



Northern Valley loses close game to Smith Center

The Northern Valley Huskies were edged 46-43 by Smith Center Tuesday in Alma. The Huskies led in the first half, but then Smith Center managed to tie the game in the third and took the lead in the fourth: 16-10, 23-19, 34-34, 46-43. Joey Copper led scoring for Northern Valley with 13 points, followed by Cole Kinderknecht, 11; Andrew Sheley, 7; Avery Thalheim, 6; Henry Griffiths, 4; and Cody Lowry, 2. Northern Valley will travel to Brewster on Tuesday, where play is set to start at 4 p.m.

Smith Center 46, Northern Valley 43
 Score by quarters
 N. Valley 16 7 11 9—43
 S. Center 10 9 15 12—46
Northern Valley
 Copper 5 0 7-3 13,
 Kinderknecht 2 14-4 11, Sheley 2 1 0-0 7, Thalheim 0 2 2-0 6,
 Griffiths 1 0 2-2 4, Lowry 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 11 4 15-9 43.
Smith Center
 Wilson 6 0 6-3 15, Rice 5 0 4-4 14, Windscheffel 3 0 2-2 8, Hayes 2 0 8-3 7, Jones 1 0 2-0 2. Totals 17 0 20-12 46.



The Northern Valley Lady Huskies and the Smith Center Lady Redmen (above) battle for possession of the ball in the game held Tuesday at Alma. Shown for Northern Valley are No. 34 Jena Jessup, No. 30 Jessica Holmes and No. 33 Serena Woodside. Kelli Cole (below) shoots a

basket for the Lady Huskies. Cole made nine points in the game. Cole Kinderknecht (top left) catches a pass in the game played against Smith Center. The Huskies were edged by the Redmen, 46-43, in the final seconds of the contest. — Telegram photos by Susie Marble

Husky girls defeated on Tuesday

The Northern Valley girls basketball team was defeated by Smith Center 52-38 Tuesday night in Alma. The Lady Huskies fell behind in the first quarter and couldn't make up the points in the rest of the game: 20-7, 31-14, 42-25, 52-38. Jena Jessup led scoring for the green team with 16 points, followed by Kelli Cole, 9; Serena Woodside, 7; Andrea Lowry, 3; Kelsey Kinderknecht, 2; and Jessica Holmes, 1. Northern Valley will travel to Brewster on Tuesday, where play is set to start at 4 p.m.

Smith Center 52 Northern Valley 38
 Score by quarters:
 N. Valley 7 7 11 13—38
 S. Center 20 11 11 10—52
Northern Valley
 Jessup 5 2 0-0 16, Cole 1 1 5-4 9, Woodside 2 0 7-3 7, Lowry 0 1 0-0 3, Kinderknecht 1 0 0-0 2, Holmes 0 0 2-1 1, Jessica Largent 0 0 2-0 0. Totals 9 4 18-8 38.
Smith Center
 D. Boucher 8 0 0-0 16, S. Tucker 5 0 3-1 11, D. Fricker 3 0 2-2 8, M. Lorenzen 1 1 2-1 6, R. Burgess 2 0 0-0 4, A. Shellito 0 1 0-0 3, P. Brooks 1 0 0-0 2, S. McMurdo 0 0 2-1 1, J. Arnold 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 20 2 11-6 52.



Norton seventh-grade gets big win over Ellis

The Norton seventh-grade Junior Jays basketball team beat Ellis 43-22 on Dec. 8. "This was a big win for the seventh grade," said Coach Jim Myers. "Ellis came into the game undefeated, so it was a battle of unbeaten. To win by 21 points is a tribute to these kids' efforts." "We were really good on the boards as Ellis was bigger than us, but we limited their second shots." Terrell Lane led scoring for Norton with 18 points. He was followed by Troy Bainter, 10; Dakota Dreher, 7; Kaid McKenna, 4; Spencer Shirk and Luke Ninemire, 2 each.

Rebounding honors went to Lane with 13, followed by Shirk, six; McKenna and Dreher, five each; Bainter, four; and Landon Keiswetter, Ninemire and Bill Broeckelman, two each. Steals were made by Lane, four; McKenna, Dreher and Bainter, three each; and Keiswetter and Broeckelman, one each. The junior varsity finished their season with a 22-5 win over Hill City for a 5-0 record. Ninemire led scoring with 8 points, followed by Broeckelman with 6, David Puente with 4, and Cole Archer and Ryan Blecha, 2 each.

Northern Valley girls beat Hill City

The Northern Valley High Lady Huskies won their first game last Friday night when they beat Hill City 59-51. The green team was behind in the first period, but managed to tie the score by the half. When they came back, they took the lead and still held it at the final buzzer: 15-7, 25-25, 41-29, 59-51. Kelli Cole and Jena Jessup led scoring for the Lady Huskies with 18 points each. Also contributing were Jessica Largent, 7; Kelsey Kinderknecht and Serena Woodside, 5 each; and Andrea Lowry and Jessica Holmes, 3 each.

Steals were made by Cole and Largent, three each; Woodside, Lowry and Joni Hilburn, two each; and Kinderknecht and Jessup, one each. The junior varsity won 21-8. Alysia Shearer led scoring with 9 points, followed by Hilburn, 5; Kylenea Hager, 3; Steph Tubbs and Largent, 2 each. Northern Valley will travel to Brewster on Tuesday, where play is set to start at 4 p.m.
Northern Valley 59, Hill City 51
 Score by quarter:

N. Valley 7 18 16 18—59
 H. City 15 10 4 22—51
Northern Valley
 Cole 4 3 2-1 18, Jessup 6 2 4-0 18, Largent 2 0 4-3 7, Woodside 1 0 4-3 5, Kinderknecht 1 0 7-3 5, Lowry 0 1 0-0 3, Holmes 1 0 2-1 3. Totals 15 6 21-11 59.
Hill City
 Jamie Alexander 7 0 3-3 17, Katelyn Keith 7 0 2-1 15, Holly Buss 3 0 1-0 6, Liz Miller 2 0 5-2 6, Tamra Long 2-0 0-0 4, Brittany Anderson 1 0 4-1 3. Totals 22 0 15-7 51.

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