Northern Valley can't hold off Alma Cardinals

By Mike Stephens

mstephens@nwkansas.com The Northern Valley boys varsity basketball team looked to close out January with a win at home Tuesday night but it wasn't meant to be as the Alma Cardinals crushed the Huskies, 60-27.

The outcome was never in doubt. First quarter, the Cardinals came out on fire, pouring in 20 points to set the tone and the Huskies struggled mightily, managing only four points.

For the second quarter, the Huskies improved offensively with a 12-point effort. Junior Tyson Callaway accounted for six points in the quarter but the Huskies continued to lose

ground to the hot shooting Cardinals, who put up 19 points in the quarter, and took a 23 point lead into halftime, 39-16.

Third quarter, Alma went cold from the floor, scoring only nine points, but the Huskies went cold as well, scoring six points in the quarter, and were not able to take advantage. Huskies trailed the Cardinals 48-22, after three quarters.

In the fourth quarter, Alma was on cruise control and Northern Valley went ice cold. The Cardinals put up another 12 points and the Huskies managed only five points. Northern Valley lost big at home to Alma 60-27.

After the game, Northern Valley head coach Chuck Fessenden summed up his team's performance.

"Alma jumped on us early and got out to a good lead. We became impatient and started firing up bad shots. Tyson Callaway did a good job of getting to the basket and this was probably his best game of the season," said Fessenden.

In junior varsity action, Northern Valley won 42-32 over Alma.

Freshman Matt Stutsman was the leading scorer with 21 points and sophomore Ian Vincent added 13 more.

Vincent also led in rebounding with 10 boards.

Huskies lose road battle with Palco Roosters, 52-38

By Mike Stephens

mstephens@nwkansas.com The Northern Valley varsity boys basketball team has a new emerging scorer but wins remain elusive as the Huskies lost a tough one on the road to the Palco Roosters, 52-38.

Sophomore Jordan Baird scored five points for the Huskies, as did senior Kody Hamel for the Roosters. Palco led by three after the first quarter. 12-9.

Second quarter, senior Tyler Montgomery put in four points but the Huskies struggled offensively and the Roosters took a 24-18 halftime lead.

Third quarter, Baird came out firing for the Huskies scoring eight points but the team only added two more points and Palco remained consistent, scoring another 12 points and extending its lead over the Huskies, 36-28.

In the fourth, Baird again led the way with six more points and finished with a team high 21 points, but it wasn't enough against a solid team effort by the Roosters, who added another 16 points in the frame and earned a 52-38 victory over the Huskies.

Head coach Chuck Fessenden had plenty to address after the game.

"We missed too many shots on the inside early in the game. Rebounding was a big factor in the game," said Fessenden. "The Palco kids were aggressive and went after the ball hard. Palco just gradually pulled away from us. They were able to outscore us by two or three points in each of the first three quarters."

Jordan Baird's 21-point performance was the bright spot in the game for the Huskies and Fessenden took notice.

"On the positive side, Jordan Baird is starting to turn into a consistent scorer for us," said Fessenden.

Junior Tyson Callaway and Baird led the Huskies in rebounding with four each.

Snow postpones last weekend's sports and activities

Scheduled sports events in the Norton area on Friday and Saturday were postponed or canceled due to the winter storm.

The Norton Community High School wrestling dual with Smith Center was postponed until this Thursday along with the Norton Junior High Wrestling Tournament.

Both will be held in the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym on East Campus at 600 N. State on Thursday.

The wrestling tournament will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will include teams from Norton, Ellis, Smith Center, St. Francis and Stockton.

At 6:30 p.m., the Junior High Cheer Dance will be held.

Since it will be "Senior Night" for the Norton Community High School wrestlers, the two senior wrestlers R.J. Ellis and Cayleb Campbell will be honored at 7

p.m.

The wrestling dual for both varsity and junior varsity high school wrestlers versus Smith Center will begin at 7:10 p.m.

The Panther Classic high school wrestling tournament was scheduled for which

Saturday in Phillipsburg has been canceled.

The high school basketball games which were planned for Friday in Hill City have been postponed until Thursday, Feb. 16.

The Logan high school

baksetball games with Thunder Ridge which had been scheduled for Friday in Logan have also been postponed until Thursday, Feb. 16.

Northern Valley did not have scheduled games on Friday.

HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum presents the "35th Annual High School Art Show." Art students from area schools look forward to showing off their artistic talents in the Hansen Museum gallery. This exhibit will open Feb. 10, and run through March 11 and consists of a variety of art forms. Displayed by category, they are painting acrylics/oils, watercolor and tempera, pencil and drawing, ink and scratch board, printmaking, colored pencil, 3-dimensional and sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, graphic design, pastel/crayon, charcoal and mixed media.

We will be holding a pie baking class in the community room on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 5:30 p.m. Anna Schremmer from Phillipsburg will be teaching the class. There's only room for 12, so get signed up if you are interested. Call the office for the details.

The next Joy of Painting Class will be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18 and Feb. 19. If interested, call in and get signed up. We also have a registration form on the website www.hansenmuseum.org.

The "Ventriloquist" from the Bureau of Lectures Program and sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Museum will perform on Tuesday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m. This program will be held in the Logan Grade School Auditorium and is open to the public.

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