



In the contest against Palco on Friday, Northern Valley's Lindsey Graham grabs another rebound for the Huskies. Northern Valley won the game with a 61-45 score. The game was held in Almena. —Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Husky girls win, lose games

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies beat Palco 61-45 on Jan. 14, but then lost to Southern Valley 70-41 on Jan. 15.

Scoring for the Lady Huskies against Palco were Kelli Cole, 20 points; Lindsey Graham, 15; Serena Woodside, 10; Lindsey Jessup, 9; Jena Jessup, 4; Joni Hilburn, 2; and Kelsey Kinderknecht, 1.

Scoring for Northern Valley against Southern Valley were Graham, 13; Cole, 9; Woodside 7; L. Jessup, 5; Jessica Largent, 4; and Jessica Holmes, 3.

Northern Valley 61, Palco 45

Score by quarters:
N. Valley 7 29 14 11 — 61
Palco 3 15 4 23 — 45

Northern Valley
Cole 4 3 6-3 20, Graham 5 0 7-5 15, Woodside 5 0 2-0 10, L. Jessup 2 1 3-2 9, J. Jessup 2 0 1-0 4, Hilburn 1 0 2-0 2, Kinderknecht 0 0 2-1 1, Holmes 0 0 2-0 0, Alysia Shearer 1 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 4 21-

11 61.
Palco
Belisle 6 0 2-1 13, Keller 3 0 0-0 6-2 8, Sander 2 0 5-3 7, Gehring 3 0 2-0 6, Lambert 1 0 3-1 3, Wilke 1 0 4-1 3, Bondit 0 0 2-2 2, Lewis 1 0 0-0 2, Berland 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 17 0 26-11 45.

Southern Valley 70, Northern Valley 41

Score by quarters:
N. Valley 4 9 6 22 — 41
S. Valley 23 14 16 17 — 70

Northern Valley
Graham 6 0 6-1 13, Cole 1 2 1-1 9, Woodside 3 0 3-1 7, L. Jessup 2 0 2-1 5, Largent 2 0 0-0 4, Holmes 0 0 4-3 3. Total 14 2 16-7 41.

Southern Valley
Quinn 3 3 0-0 15, Strickland 5 0 7-4 14, Perkins 6 0 0-0 12, Becker 4 0 3-1 9, Sechtem 2 0 0-0 4, Witte 0 1 2-1 4, Lueking 1 0 2-2 4, Steele 1 0 2-1 3, Siebels 1 0 1-1 3, Robison 1 0 0-0 2, Hogeland 0 0 2-0 0. Totals 24 4 19-10 70.

Husky boys take on Southern Valley at home

The Northern Valley Huskies were defeated by Southern Valley 68-32 on Jan. 15.

"Foul problems, injuries and a good defensive effort by Southern Valley led to what some people may consider a pretty ugly game," said Coach Jason Dibble. "Through all of that we ended up playing everybody on the bench and some players stepped in and gave us some good minutes throughout the game.

"Even though we were again struggling on the offensive end, we were playing good enough defense through three quarters to be respectable. For instance, at half it was only 30-16 and we survived the half.

"In the third quarter, we were still unable to produce much on the board, but were holding them to 43 points. This was a good team we played and with two starters on the bench through a lot of the game and one other starter getting hurt going in at half, we should not let this game bother us too much."

Jesse Hilburn led scoring with 10 points, followed by Cole Kinderknecht, 6; David Harris, 5; Andrew Sheley, 4; Avery Thalheim, 3; Joey Copper, 2; Bryce Marble and Henry Griffiths, 1 each.

Rebounding honors went to Kinderknecht with 5, followed by Copper, 3; Hilburn, Clarke Nelson, and Scott Shearer, 2 each;

Thalheim, Griffiths, Sheley, and Harris, 1 apiece.

Hilburn led steals with 3, while Thalheim and Harris both made 1. Assists were made by Hilburn, Thalheim and Griffiths with 1 apiece.

Thalheim, Griffiths and Copper each made 1 block.

The junior varsity lost 70-42.

"Our kids really came and executed on the offensive side for a second straight night," said the coach. "The problem was Southern Valley was on as well. After being down only two at the end of the first, we let them get away from us in the second. After half we hung in there with them and kept fighting by not allowing them to

widen the gap much.

"Cody Lowry stepped up and hit some shots as well as David Harris, and Andrew Sheley carried us scoring wise in the first. They are definitely giving credit to their teammates for getting them the ball in a position to score."

Harris led scoring with 13 points, followed by Cody Lowry, 10; Sheley, 9; Marble, 4; Nelson, 3; Chase Miller, 2; and Scott Shearer, 1.

Making rebounds were Harris, 6; Shearer, 5; Lowry, 3; Miller, 2; Anthony Simants, Marble and

Nelson, 1 each.

Simants led steals with 3, followed by Lowry, 2; Harris, Chad Husted, Shearer and Sheley, 1 apiece.

Assists were made by Harris, 2; Lowry, Nelson and Husted, 1 each.

Miller, Simants, Lowry and Sheley each made 1 block.

Southern Valley 68, Northern Valley 32

Score by quarters:
N. Valley 6 10 4 12 — 32
S. Valley 17 13 13 25 — 68

Northern Valley

Hilburn 2 0 7-6 10, Kinderknecht 1 1 2-1 6, Harris 0 1 2-2 5, Sheley 1 0 3-2 4, Thalheim 0 0 5-3 3, Copper, 1 0 0-0 2, Marble 0 0 2-1 1, Griffiths 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 5 2 23-16 32.

Southern Valley

Powell 1 2 6-5 13, Quinn 3 1 4-3 12, Winscot 1 1 5-2 7, Nielsen 3 0 0-0 6, Becker 1 1 0-0 5, Otte 1 1 0-0 5, Einspahr 1 0 2-2 4, Lueking 2 0 0-0 4, Nielsen 1 0 2-2 4, Fufts 1 0 2-1 3, Bergen 0 0 2-2 2, Maruhn 1 0 0-0 2, Bergen 0 0 2-1 1, Hoxmeier 0 0 1-0 0. Totals 16 6 26-18 68.

Huskies lose close game to Palco

The Northern Valley High School boys basketball team lost 54-47 to Palco on Jan. 14.

"Good start, inefficient middle and good end — this fairly well summarizes the flow of the game," said Coach Jason Dibble. "We played really good defense, other than parts of the third quarter when we got outscored 20-7, but still gave ourselves an opportunity to be in the ballgame.

"Avery stepped up and knocked down some threes early in the game, but we were never able to get any consistency going on the offensive end. We got to the free-throw line a good number of times, but only connected at a 53 percent rate, which makes it an even closer game if we hit some of those.

"We get a chance to correct this loss right away on Monday in our first round game of the league tournament."

Avery Thalheim led scoring with 17 points, followed by Joey Copper, 10 points; Cole Kinderknecht, 8; Jesse Hilburn, 7; and Henry Griffiths, 5.

Rebounding honors went to Copper with 9, followed by Kinderknecht and Thalheim, 6 apiece; Griffiths, 4; and Hilburn, 1.

Hilburn, Kinderknecht, Griffiths and Copper each made 1 steal.

Griffiths led assists with 2, followed by Hilburn, Kinderknecht, Thalheim, Copper and Andrew Sheley, 1 apiece.

Griffiths and Copper made the team's only 2 blocks.

The junior varsity won 34-21.

"On Thursday, the coaches and junior varsity players spent an hour just walking and talking through specific situations that had been hurting our chances to be successful," said Coach Dibble. "After that hour, I think we all felt a lot better about not just knowing where to be, but what to do when you get there.

"On Friday we used this to our advantage by going out and garnering our first junior varsity win

of the year. After being tied at the end of the first quarter we dominated the second quarter outscoring them 18-7. We only played three eight-minute quarters due to numbers, but were able to get a league win and more importantly some confidence for our kids."

David Harris led scoring with 12 points, followed by Cody Lowry, 5; Clarke Nelson, 4; Bryce Marble, 3; Chase Miller, Anthony Simants, Richie Kersch, Scott Shearer and Sheley, 2 apiece.

Rebound honors went to Harris with 4, followed by Shearer, 3; Miller, Simants and Kersch, 2 each; and Lowry, Marble and Sheley, 1 apiece.

Miller, Lowry and Shearer each

made 1 steal, while Miller, Simants, Harris, Marble and Shearer all made 1 assist.

Miller made the team's only block.

Palco 54, Northern Valley 47

Score by quarters:
N. Valley 15 9 7 16 — 47
Palco 14 11 20 9 — 54

Northern Valley
Thalheim 0 4 6-5 17, Copper 3 0 8-4 10, Kinderknecht 2 0 6-4 8, Hilburn 2 0 8-3 7, Griffiths 2 0 4-1 5. Totals 9 4 32-17 47.

Palco

Simoneau 1 4 5-2 16, Trumpp 4 0 8-5 13, Hamel 1 3 0-0 11, Belisle 1 0 6-5 7, Marcotte 2 0 2-0 4, Deshien 0 1 0-0 3. Totals 9 8 21-12 54.



Norton junior guard Karlie Jones shoots over Oberlin's Sarah Murray during the Lady Jays' 61-37 win last night in the NCHS Memorial Gym in Norton. Jones hit three baskets from beyond the arc and shot 46 percent overall in hitting 16 points. —Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton girls beat Oberlin 61-37

By DICK BOYD
Scoring from all over the floor, Coach Kevin Jilka's Norton Community High School varsity girls basketball team was impressive last night as they defeated the visiting Oberlin Lady Red Devils 61-37 in Norton.

The victory extended Norton's season record to 8-1. Oberlin fell to 6-4.

The Lady Jays led 14-4 after one quarter as junior guard Karlie Jones buried a three-point shot and a two-point basket, junior guard Whitney Newell also scored from long range, junior center Becca Ebert hit two baskets from close range and junior center Chelsea Cox hit two charity tosses.

The same four, plus senior guard Amber Engelbert, contin-

ued to score in the second quarter. Newell swished another trey and a two-point shot, Cox and Engelbert each hit two baskets and Ebert and Jones each scored again from the field as Norton outscored Oberlin 17-10 to take a 31-14 half-time advantage.

The third quarter was more of the same as the Lady Jays scored 17 while limiting the Lady Devils to 11. Jones radared in two more baskets from beyond the arc, Ebert hit two more baskets from close range, Cox connected for two baskets and two free throws and Newell added a free throw.

A 13-12 fourth quarter in Norton's favor stretched the final margin of victory to 24 points. Cox hit two more baskets and four free throws, Jones added a basket and one charity and Engelbert and junior guard Chelle Donovan each hit

a free toss.

"I was concerned that we might be a little leg weary after the league tournament but was pleased with how well we played," said Coach Jilka. "We really played well both offensively and defensively.

"I can't say enough about how well we are playing right now. Every girl contributed to the victory in one way or another."

Cox was the leading scorer for Norton with 20 points. She hit 6 of 16 shots from the field for 38 percent accuracy and was a perfect 8 of 8 from the charity stripe.

Jones left the nets smoking from long range as she hit 3 of 5 shots from beyond the arc for 60 percent, 3 of 8 two-point shots for 38 percent and 6 of 13 (Continued to Page 8)

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