



The Northern Valley boys defeated Logan last night, 83-69, to advance to a regional game on Thursday. Above, Avery Thalheim drives past a Logan defender to score a basket for the Huskies. Thalheim was the hot shooter for the Huskies last night in the game as he tallied 39 points on 19 of 24 free throws, four 3-pointers and four 2-pointers. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

# Northern Valley Huskies beat Western Plains, 48-38

It's a rare occasion when two basketball teams score only 2 points in a given quarter, but that is what happened Friday night when the Northern Valley Huskies defeated the Western Plains Bobcats 48-38 in Almena.

Western Plains managed but 2 points in the second quarter, while the Huskies were shot shy in the third, hitting for only 2 points.

The Huskies did have a goodeye for the basket in the first period with 15 points, the second with 16 and the final quarter with 15.

The Bobcats hit for 12 in the opening frame, 9 in the third and 15 in the fourth.

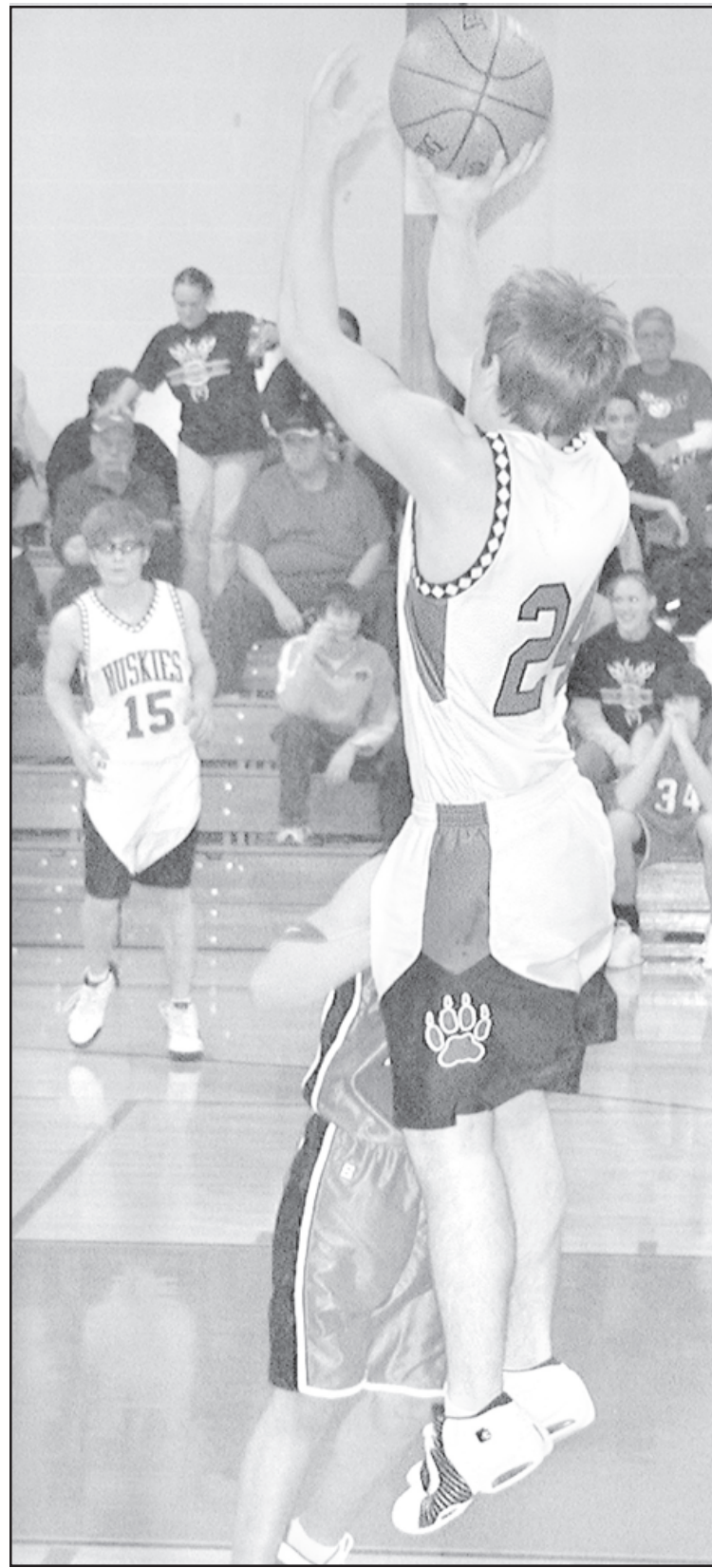
At the end of the first stanza, Northern Valley was on top by 3, 15-12. At halftime it was Northern Valley 31 and Western Plains 14. At the end of three, the Huskies were up by 10, 33-23, despite the 2-point output. Both teams hit for 15 in the fourth, but Northern Valley's leads were too great for Western Plains to overcome.

The Huskies' top stocking stuffer was Joey Copper with 20 points. Teammate Avery Thalheim was also in double figures with 16.

The Bobcats' Dustin Schreiber put through 19 points.

<b>Northern Valley 48</b>	<b>Western Plains 38</b>
<b>Score by quarters:</b>	
Huskies 15 16 2 15 — 48	Bobcats 12 2 9 15 — 38
<b>Individually:</b>	
<b>Northern Valley</b>	
(FG 2's, 3's; FTA, FTM; TP)	
Ethan Hays 0 0 1-0 0; Cole Kinderknecht 2 0 0-0 4; Avery Thalheim 13 6-5 16; Joey Copper	

806-420; Andrew Sheley 400-0-8; Tanner Jessup 00 1-0-0. Totals: 15 3 14-9 48.
<b>Western Plains</b>
Ryan McLain 1 1 2-1 6; Jonathan Flax 1 0 0-0 2; Dustin Schreiber 7 1 4-2 19; Matt Casey 1 0 0-0 2; William Greenway 2 0 6-3 7; Dylan Gross 1 0 0-0 2. Totals: 13 2 12-6 38.



Northern Valley senior Cole Kinderknecht sinks a two-point jump shot in the game Friday in Almena against the Western Plains Bobcats. In the distance is Cody Lowry, No. 15, for the Huskies. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

## Northern Valley boys beat Logan to advance in regional tourney

Thalheim scores 39 points, Copper adds 29 as the Huskies score 83

**By TOM DREILING**  
WOW! is the only way to describe last night's Class 1A Regional basketball game at Logan between the Northern Valley Huskies and the Logan Trojans. The Huskies won the game convincingly, 83-68. But there were a couple more WOWs to mention:

- Like... Northern Valley's Avery Thalheim and Joey Copper combining for 68 points to equal the entire Logan team's output. Thalheim was hotter than a prairie fire, burning the nets for 39 points, while teammate Copper had a fire of his own going with a

heat-driven 29 points.

- And then in the second quarter, the Huskies banged in 32 points, mostly on the shooting of the T&C duo and Andrew Sheley, who tallied 7 points on the night. Other Huskies scoring were Cody Lowry with 4 points, and Ethan Hays and Bryce Marble each with 2.

Logan had three players in double digits — Tim McElroy with 17, Zach Long with 14 and Troy Babcock with 10.

The victory moves the Huskies into semi-final action on Thursday at 6 p.m. at Palco where they will take on Kensington-West Smith

which had a first-round bye. Kensington brings a 16-3 record onto the floor and Northern Valley a 6-14 mark.

Logan entered last night's game with a 9-10 record.

<b>Northern Valley 83</b>	<b>Logan 68</b>
<b>Score by quarters:</b>	
No. Valley 16 32 17 18 — 83	Logan 11 14 24 19 — 68
<b>Individually:</b>	
Northern Valley	
Ethan Hays 0 0 2-2 2; Cody Lowry 0 1 3-1 4; Bryce Marble 1 0 0-0 2; Avery Thalheim 4 4 24-19 39; Joey Copper 9 0 14-11 29; Andrew Sheley 1 1 4-2 7. Totals:	

15 6 47-35 83.

Logan  
Tim McElroy 7 0 6-3 17; Kyle Brobst 2 0 1-0 4; Lee VanLoenen 1 0 2-1 3; Kevin Burge 3 1 2-0 9; Jeff Brown 1 1 0-0 5; Trey Babcock 1 2 2-2 10; Zach Long 1 3 5-3 14; Ethan Gottschalk 3 0 1-0 6. Totals: 19 7 19-9 68.



## Lady Huskies win by one point over Western Plains on Friday

This was one of those games that was in doubt until the final buzzer. In the end, the Northern Valley basketball varsity ladies edged the Western Plains Lady Bobcats 38-37 at Almena Friday night.

Witness:

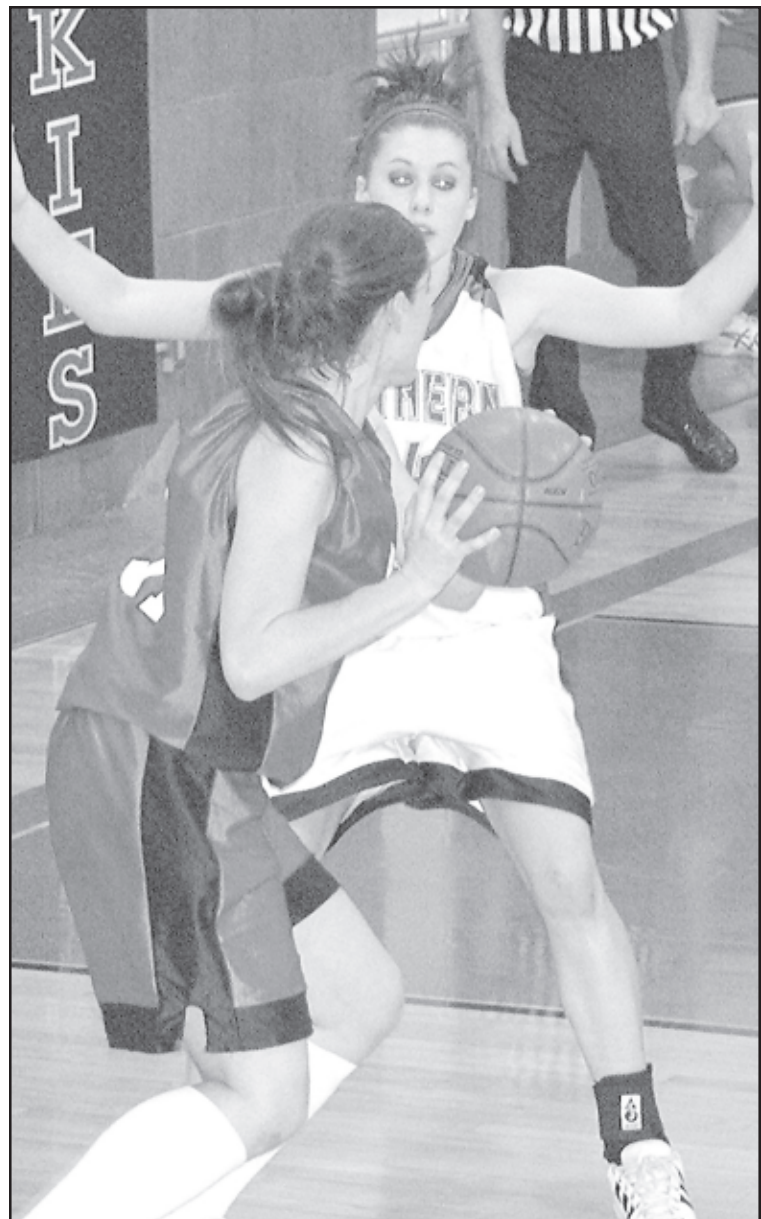
- At the end of the first quarter, Northern Valley held a 14-10 lead.
- At the break, it was Western Plains in the lead, 20-19.
- At the end of three quarters of action, the Huskies were again on top, 30-28.
- The final quarter found the Bobcats scoring 8 points to Northern Valley's 7, giving the hometowners the hair-thin 1-point "W."

Northern Valley didn't have anyone in double figures, while Western Plains had two players earning that honor, with Jill Weeks scoring 12 and Amy Flax 10.

<b>Northern Valley 37</b>	<b>Western Plains 36</b>
<b>Score by quarters:</b>	
Huskies 14 5 11 7 — 37	Bobcats 10 10 8 8 — 36
<b>Individually:</b>	
<b>Northern Valley</b>	
Kelli Cole 1 2 0-0 8; Andrea Lowry 0 2 0-0 6; Joni Hilburn 1 0 2-0 2; Serena Woodside 3 0 1-0 6; Jena Jessup 3 1 0-0 9; Jessica Largent 3 0 2-0 6. Totals: 11 5 5-0 37.	
<b>Western Plains</b>	
Ashley Lutters 1 0 3-2 4; Amy Flax 4 0 2-2 10; Alison Mishler 4 0 2-0 8; Bailey Glasscock 1 0 0-0 2; Jill Weeks 5 0 3-2 12. Totals: 15 0 10-6 36.	

Western Plains, third at 3-2; Logan, fourth at 2-3; Kensington, fifth at 1-4; and Palco sixth at 0-5.

The Northern Valley junior varsity ladies finished the season with a 6-6 record.



Kelli Cole applies tough defense to a Western Plains Lady Bobcat in the game Friday in Almena. The Northern Valley girls held on to win the game by one point to wrap up their regular season. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

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