

Lady Huskies defeated

The Northern Valley High girls basketball team lost, 90-51, to Brewster on Tuesday.

The Lady Huskies trailed in every quarter: 26-13, 48-20, 70-36, 90-51.

Kelli Cole led scoring for Northern Valley with 22 points, followed by Serena Woodside, 15; Jena Jessup, 9; Alysia Shearer and Jessica Largent, 2 each; and Kylena Hager, 1.

Northern Valley girls' next action will be Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the Franklin Invitational Holiday Tournament.

Brewster 90, Northern Valley 51

Score by quarters:
N. Valley 13 7 16 15 — 51
Brewster 26 22 22 20 — 90

Northern Valley

Cole 0 6 6-4 22, Woodside 6 0 5-3 15, Jessup 0 3 0-0 9, Shearer 1 0 0-0 2, Largent 0 0 2-2 2, Hager 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 79 15-10 51.

Brewster

Schultz 15 0 3-0 30, Reid 3 2 2-2 14, M. Allen 4 1 4-2 13, Rush 5 0 0-0 10, Crummine 2 0 4-2 6, Flanders 3 0 0-0 6, Carpenter 3 0 0-0 6, Hoyt 0 0 4-3 3, A. Allen 0 0 6-2 2. Totals 35 3 23-11, 90.



Lady Husky Kelly Cole brings the ball down court in the game against Brewster on Tuesday.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble



In the game against Brewster on Tuesday, Northern Valley's Joey Copper brings down a rebound with two Brewster defenders close by.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Norton eighth-grade girls won Smith Center Tourney

The Norton eighth-grade girls basketball team was undefeated at the Smith Center Tournament on Dec. 10, beating the Redmen 24-21 and Belleville 38-25.

Smith Center

"Traveling once again to Smith Center for their 'Saturday Invitational', we took on the hosts in the 9 a.m. game and found out early we had a fight on our hands," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman. "We put a good defensive scheme on the floor, but just did not convert our defensive efforts into scores, which made it all the tougher as we only won 24-21.

"Any defensive scheme needs intensity to work well and as a team we just were not as intense as we will need to be next time we take the floor for an early morning game, which will be a league tournament game. The lack of intensity shows in our lack of deflects as the team only had seven. Lacy Keilig, Shelby Jones and Amanda Ray each got a hand on two. This resulted in the team only taking 11 steals — too low of a total for this

group of defenders. Hannah Waggoner, who took four, and Kaitlyn Wolf, who grabbed three, were the leaders.

"We were out-rebounded, which can not happen in the league tournament or we will be coming home without the goal we hope to accomplish — another league title. Our leaders were Keilig with six, Ashlie Stewart with five and Waggoner with four.

"Four assists were handed out with Ray finding two teammates open for scores."

Ray led scoring for the Lady Jays with 11 points, followed by Stewart with 9, and Keilig and Wolf with 2 each.

Belleville

"The junior high Lady Jays finished their regular season," said Coach Zimmerman. "Yes, it's already over. Against Belleville at the Smith Center Tournament we came away with a total team victory by the score of 38-25.

"Our first group played early, building a 9 point lead and then turned the game over to their sis-

ters and the 'Blue' team, who used their half court pressure defense, which caused some Belleville turnovers. The ladies increased the lead and finished the game with the 13 point margin.

"Our deflect leader was Wolf with five, followed by Ray with three and Raven Brown with two.

"Steals were taken by Ray with three, while Keilig, Jones, Brown and Waggoner each took two.

"Rebounds were gathered in by Wolf with seven and Keilig, Waggoner and Ray with three each.

"Assists were dished out by Waggoner, who found four teammates open, while Stewart and Alyssa Thomson found two each."

Stewart led scoring for Norton with 9, followed by Wolf and Ray, 7 each; Winkel, 6; Roy, 4; Keilig and Thomson, 2 each; and Kendra Engelbert, 1.

The eighth-grade Lady Jays will compete in the Mid-Continent Elementary League feather bracket on Thursday, Jan. 5, and the league tournament on Saturday, Jan. 7.

Seventh-grade Lady Jays lose to undefeated Ellis in basketball

The Norton seventh-grade Lady Jays basketball team lost to undefeated Ellis on Dec. 8.

"The seventh-grade girls traveled to play the undefeated Ellis team," said Coach Anne Stiles. "The girls came out strong during the first half. They stayed close with them and played right along with Ellis.

"They did a great job getting the ball down the court and setting up the offense and running through it. Ellis was a lot taller than our girls, but we held our own.

"The team did a great job on the press and also on defense as a whole. The defensive statistics were very impressive for this group. The team had a total of 17 steals. Leading steals was Diedre Kramer with five; Kaylen Rossi had three steals.

"The girls showed a lot of improvement in rebounding also. Our posts showed a lot of strength. Leading in rebounds was Kramer with seven and right behind her was Dustyna Sprigg with five. The team totaled 18 rebounds against

Ellis.

"The girls did a good job of hustling and playing defense in general. Offensively, the girls need to shoot more, which we are working on. Hopefully, we can take our skills to Smith Center and come away with two wins."

Kramer and Meaghan Peterson led scoring for Norton with 4 points each, followed by Kelsie Griffith, Rebekah Streck, Rossi, Lindsey Tacha, Sprigg and Shalynn Boteler, 2 each.

Logan boys team loses to Natoma in Tuesday night basketball action

The Logan High boys basketball team lost to Natoma, 57-47 on Tuesday.

The Trojans were behind in the first, but held the lead by one point at the half. They kept it into the third quarter, but then Natoma came from behind to win: 15-10, 29-18, 40-35, 57-47.

Kyle Brobst led scoring for Logan with 8 points, followed by Tim McElroy, Bryant Reese and Ethan Gottschalk, 7 each; Zach Long and

Lee Van Loenen, 6 each; Jeff Brown, 4; and Kevin Burge, 2.

The Trojans will host Golden Plains in Logan on Friday, Jan. 6, after returning from winter break. The first game is set to start at 4:30 p.m.

Natoma 57, Logan 47

Score by quarter:
Logan 10 19 11 7 — 47
Natoma 15 13 7 22 — 57

7, Reese 3 0 4-1 7, Babcock 3 0 6-1 7, Zach Long 3 0 0-0 6, Van Loenen 3 0 0-0 6, Brown 2 0 0-0 4, Burge 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 20 1 20-4 47.

Natoma

T. Masters 7 0 15-12 26, J. Crawford 0 3 8-5 14, C. Lawson 2 0 10-6 10, M. McNeal 0 0 4-3 3, C. Dunlap 0 0 6-3 3, J. Theleman 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 93 45-30 57.

Northern Valley Husky boys receive loss from Brewster

The Northern Valley High boys basketball team was beaten, 93-46, by Brewster Tuesday.

Brewster took the lead in the first quarter and the Huskies were never able to catch up: 29-2, 57-20, 75-29, 93-46.

David Harris led scoring for Northern Valley with 10 points, followed by Henry Griffiths, 9; Cole Kinderknecht, 8; Andrew Sheley, 7; Avery Thalheim, 5; Joey Copper, 4; Tanner Jessup, 2; and

Bryce Marble, 1.

Northern Valley boys' next action will be Thursday at 4:15 p.m. at the Franklin Invitational Holiday Tournament.

Brewster 93

Northern Valley 46

Score by quarters:
N. Valley 2 18 9 17 — 46
Brewster 29 28 18 18 — 93

Northern Valley

Harris 2 2 2-0 10, Griffiths 4 0 2-1 9, Kinderknecht 3 0 2-2 8,

Sheley 3 0 2-1 7, Thalheim 1 0 6-3 5, Copper 2 0 0-0 4, Jessup 0 0 2-2 2, Marble 0 0 2-1 1. Totals 152 18-10 46.

Brewster

J. Reid 5 2 3-3 19, K. O'Conner 7 0 5-3 17, J. Collett 4 0 2-2 10, C. Williams 1 2 2-2 10, K. Selby 3 1 0-0 9, A. Horinek 2 1 0-0 7, A. Starns 2 0 5-2 6, B. Gilley 2 0 2-2 6, C. Siruta 2 0 1-0 4, G. Smith 1 0 2-1 3, M. Collett 1 0 1-0 2. Totals 30 6 23-15 93.

Norton eighth-grade girls' defense too much for Ellis

The Norton eighth-grade girls basketball teams defeated Ellis 38-25 on Dec. 8.

"The junior high Lady Jays traveled to Ellis to tangle with the Steamers on their floor and came away with a 38-25 victory," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman.

"Once again our defense played a major role in this victory as our team got their fingers on 28 of Ellis' attempted passes or shots. We had 28 deflects as a team, a tremendous amount that led to 21 team steals. Definitely a contributor to our victory, these efforts were converted into shots of which we did score on a few.

"Our deflect leaders were Lacy Keilig and Ashlie Stewart with 4 each, followed by Beth Winkel, Kaitlyn Wolf and Amanda Ray with 3 each. Shelby Jones, Raven Brown, Austine Dole and Alyssa Thomson each deflected 2.

"We teach that the deflect is a hustle stat that allows us to get more steals. Our leaders here who really need to thank the deflect leaders were Stewart with four, Winkel and Ray with three each, and Keilig, Hannah Waggoner and Wolf with two each.

"Rebounding honors were

shared by Ray and Stewart with four each, while Jones Waggoner and Wolf each took three off the boards.

"Leader in assists was Stewart with three."

Ray led scoring with 12 points, followed by Stewart and Wolf with 8 each, Jones with 4, and Keilig, Waggoner and Winkel with 2 each.

The junior varsity creamed Ellis, winning 40-7.

"The junior varsity Lady Jays ended the season undefeated by beating the Ellis Railroaders 40-7," said Coach Lynette Archer. "With team captains Brandi Graham and Kendra Engelbert leading their squad, the Jays had a very successful game.

"Overall, the team's shooting percentages were good. We shot 34 percent, 10 of 29 in the first half and 45 percent, 10 for 22 the second half. Beth Roy led the team with 14 points, along with Emily Juenemann and Dole, who both added 8 points.

"The team's defensive intensity was the best I've seen all year. The ladies hustled the whole game. Roy had 11 steals, while Raven Brown had five steals for the night. Everyone on the court listened to

me and to their teammates. Communication between teammates was the key to the success we have had.

"We have been working hard on boxing out and pulling down rebounds at practice and it showed. Our leading rebounders were Stephanie Eagleburger, Dole and Roy, all with five rebounds each. Brown and Kelsey Nuzum led us in deflects with Brown having five and Kelsey with three.

"As the season comes to an end, I would like to thank all the players who played for me. I have learned a lot about coaching from Coach Zimmerman and Coach Anne Styles. The Blue Jay pride that this team has shown this year has been wonderful. I believe that you can't teach desire. This year's team showed me the desire and a willingness to learn that any coach would love to see their team possess. I wish all the players the best of luck in the years to come."

The eighth-grade Lady Jays will compete in the Mid-Continent Elementary League feather bracket on Thursday, Jan. 5, and the league tournament on Saturday, Jan. 7.

Logan's girls basketball team beat Natoma, 36-26, Tuesday

The Logan Lady Trojans basketball team defeated Natoma 36-26 on Tuesday.

"Definitely not the greatest game for fans, but we won the game," said Coach Linda Nighswonger. "We limited Natoma's tries from the field, but did not rebound as well as the last couple of games. Our team continues to improve as we work toward our goals for the season."

Shelley Kemper led scoring for Logan's ladies with 13 points, followed by Megan Brumbaugh, 10;

Anne Hartman, 5; Shaley Van Loenen, 4; and Jenny Archer, 4.

Out of the team's 20 rebounds, honors went to Kemper with 6, Brumbaugh with four, and Noel with three.

Noel and Kemper led steals. Noel took five of the team's 15, while Kemper grabbed four.

Noel led assists with six, while Brumbaugh made three.

Kemper made the team's only block.

The Lady Trojans will host Golden Plains on Friday, Jan. 6,

after getting back from winter break. The game is set to begin at 4:30 p.m.

Logan 36, Natoma 26

Score by quarter:
Logan 11 10 7 8 — 36
Natoma 4 11 5 6 — 26

Logan

Kemper 3 1 5-4 13, Brumbaugh 2 2 2-0 10, Hartman 2 0 2-1 5, Van Loenen 2 0 0-0 4, Archer 2 0 0-0 4. Totals 11 3 9-5 36.

Natoma

Eickhoff 12 0 3-2 26, Pruter 2 0 0-0 4, Murphy 2 0 0-0 4. Totals 12 0 3-2 26.