went to a 2-3 zone and we were unable to manage much offensively the whole half. We need to be able to attack a zone with dribble penetration and quick ball movement and not rely on the three, because lately we have not been shooting them real well. We talk about taking good shots, but sometimes against zones we need to take better shots.

"In the first half we kept pushing the ball up the floor and getting Joey a lot of good looks and trips to the freethrow line. In the second half, we had some unforced turnovers and quick shots that led

to easy baskets for them.

"They are a good team and we need to keep things in perspective with three very good opportunities coming up the next three games. Things are getting tighter for the regional picture, but if we take one game at a time and take care of things in our control we will be just fine."

Joey Copper led scoring with 27 points, followed by Avery Thalheim, 10; Jesse Hilburn, 3; and Cole Kinderknecht, 2.

Rebounding honors went to Copper with 5, followed by Kinderknecht, 3; Hilburn, Thalheim, and Andrew Sheley, 1 apiece.

Thalheim led steals with 2, followed by Hilburn, Clarke Nelson, Kinderknecht, and Copper, 1 each.

Hilburn led assists with 4, followed by Thalheim, 3; Copper, 2; and Sheley, 1.

Copper made the team's only block.

The junior varsity team was edged 25-24 by Osborne.

"We gave ourselves a chance," said Coach Dibble. "This is a big statement for these kids because we were down six going into half, but fought back in the second half and fell one point short of winning the game.

"We ran throughout offense and gave ourselves some good looks.

At the end of the game we were down four and Chad Husted hit a three, we called a timeout and got a steal and got fouled on the inbounds. Unfortunately we were unable to hit the freethrow, but again give the players' credit for being right there at the end."

David Harris led scoring with 12 points, followed by Cody Lowry, 5; Scott Shearer, 4; and Chad Husted, 3.

Rebounding honors went to Chase Miller, 5; Harris, 3; Lowry, Bryce Marble, and Shearer, 2 each; and Nelson and Chance Miller, 1.

Nelson made the team's only 2 steals, while Chase Miller, Anthony Simants and Lowry made the team's 3 assists.

**Osborne 65, Northern Valley 42**

Score by quarters:  
N. Valley 14 13 8 7 — 42  
Osborne 14 18 20 13 — 65  
**Northern Valley**  
Copper 8 0 11-11 27, Thalheim 2 2 0-0 10, Hilburn 1 0 2-1 3, Kinderknecht 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 12 2 13-12 42.

**Osborne**  
Schultz 9 0 3-1 19, Conway 7 0 2-1 15, Roach 2 2 2-2 12, Patee 3 0 0-0 6, Howland 2 0 0-0 4, Burch 2 0 2-0 4, Wolters 0 0 2-2 2, Morrison 1 0 0-0 2, Johnston 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 26 2 13-7 65.



The Huskies' Joey Copper passes the ball to teammate Jesse Hilburn as they bring the ball down court in the Huskies' home contest on Tuesday against the Osborne Bulldogs. The Huskies played a close first half, but fell behind in the second.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

# Logan teams defeat Mankato

Both the Logan High School boys and girls teams defeated Mankato on Tuesday.

The Trojans beat Mankato 63-50.

Kyle Burge led scoring with 22 points, followed by Tim McElroy, 12 points; Bryant Reese, 12; Troy Babcock, 7; Kyle Brobst, 6; and Lee Van Loenen, 4.

Logan's ladies conquered Mankato 63-49.

Melanie Berg led scoring with 20 points, followed by Michaela Berg, 19 points; Megan Brumbaugh, 8; Thompson, 6; Lane Webb, 4; Kati Chestnut, 4; and Jenny Noel, 2.

**Logan 63, Mankato 50**

Score by quarters:  
Logan 12 14 14 23 — 63  
Mankato 11 11 11 17 — 50  
**Logan**  
Burge 4 1 11-11 22, McElroy 3 0 11-6 12, Reese 5 0 4-2 12, Babcock 2 1 1-0 7, Brobst 2 0 3-2 6, Van Loenen 2 0 0-0 4. Totals 18 2 30-21 63.

**Mankato**  
S. Jensen 5 2 0-0 16, T. Webb 7 0 0-0 14, J. Flavin 1 0 9-5 7, L. Simon 3 0 0-0 6, P. Colson 2 0 0-0 4, D. Walte 1 0 0-0 2, A. Brown 0 2-1 1. Totals 19 2 11-6 50.

**Logan 63, Mankato 49**

Score by quarters:  
Logan 12 16 15 20 — 63  
Mankato 11 13 18 7 — 49  
**Logan**  
Melaine Berg, 3 3 7-5 20, Michaela Berg 5 1 9-6 19,



Logan junior Bryant Reese grabs a rebound in recent action in the Cheyenne Conference Tournament against Northern Valley.

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Cortney Jeffery 3 1 4-3 12, Brandi Jensen 4 0 2-1 9, Vanessa Ernst 0 2 0-0 6, Sara Christie 1 0 7-3 5, Tami Roesti 1 0 0-0 2, Brooke Diamond 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 14 3 19-12 49.

**Mankato**  
Abby Newell 4 0 6-5 13,

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