

# Husky girls win regional opener



Northern Valley's Joey Copper gets a block as Kensington's Austin Panter goes up for a shot in the game held in Kensington on Friday. The Huskies will take on Logan tonight at 7 p.m. in Almena. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies repeated their Friday night win over Kensington last night in the first round of the 1A Regional Tournament when they beat the Lady Goldbugs 66-51.

"We did a great job tonight," said Coach Bill Lowry. "We had a fast start and our intensity was great."

"We played four good quarters. Kensington is a good team and we feel good about playing a semi-final game Thursday."

Lindsey Graham led scoring for the Lady Huskies with 17 points, followed by Kelli Cole, 13; Lindsey Jessup, 13; Jayme Horacek, 10; Serena Woodside, 10; and Jena Jessup, 3.

Northern Valley out-rebounded Kensington 43-23. Rebounding honors went to Graham with 13, Cole with 11 and Woodside with 9.

Out of the Huskies' 7 steals, Horacek grabbed 3 and Cole took

2. L. Jessup made 5 of the team's 14 assists, while Cole brought in 4.

Both Northern Valley and Kensington made 2 blocks.

The Lady Huskies had 14 turnovers to the Goldbugs' 15.

## Northern Valley 66, Kensington 51

Score by quarters:

N. Valley 23 13 16 14 — 66  
K-town 13 11 14 13 — 51

### Northern Valley

Graham 6 0 6-5 17, Cole 2 3 0-0 13, L. Jessup 2 1 9-6 13, Horacek 4 0 2-2 10, Woodside 2 0 6-10 10, Jessup 0 1 1-0 3, Jessica Holmes 0 0 2-0 0. Totals 16 5 26-19 66.

### Kensington

Claire Cole 5 0 10-5 15, JoAnn Yoxall 1 4 2-0 14, Kristen Yoxall 1 2 1-0 8, Emily Boswell 2 1 0-0 7, Jay Dee Hudson 0 1 0-0 3, Catlin Lehmann 1 0 2-1 3, Kelsey Rahjes 0 0 6-1 1. Totals 10 8 21-7 51.



Serena Woodside shoots a free throw in the Huskies' win over Kensington on Friday. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

# Husky boys take loss to Kensington

The Northern Valley High School Huskies lost 76-35 to Kensington Friday night.

"We knew coming in that Kensington had lost two games in a row for the first time all season and they would either be down on themselves or really upset," said Coach Jason Dibble. "Unfortunately for us they came out on fire and never cooled off until the end of the first quarter."

"The combination of them hitting five for six from the three and us having 11 turnovers was not good for us being down 33-3 at the end of the first quarter. This was the same team that went two for 18 from the three on Tuesday and about the same on Thursday."

"We had been handling pressure all year and uncharacteristically turned the ball over in situations we had not been all year. At the end of the first I told them to act as if the score was 0-0 and try to win the rest of the game."

"We settled down in the second quarter, where they only outscored us 14-10 and a combination of them using subs and taking their full-court pressure off and us playing better the rest of the game, they only outscored us by seven."

"We definitely took one on the chin, but need to come right back with regionals upon us and a chance to continue our season right in front of us."

"Facing Logan on Tuesday at home will be a tough task, but if we can get by them we will have another opportunity to play Kensington in regional semifinals at Norton."

Henry Griffiths led scoring for the Huskies with 11 points, followed by Avery Thalheim, 8; Andrew Sheley, 6; Jesse Hilburn, 4; Joey Copper, 4; and David Harris, 3.

Rebounding honors went to Griffiths with 7, followed by Copper, 5; Hilburn and Sheley, 3 each; and Cole Kinderknecht and Thalheim, 2 apiece.

Hilburn, Thalheim, Griffiths, Copper and Sheley each grabbed 1 steal.

Assists were made by Kinderknecht, 2; and Hilburn, Thalheim, Griffiths, Copper and Sheley, 1 each.

Copper made the team's only block.

Northern Valley's junior varsity lost 44-39.

"Things were very slow in the beginning, but as the game went on we picked up steam and really got things going," said Coach Dibble. "Scoring one point in the first quarter does not look very good, but when you come out and score 22 in the fourth quarter it tends to let you forget about the first."

"Especially when we were down by as much as 13 in the fourth and hit a three-pointer with the buzzer sounding to go into overtime. That's exactly what Richie Kersch and along with the rest of his teammates' effort and attitude of not giving up."

"In overtime Kensington got out to an early lead and made their free-throws to win the game."

"One of the problems we have had all year is turnovers and scoring, but in this game we did not do too bad with our turnovers. A unique stat about our scoring was that our freshmen scored all our points, but there were a lot of others involved in getting the ball to them to allow them to score as well as good hustle on the defensive end."

Richie Kersch led scoring for the Huskies with 16 points, followed by Bryce Marble, 12; and Harris, 11.

Rebounding honors went to Kersch, 8; Marble and Scott Shearer, 4 each; and Blake Johnson, Harris, Cody Lowry, Chad Husted and Chance Miller, 1 apiece.

Shearer led steals with 3, followed by Marble and Kersch, 2 apiece; and Harris and Lowry, 1 each.

Johnson, Harris, Marble and Kersch each made 1 assist.

Anthony Simants made the team's only block.

## Kensington 76, Northern Valley 36

Score by quarters:

N. Valley 3 10 9 14 — 36  
K-town 33 14 14 15 — 76

### Northern Valley

Griffiths 1 2 4-3 11, Thalheim 2 0 8-4 8, Sheley 3 0 1-0 6, Hilburn 2 0 1-0 4, Copper 2 0 0-0 4, Harris 0 1 0-0 3. Totals 10 3 14-7 36.

### Kensington

Kuhlmann 3 3 3-3 18, Rice 5 1 2-2 15, Rietzke 2 2 1-1 11, Panter 4 0 2-2 10, Bienhoff 2 0 2-1 5, Bose 2 0 0-0 4, Baumann 1 0 2-2 4, Levin 2 0 0-0 4, Foreman 0 1 0-0 3, Lamont 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 22 7 12-11 76.



Senior Jayme Horacek lays the ball up for two points in the game Friday at Kensington. Horacek had 18 points in the contest. No. 33 Serena Woodside is prepared in case a rebound is needed. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

# Northern Valley girls get win on Friday

The Northern Valley High School girls basketball team beat Kensington 57-50 Friday night in Kensington.

"We got off to a great start," said Coach Bill Lowry. "We worked very hard defensively. Graham was out due to the flu. Everyone worked hard and

played very well. I am very proud of our effort."

Jayme Horacek led scoring with 18 points, followed by Kelli Cole, 12; Lindsey Jessup, 10; Jena Jessup, 10; and Serena Woodside, 7.

Out of the Lady Huskies' 37 rebounds, honors went to Woodside with 11 and Cole with 6.

J. Jessup grabbed four of the team's seven steals.

L. Jessup made three of the team's eight assists.

The varsity Lady Huskies finished their regular season with an 8-11 record and a 2-3 league record to take fourth in the Cheyenne Conference Basketball League.

The junior varsity lost 26-19.

"I saw a lot of improvement in the girls," said Coach Lowry. "They continue to work hard and they never give up."

The junior varsity's final record was 5-12.

## Northern Valley 57, Kensington 50

Score by quarters:

N. Valley 19 12 15 11 — 57  
K-town 7 8 20 15 — 50

### Northern Valley

Horacek 7 0 7-4 18, Cole 1 3 2-1 12, L. Jessup 2 1 6-3 10, J. Jessup 1 2 4-2 10, Woodside 3 0 3-1 7. Totals 14 6 22-11 57.

### Kensington

Claire Cole 6 0 11-6 18, Kristen Yoxall 1 2 2-1 9, JoAnn Yoxall 3 0 2-2 8, Jay Dee Hudson 2 0 0-0 4, Baylee Lehmann 2 0 0-0 4, Emily Boswell 2 0 0-0 4, Catlin Lehmann 1 0 4-1 3. Totals 17 2 19-10 50.