

Northern Valley's junior high girls team on a winning streak

The Northern Valley Junior High girls basketball team is 5-0 after winning the Colt Classic Tournament on Nov. 8-11, and then beating Logan 37-20 on Nov. 16 and Kensington 36-28 on Nov. 23.

Colt Classic

"The junior high girls basketball team got their season off to a great start by winning the Colt Classic," said Coach Jim Cole. "The Huskies played very well in all three games. They shot well on offense and did a good job on defense.

"In the first game, Northern Valley had a great second half to beat a very good Lucas-Luray team 38-24. In the second game, the Huskies started the game making their first five shots to get an early lead and then won the game 38-20. Then the Huskies beat a young Eastern Heights team in the last game 46-16 to win the tournament.

"The girls are doing a good job of passing the ball and finding the open player. On defense, the team is hustling and getting a lot of steals."

Scoring for the Huskies against Lucas-Luray were Alison Cole, 19 points, Megan Cole, 12, Karen Wenzl, 4; and Miriah Florence, 3.

On Nov. 9, to defeat Paradise, A. Cole made 18; M. Cole, 10; Christian Anderson, 8; and Hannah Hawks, 2.

Scoring against Eastern Heights were A. Cole, 12; M. Cole, 10; Anderson, C.J. Woodmansee and Staci Dole, 6 apiece, Wenzl, 4; and Kenzie Chandler, 2.

Logan

"The A-team girls improved their record to 4-0 with a 37-20 win over Logan," said Coach Cole.

"The girls played great defense. They hustled the whole game.

"Our press was very effective, forcing Logan into many turnovers. On offense, the girls played unselfishly, passing the ball down the court for easy baskets.

"The B-team won their first game of the year with a score of 10-2."

A. Cole led scoring for the A-team with 14; followed by Anderson, 11; M. Cole, 10; Wenzl, 2.

B-team points were made by Brittney Braun, 4; and Chandler, Dole and Hawks, 2 apiece.



Northern Valley seventh grader Alison Cole displays perfect form as she shoots a basket in the game Thursday against Eastern Heights. Cole scored 21 points in the contest. Northern Valley rolled over the Mustangs by a score of 59-12. Also shown for the Huskies is No. 15 Christina Anderson.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Kensington

"Our girls improved their record to 5-0 with a hard fought 36-28 win over Kensington," said Coach Cole.

"The girls struggled shooting a little bit and got behind at the end of the third quarter. We found our shooting touch in the fourth quarter, outscoring K-town 15-6.

"I am really proud of the girls.

They played hard and never quit hustling.

"The B-team played well, but lost in a close game 11-8."

Scoring were A. Cole, 17; M. Cole, 10; Florence and Anderson,

3 each; Woodmansee, 2; and Wenzl, 1.

On the B-team, Braun, Chandler, Woodmansee and Wenzl each scored 2.

Huskies prepare for opening game

The Northern Valley High School boys basketball team will start its season with a home-court advantage tonight against Atwood.

Coach Jason Dibble said the 2004-'05 team has varsity experience and quickness, and has improved its scoring from previous years. But, he said, the team is also small, lacks depth and has foul trouble.

Last year, the Huskies finished fifth in the Cheyenne Conference, but hope to improve that this year.

"With only having one win total in the last four years before Christmas, getting off to a good start and picking up some early wins will be crucial to our confidence and our season," he said. "We have six games before Christmas and have some good opportunities to pick up some wins."

Coach Dibble said the team's goals were to come in either first or second in the league, get past the first round of regionals, and score no less than double digits in every quarter.

To help the team reach its goals are its three returning starters — senior Jesse Hilburn and juniors Joey Copper and Avery Thalheim. Hilburn is a 5-foot, 9-inch guard who has four years of varsity experience and is a good defender and distributes the ball well. Copper, a 6-2 forward, is a versatile player and a good rebounder and ball handler. Thalheim is a 5-10 guard who is a 3-point shooter, good defender and can drive the ball.

Two other returning letter winners are juniors Cole Kinderknecht and Clarke Nelson. Kinderknecht is a 5-11 forward who came on at the end of last season to prove he was a good rebounder. Nelson, a 5-7 guard, is quick and a role player who will improve as the season progresses.

Also, newcomers Andrew Sheley and Henry Griffiths will be key to the team. Sheley, a 5-10 junior, is the team's sixth or seventh man who has shown im-

proved aggressiveness. Griffiths, a 6-2 starting sophomore almost lettered last year but was injured for most of the season. He is a good scorer and rebounder.

Other members of the team are — juniors Anthony Simants, Cody Lowry, Chad Husted and Scott Shearer; sophomores Chase Miller and Chance Miller; and freshmen Blake Johnson, David Harris, Bryce Marble, and Richie Kersch.

Chuck Fessenden is the assistant coach. Managers are Jessica King, Hope Hansen and Jessica Wenzl.

Coach Dibble said Kensington will be the toughest team the Huskies will face in the league. Outside of the league, tough teams to beat will be Brewster and Weskan, Coach Dibble said.

Northern Valley Basketball Schedule

Friday, Dec. 3 — Atwood, Alma, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 4 — Golden Plains, Rexford, 4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 10 — Hill City, there, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14 — Smith Center, there, 4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 17 — Bertrand (Neb.), there, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 21 — Brewster, Alma, 4 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 3 — Cambridge (Neb.) Tournament, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 7 — Western Plains*, Ransom, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14 — Palco*, Alma, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15 — Southern Valley (Neb.), Alma, 3 p.m.

Monday-Saturday, Jan. 17-22 — League Tournament, Phillipsburg, TBA

Tuesday, Jan. 25 — Osborne, Alma, 4 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 28 — Logan*, there, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 — Alma (Neb.), Alma, 4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 4 — Eastern Heights, Agra, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 8 — Arapahoe (Neb.), Alma, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 18 — Kensington*, there, 4:30 p.m.

* district games

Junior high Husky boys win two games

The Northern Valley Junior High boys basketball team is 2-3 after winning one and losing two at the Colt Classic Tournament Nov. 8-11, beating Logan 28-20 on Nov. 16, and then losing to Kensington 47-41 on Nov. 23.

Colt Classic

"In the Colt Classic, we won one game and lost two," said Coach Jim Cole. "We beat Lucas-Luray 39-10 in the first game, but then lost a close one to Paradise 25-23. In the third game of the tournament, we lost to a very good Eastern Heights team 42-30.

"The boys are playing really well on defense, but need to improve their execution and shooting on offense."

Scoring for Northern Valley in their win against Lucas-Luray were Eric Woodside, 13 points; Drew Britt, 8; Taylor Hammond, Travis Redeker and Cody Callaway, 4 each; Tanner Jessup and Nathaniel Graham, 2 apiece; and Stanton Nelson and Ethan Hays, 1 each.

On Nov. 9 against Paradise, Woodside scored 10 points, followed by Britt, 6; Redeker, 4; and Graham, 3.

In the final game against Eastern Heights Britt had 13; Woodside, 5; Nelson, 4; and Hammond, Redeker, Callaway and Tanner Jessup, 2 each.

Logan

"The A-team boys improved their record to 2-2 with a 28-20 win over Logan," said Coach Cole.

"The boys played well. We are

improving with each game. They showed more patience on offense and took good shots. The boys continued to play good defense.

"The B-team boys won an exciting game 24-18. They played hard and hustled the whole game.

"The C-team boys had fun playing, but lost to Logan 14-0."

Jessup led scoring for the A-team with 12 points, followed by Woodside and Britt, 6 each; and Drew Eagleburger and Callaway, 2 apiece.

On the B-team, Chaim McMillin led with 11, followed by Jacob Gallentine, 6; Colton Lowry, 3; and Dusty Eagleburger and Callaway, 2 apiece.

Kensington

"The A-team boys played their best game of the season, but lost a close game to K-town 47-41," said Coach Cole. "It was close the whole way until the very end when Kensington pulled away. We made some nice passes and shot well during the game.

"The B-team also lost a close game 23-19. The C-team boys won their first game of the season 10-5.

"All of the boys on the team are improving with each game."

Scoring for the A-team were Britt, 17; Woodside, 16; Redeker, 4; and Jessup and Graham, 2 each.

On the B-team, Gallentine led with 5; followed by McMillin and C. Callaway, 4 apiece; and Brandon Towery, Nelson and Michael Callaway, 2 each.

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