



Northern Valley senior Jesse Hilburn flies in for a layup in the game against Eastern Heights on Friday. Hilburn had nine points in the game. Northern Valley won the contest with a 78-44 score. — Telegram photos by Susie Marble

Husky girls lose to Eastern Heights

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies lost 50-40 to Eastern Heights Friday.

"I was very proud that our defensive effort picked up in the second half," said Coach Bill Lowry. "We kept our turnovers down, but we just struggled a little on the offensive end."

Serena Woodside led scoring with 13 points, followed by Lindsey Graham, 10 points; Kelli Cole, 7; Jayme Horacek and Lindsey Jessup, 4 apiece; and Jena Jessup, 2.

Rebounding honors went to Graham with 12, Woodside with 8, and Cole with 5. As a team, Northern Valley grabbed 35 from the boards.

Out of the team's 9 steals, Cole led with 4.

L. Jessup made 2 of the team's 6 steals.

The Lady Huskies had 12 turnovers to Eastern Heights' 18.

The junior varsity won their game 25-21.

Jessica Largent led scoring with 14 points, while Stephanie Tubbs made 4.

Eastern Heights 50, Northern Valley 40

Score by quarters:

N. Valley 6 8 10 16—40
E. Heights 15 9 14 12—50

Northern Valley

Woodside 4 0 8-5 13, Graham 4 0 6-2 10, Cole 2 1 0-0 7, Horacek 2 0 0-0 4, L. Jessup 2 0 0-0 4, J. Jessup 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 15 1 14-7 40.

Eastern Heights

K. Matteson 3 3 8-6 21, A. Jones 4 0 2-2 10, N. Haskett 2 1 4-2 9, A. Nix 4 0 1-0 8, A. Schmid 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 14 4 15-10 50.



Northern Valley Huskies run past Mustangs Friday

The Northern Valley Huskies conquered the Eastern Heights Mustangs 78-44 Friday.

"Just as in the league tournament game, Eastern Heights came out and gave us a game throughout the first quarter," said Coach Jason Dibble. "We were having some trouble attacking their match-up zone, but once we got a scheme and again picked up the pressure, they turned the ball over a lot and we got some easy baskets in transition."

"A lot of what has made us successful in the last three games is the fact we are working inside and then kicking it out, making our three attempts a lot easier. It showed with Avery connecting on five threes for the night. I think we are definitely moving the ball better and scoring a lot easier lately than we did for a stretch where we lost a few games."

"We had good balanced scoring from everyone with about four guys in double figures. We also had 18 assists which means we are finding the open guy and scoring; 78 points was the most we had all year and that was with the junior varsity players coming in and doing a good job at the end."

Joey Copper and Avery Thalheim led scoring for the Huskies. Copper had 22 points and Thalheim made 21. They were followed by Henry Griffiths, 12; Jesse Hilburn, 9; David Harris and Richie Kersch, 4 apiece; Clarke Nelson, Scott Shearer and Andrew Sheley, 2 each.

Rebounding honors went to Copper with 8, followed by Griffiths, 6; Nelson, Sheley and Bryce Marble, 4 each; Thalheim, 3; Cody Lowry, Shearer and Chad Husted, 2 apiece; and Hilburn and Harris, 1 apiece.

Thalheim led steals with 5, followed by Copper, 4; Hilburn, 3;

Nelson, Griffiths and Sheley, 1 each.

Hilburn led assists with 5, followed by Thalheim, 4; Copper and Sheley, 3 apiece; Nelson and Griffiths, 1 each.

Copper made the team's 3 blocks, while Hilburn and Copper made the Huskies' 2 blocks.

The junior varsity lost 33-23.

"We played good enough defensively to win the game, but we were unable to score on their zone until the third quarter," said Coach Dibble. "In the fourth quarter we pressed and got some turnovers and easy baskets, but also gave up some easy baskets."

"We need to be able to dribble penetrate and attack zones, but we have still some work to do. We also talk about quick ball movement and had flashes of that as well."

"They did play a couple of varsity starters on the junior varsity which helped them."

"We definitely played a lot better offensively in the second half and continued to play hard until the final buzzer. Bryce got some steals off the front of the press that turned into easy baskets."

Marble led scoring for the Huskies with 7 points, followed Nelson, 4; Harris and Lowry, 3 apiece; Chase Miller, Anthony Simants and Husted, 2 each.

Rebounding honors went to Miller, 6; Harris and Marble, 4 apiece; Shearer, 3; Kersch, 2; and Nelson, 1.

Marble and Nelson led steals with 3 apiece, followed by Harris, 2; Simants, Husted and Shearer, 1 each.

Making assists were Nelson, 2; and Miller, Harris, Husted and Shearer, 1 each.

Northern Valley 78, Eastern Heights 44

Score by quarters:

N. Valley 12 22 24 20—78
E. Heights 8 13 11 12—44

Northern Valley

Copper 8 0 10-6 22, Thalheim 1 5 9-4 21, Griffiths 6 0 0-0 12, Hilburn 2 0 8-5 9, Harris 1 0 2-2 4, Kersch 0 0 6-4 4, Nelson 1 0 0-0 2, Shearer 1 0 2-0 2, Sheley 1 0 1-0 2. Totals 21 5 38-21 78.

Eastern Heights

Kirk (No. 30) 5 0 4-2 12, Lowe 4 0 0-0 8, Morgan 2 0 2-2 6, Brewer 1 1 0-0 5, Rose 0 0 5-3 3, Wyrill (No. 21) 0 1 0-0 3, Capps 1 0 0-0 2, Kirk (No. 25) 0 0 4-2 2, Suchsland 0 0 4-2 2, Wyrill (No. 42) 0 0 4-1 1. Totals 13 2 23-12 44.

Huskies' junior varsity boys take losses

The Northern Valley High School junior varsity boys basketball team lost to Logan 43-36 on Jan. 28 and to Alma 49-19 on Feb. 1.

Logan

"We had a good second and fourth, but a slow first and third and we still played within 7 points," said Coach Jason Dibble. "This was a game where we let them get away from us in the fourth quarter and we made a pretty good run at them in the end."

"We had a variety of different players score points, but need to be more consistent on offense and score more points. They took it to us and got to the freethrow line, but we played good enough defense to stay in the game."

Bryce Marble and David Harris led scoring for the Huskies with 8 points apiece, followed by Chad Husted, 6 points; Cody Lowry, 5; Scott Shearer, 4; Richie Kersch, 3; and Clarke Nelson, 2.

Rebounding honors went to

Marble with 5, Nelson and Shearer with 2 apiece, and Husted with 1. Shearer led steals with 3, followed by Blake Johnson and Lowry, 1 each.

Harris led assists with 4, followed by Lowry, Nelson and Shearer, 2 each; and Husted, 1.

Shearer made the team's only block.

Alma

"We only played three eight-minute quarters and finally got some offense going in the third period," said Coach Dibble. "Alma did a really nice job of spreading their zone on the floor to deny us from getting many shot opportunities and also forcing us into a lot of turnovers."

"In the third we were able to dribble penetrate a few times and get to the foul line. Alma also shot the ball well from the three, hitting six in the game. Cody Lowry provided us with some good offense, scoring eight."

Lowry led scoring for Northern Valley with 8 points, followed by

Anthony Simants, 5; Harris, Marble, and Nelson, 2 apiece.

Rebounding honors went to Shearer, 4; Harris and Nelson, 3 each; Chase Miller, 2; and Simants, 1.

Making steals were Lowry, Nelson and Shearer, 2 apiece; and

Miller, Simants, Harris, Marble, Kersch and Husted, 1 each.

Nelson led assists with 2, followed by Harris and Kersch with 1 apiece.

Simants and Nelson made the team's 2 blocks, while Harris made the team's only charge drawn.



Husky sophomore Andrea Lowry looks to pass the ball to a teammate in the contest against Eastern Heights on Friday. (Top) Jena Jessup puts the ball up while being heavily guarded by Eastern Heights' players. — Telegram photos by Susie Marble

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