

Lady Huskies beat Golden Plains, 51-36

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies used a good defensive outing to defeat Golden Plains 51-36 on Dec. 18.

"Don't let the score fool you into thinking this was a blowout. It was far from one as with three minutes left in the game we were only ahead by four, then a combination of their mistakes, hopefully caused by our defense, and our capitalizing on their mistakes resulted in the final margin of victory," said coach Chuck Zimmerman.

As a team the Huskies had 20 plus deflects, which led to 18

steals, which was a contributing factor in that they only shot the ball 26 times, the coach explained.

"This game was another step forward as we started to get together on our defensive assignments and we had three players in double figures in scoring — something we will need to have the rest of the season if we are to be successful," he said.

Deflect leaders were Jessica Largent with 7, Megan Cole with 5 and Alison Cole with 4.

Steals leaders were Christina Anderson with 4, followed by Alison Cole. Joni Hilburn and Jessica

Largent with 3 each.

"Rebounding is still a concern as we were out rebounded in this game. We have got to realize that this is probably the most important facet of the game to win if you want to win the game. Our leaders were Alison Cole with 5, Staci Dole with 3 while Largent pulled in 3 also.

Assists were handed out by Anderson with 6 and Hilburn with 5.

Scoring were: Megan Cole 12; Alison Cole 17; Staci Dole 5; Joni Hilburn 1; Christina Anderson 4; Brittney Braun 2; Jessica Largent

10. **Vs. Rawlins County**
"We traveled to Atwood to make up a game with Rawlins County and hopefully will learn from the 53-73 defeat at the hands of an aggressive defensive team," the coach said.

"As I hope the girls learn, when we are defeated we must learn from these games what we must do to become better. In this game I hope we learned that you must play aggressive defensively and offensively if you want to be one of the best teams in your area. This is one of the areas we must work

on," he said.
"We, again, were out rebounded. We will have to make a commitment after the break to concentrate on keeping the girl they are responsible for from rebounding the ball," Zimmerman said.

"Our first half was the real eye opener for our team as they lead by 20 at halftime. We came out and played better in the second half and actually matched them score for score. We will have to learn to do this from the beginning when we face teams that are better than us," the coach said.

Deflects leaders were Megan

Cole and Jessica Largent with 4 each.

Steals leaders were Megan Cole with 4 and Jessica Largent with 3.

Rebounding honors went to Alison Cole, Brittney Braun and Jessica Largent, each of whom had 3.

Assists were dished out by Joni Hilburn with 5 and Staci Dole with 4.

Scoring were: Megan Cole 10; Alison Cole 19; Kenzie Chandler 3; Joni Hilburn 7; Christina Anderson 2; Brittney Braun 4; Jessica Largent 8.

Junior High Huskies pocket wins

The Northern Valley Junior High basketball boys defeated Logan on Dec. 13 at home, 44-16.

Scoring were: Nate Land 10; Austin Herman 8; Calen Bach 8; Zane Miller 6; Gunnar Hays 4; Tyler Montgomery 4; Daniel Field 2; Dillon Hogan 2.

In the B-team game, the Huskies won 31-12.

Scoring were: Alex Tharman 8; Jordan Baird 7; Tyson Callaway 6; Daniel Field 4; Phillip Compton 4; Ian Vincent 2

Coach Jim Cole commented: "The Northern Valley Junior High

boys had a good night of basketball beating Logan in the A-team and B-team.

"The A-team boys did a great job of finding the open player and passing him the ball.

"We played very unselfish the whole game. Eight Huskies scored baskets during the game.

"The Huskies shot the ball well, using the backboard on many of their shots.

"The B-team boys hustled and ran their fast break well winning 31-12."

Northern Valley beat up on

Heartland Christian 47-21 on Dec. 20. The win gives the Huskies a 4-2 record.

Scoring were: Nate Land — 12; Calen Bach — 8; Dillon Hogan — 8; Gunnar Hays — 6; Phillip Compton — 5; Ian Vincent — 4; Austin Herman — 2; Tyler Montgomery — 2

The B-team game ended in a 6-6 tie, giving the Huskies a 4-1-1 record.

Scoring were Alex Tharman with 4 and Tyson Callaway with 2.

Coach Cole had these comments: "The teams played Heartland Christian out of Colby in Alma on Dec. 20.

"The Huskies had a good night winning the A-team 47-21 and the B-team tied playing only one quarter.

"With the win the Huskies improved their record to 4-2 going into Christmas break."

Husky junior high ladies lose

The Northern Valley Junior High basketball ladies lost to Logan at Alma on Dec. 13, by a 41-20 score.

By quarters, Northern Valley put up 4 points in the first quarter, 2 in the second, 7 in the third and 7 in the final frame.

Logan scored 12 in the first, 13 in the second, 5 in the third and 11 in the fourth.

Scoring: Husted 13; K. Stillion 4; E. Chandler 3.

The B-team girls lost 26-10.

Scoring were S. Stillion 4; C. Field 3; K. Rayburn 2; M. Evans 1.

The C-team girls lost 7-4.

Scoring were M. Evans and P. Coffman with 2 each.

Coach Largent's Comments: "I was pleased with the girls effort and energy as Logan is a well coached basketball team; our execution in the second half was where I wish it to be the entire game. Our overall enthusiasm was tremendous and both teams played at very high levels. We look forward to practice as we can continue to work hard and work as a team and strive to get better each and every day."

Wow! Only 25 more bowl games left

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Everybody likes watching football bowl games. Right? Well... Maybe that's a stretch when you consider there are still 25 such games remaining on the College Bowl schedule, if you include tonight's Emerald Bowl, Maryland vs. Oregon State; Texas Bowl, Texas Christian vs. Houston; Champs Sports Bowl, Boston College vs. Michigan State.

Then the remaining bowls are:

- Dec. 29 — Liberty Bowl, Central Florida vs. Mississippi State; Meineke Bowl, Wake Forest vs. Connecticut; Alamo Bowl, Penn State vs. Texas A&M.
- Dec. 30 — Independence Bowl, Colorado vs. Alabama.
- Dec. 31 — Music City Bowl, Kentucky vs. Florida State; Sun Bowl, South Florida vs. Oregon; Chick-Fil-A Bowl, Auburn vs. Clemson; Armed Forces Bowl, California vs. Air Force; Humanitarian Bowl, Fresno State vs. Georgia Tech; Insight Bowl, Indiana vs. Oklahoma State.
- Jan. 1 — Outback Bowl, Tennessee vs. Wisconsin; Cotton Bowl, Missouri vs. Arkansas; Gator Bowl, Texas Tech vs. Virginia; Capital One Bowl, Michigan vs. Florida; Rose Bowl, Southern Cal vs. Illinois.
- Jan. 2 — Fiesta Bowl, West Virginia vs. Oklahoma.
- Jan. 3 — Sugar Bowl, Hawaii vs. Georgia; Orange Bowl, Virginia Tech. vs. Kansas.
- Jan. 5 — International Bowl, Rutgers vs. Ball State.
- Jan. 6 — GMAC Bowl, Bowling Green vs. Tulsa.
- Jan. 7 — BCS Championship Bowl, Ohio State vs. LSU.

Dig out the popcorn, chip and dip. Your favorite drink. Sweets. Snacks not mentioned.

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