

Broncos continue to show improvement on mat

by Coach Justin Berg

The kids wrestled well in both matches. We still need kids to get healthy and continue to push themselves and their teammates much harder if we are going to continue to win matches. The kids have been getting some good practice time in and it has been noticed every time we step on the mat. We continue to get better, but we need to do so if we are going to be successful.

The Broncos next wrestle this Tuesday at Clarissa against Parkers Prairie.

United North Central 51
Browerville/Eagle Valley 21
106 Noah Becker, BEV, fall

Austin Bacon, 1:40
113 Tommy Tellers, UNC open
120 Adam Suttler, BEV, fall
Micah Aho, 3:52
126 Jake Malone, UNC, fall
Ridge Quitorff, 3:03
132 Preston Irsfeld, BEV, fall
Craig Issacson, :26
138 Max Pajari, UNC, dec
Taylor Kent, 12-7
145 Wyatt Puttonen, UNC, dec
Jordan Statema, 9-4
152 Mike Johnson, UNC, fall
Matthew Schettler, 4:36
160 Dylan Huttunen, UNC, fall
Avery Kuhnau, 5:58
170 Austin Butler, BEV, dec
Tristan Palmer, 4-3
182 Tanner Bacon, UNC, fall
Andrew Espree, 4:25
195 Taylor Carlson, UNC, fall
Jake Gaida, 1:30

220 Jake Shepersky, UNC, dec
Dylan Felix, 7-3
Hwt Landon Oshie, UNC, open

Browerville/Eagle Valley 63
Ortonville 18
106 Noah Becker, fall
113 open
120 Adam Suttler, fall
128 Ridge Quistorf, fall
132 Preston Irsfeld, fall
138 Tylor Kent, forfeit
145 Jordan Statema, fall
152 Matthew Schettler, fall
160 Dillon Borchert, decision
170 Avery Kuhnau, fall
182 Austin Butler, fall
195 Jake Gaida, fall
220 Andrew Espree, pinned
285 open

SPORTS SCHEDULE

BERTHA-HEWITT
GIRLS BASKETBALL
December 22, (A)
Brandon-Evansville, 7:45 p.m.
December 28-29 (A)
Upsala Holiday Tourn., TBD
BOYS BASKETBALL
December 22, (H)
Upsala, 7:45 p.m.

EAGLE VALLEY
GIRLS BASKETBALL
December 22, (A)
Menahga, 7:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL
December 22, (H)
LPGE, 7:30 p.m.

BROWERVILLE
GIRLS BASKETBALL
December 28-29, (A)
Upsala Holiday Tourn., TBD

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Lady Rebels drop game to Royals



Rachel Stoterau did her best to get off this shot, even though she was practically blindfolded with hands to the face. The Rebels ended up losing to the Royals 47-76, dropping them to 0-4 on the season. No article was available from Coach Boser at press time.

—photo by Blake Borst

Prairie Conference “Athlete of the week”



During the week of December 12-16, Tate Benning, senior point guard for Eagle Valley, recorded a combined 32 points, 11 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals.

He was 6 for 8 from the field, 3 for 3 from 3-point land and 4 for 4 from the free-throw line in the home opener against WCA.

Benning also scored the winning basket against Swanville. With 1.8 seconds on the clock, he pulled down an offensive rebound and made the put back. He then stole the ball on the in-bound pass to seal the 59-58 victory.

Benning was chosen for the Prairie Conference Athlete of the Week for his accomplishments.

Congratulations Tate!

Rebels get two more wins, improve to 4-0



Despite hands in his face, senior forward Tyler Oftedahl was able to get this shot off from the perimeter for two points.

—photo by Blake Borst

Sebaka

The Trojans came to town on Friday night. Having a game on back to back nights is tough. We came out of the gates a little sluggish and they came out on fire.

Our game plan was to play a zone defense. But the hot hand of Paul Funk and Carlos Castro proved that to be a mistake. They shot the lights out early. In the first half the Trojans shot 57% and were 7 of 11 from 3 point land.

Our stats were not as favorable. We started cold again at 28% and 2 for 13 from the 3 point territory in the half.

Six minutes into the game we found ourselves down again, 9-18. We trailed at the half 27-33.

Coming out of the locker room we knew we needed to shut Funk down. He put up 14 shots and had 18 points in the first half. Mock and Benning were called on to alternate defending him on every possession. Funk only put up 3 shots the whole second half and did not score.

We also made a couple adjustments in our offense. We knew we needed to get the ball inside—and also really needed to control the boards.

Oftedahl was playing well and the team rallied around him giving him the ball. He racked up 10 assists in the second half.

With thirteen minutes left in the game Mock had a nice pass to Nelson underneath. Nelson converted to give us our first lead of the game at 40-38. We never looked back from that point on and went on to win by a score of 73-64.

The Trojans shot 41% to our 38% on the night, but again it would come down to free throws in the end. The Trojans were 13 of 16 from the line and we were 20 of 26.

Oftedahl had a great night, as he led all scorers and recorded another double-double, with 27 points, 12 rebounds and was 7 for 8 from the charity stripe. Benning had another good night as well, adding 19 points. Mock added 13 points and pulled down 6 boards. Nelson played with a lot of intensity which really fired the team up. He finished with 10 points and 9 rebounds. Zimmer also had some quality minutes and added 4 points.

	Pts	Rbd	Ast	Stl	Blk
Riedel	0	2	3	0	1
Oftedahl	27	12	3	3	0
Bailey	0	0	0	1	0
Benning	19	3	3	1	0
Meyer	0	1	0	0	0
Nelson	10	9	1	2	1
Mock	13	6	3	0	0
Zimmer	4	1	0	2	0

On Monday night, after this issue went to press we traveled to the Parkers Prairie Holiday Tournament to face the Browerville Tigers who also were undefeated at 5-0. We also played Tuesday night in Parkers Prairie for day two of the tournament. Our last game before Christmas break will be Thursday night. We will host the Thunder from Long Prairie-Grey Eagle. The Thunder are also undefeated on the season at 5-0.

Tyler Oftedahl hit Tate Benning on the skip pass. Benning converted the layup. The Royals then would foul on the next possession to stop the clock. With 20 seconds in the game Luke Mock was sent to the line. He made both to give us a 72-65 lead. The Royals came down and hit a three. Benning was fouled on the inbounds and he made both free throws to seal the win.

The Royals shot 40% on the night to our 39%. But they had three players foul out of the game and sent us to the line 40 times. We didn't shoot well only converting 22 of them, but that would be the difference in the game. We played a very clean second half only committing three team fouls. The Royals were 6 of 9 from the line on the night.

Leading all scorers was Benning with 22. Oftedahl had another double double with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Jerod Nelson and Luke Mock both had a very good night. They scored 10 and 12 respectively and both pulled down 8 boards apiece. Riedel added 8 points, Neil Zimmer had 6 rebounds and 3 steals. He also put in 4 points, Bailey had 3 and Meyer 2.

This was a good team win. It was an exciting atmosphere to play in. The crowd was very loud. Both teams were playing extremely hard. Our varsity experience from last year payed off in the end. We never lost our composure no matter if we were behind or had a narrow lead.

The final was 74-68.

	Pts	Rbd	Ast	Stl	Blk
Riedel	8	3	1	1	0
Oftedahl	13	10	2	1	0
Bailey	3	0	0	1	0
Benning	22	5	2	3	0
Meyer	2	0	0	0	0
Nelson	10	8	0	2	0
Mock	12	8	4	1	0
Zimmer	4	6	1	3	0

Bowling

Wednesday Inter-City League

Results from December 14:

	W	L
Benson Construction	18	10
Clarissa Ballroom	18	10
Busy B. Café	15	13
Baso Insurance	13	15
Central Ag	11	17
Berg Electric	9	19

High games: Carroll Miller 228; Larry Dickinson 226; Vic Carlson 215

High series: Larry Dickinson 619; Mike Blommel 594; Rod Nauher 552

Splits: Dave Dezell 6-7-10

Thursday City

Results from December 15:

	W	L
SCW Construction	224.5	180.5
Alisha's Care Center	210	195
Harms	202.5	202.5
Eagle Bend Vets I	202.5	202.5
NAPA Auto Parts	189.5	215.5
Eagle Bend Vets II	185	220

High game: Doug Foote 217; Darrel Kappahn 184; Bob Sudbeck 183

High series: Doug Foote 545; Doug Dvorak 491; Darrel Kappahn 467

High ladies game: Yvonne Jahraus 158, 153; Amy Claseman 153

High ladies series: Yvonne Jahraus 449; Amy Claseman 444

Friday Daytimers

Results from December 16:

	W	L
Creative Floors	31	25
Al's	30	26
Stampin' Up	26	30
Gene Captain's Pro Shop	25	31

High games: Helen Husfeldt 180, 162; Char Blommel 168, 166; Winnie Whitaker 144

High series: Helen Husfeldt 459; Char Blommel 448; Tammy Anderson 400

Bears top Trojans on the road Overcome Pirates in overtime thriller



Skylar Voge was fouled hard by the Pirates Travis Dittberner, sending Voge to the foul line late in the second half of play.

—photo by Matt Ganz

by Coach Dale Finck

The Bears were on the road this week for two competitive Park Region conference games. On Tuesday, the Bears were in Sebeka to face the Trojans and then on Friday they traveled to Verndale.

On Tuesday night, the Trojans came out focusing on stopping Frethem and the Bears were ready as we scored 10 straight points to start the game. After a quick timeout, the Trojans settled in and the Bears started to hesitate offensively. Voge led the Bears in the first half scoring eight points and taking advantage of the Trojans. At halftime the Bears were up 25-20.

In the second half, we were able to stretch the lead to 11 points as Murphy heated up. With 10:59 remaining and up 42-31 the Trojans went on an 8-0 run to cut the lead to three points with 8:46 remaining.

Despite the challenges by the Trojans the Bears stayed com-

posed and started to rebuild the lead. Paul Funk for the Trojans started to heat up so the Bears went to Preston Riewer to lock-down on Funk in attempt to keep him from single-handedly bringing them back. Riewer did just that, which turned out to be the key on the defensive end by not allowing quick or easy baskets for the Trojans. The Bears did an excellent job taking care of the basketball and taking quality shots to finish the game.

“We did an excellent job at the end of the game to make sure we came out with a win on the road, 69-62.”

The Bears were led by a career best performance by Murphy scoring 22 points, Frethem tossed in 18 and Voge 11. Tranvik had 6 assists, Voge 5 and Murphy 4. Frethem grabbed 13 rebounds.

On Friday night, the Bears and Pirates struggled offensively in the first half. Both teams were competing and working hard on the defensive end which was

keeping the game close. At the end of the first half the Bear went into the locker room with a three point lead, 19-16.

Starting the second half, the Pirates offense and energy took over the game and they went on a nice run to take the lead from us with 14:49 remaining in the half.

“We struggled to move the ball around and take advantage of scoring opportunities. The Pirates were able to build a five point lead four different times, however during this time we were starting to put the Pirates into some foul trouble and creating more pressure in the backcourt.”

With a great drive and bucket by Michael Grewe, the lead was cut to one point with five minutes remaining. After we tied the game at 38 all, Verndale hit a big three to put them up with 3:20 remaining. Our pressure defense started creating problems for the Pirates and we quickly took the lead by scoring six straight points.

The intensity and emotions of a BH and Verndale game was at its best as the Pirates willed their way back by making a great play and tied the game with eight seconds remaining. The buzzer sounded with 45-45, so it would take another five minutes to declare a winner.

On the first possession of the overtime, Murphy hit a jumper only to be answered by the Pirates within ten seconds. The Bears continued to attack inside and foul trouble was taking a toll on the Pirates. Frethem put the Bears up by two and then the dagger seemed to occur with two minutes remaining in the overtime when Tranvik hit a three from the corner. After giving up a quick basket by the Pirates in the overtime, we didn't allow another point and pulled away for a 58-47 victory.

The Bears were led by Frethem as he tossed in 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Tranvik hit four 3-point shots for 12 points, Murphy 7, Riewer, Voge and Dittberner all scored 5, and Grewe had 2.

With this win the Bears improved to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the Park Region Conference.

DNR Question of the Week

Q: There's not much snow on the ground in Minnesota yet. Are we destined for a "brown" Christmas?

A: The chances of Minnesota enjoying a white Christmas vary from place to place. A white Christmas is loosely defined as having one inch of snow on the ground on Christmas Day.

The best chances of having a white Christmas is almost guaranteed in the Boundary Waters

Canoe Area and most of the Arrowhead region. The odds decrease the farther south and west you go, and tip more in favor of a "brown" Christmas.

For example, in far southwestern Minnesota the chances of a white Christmas are a little better than 60 percent. In 106 years of snow depth measurements in the Twin Cities, a white Christmas happens about 72 percent of the time. From 1905 to 2010 there were

30 years with either "zero" or a "trace" of snow. The last time the Twin Cities saw a "brown" Christmas was in 2006. The deepest snow cover on December 25 was in 1983 with a hefty 20 inches in the Twin Cities, 21 inches in International Falls and 28 inches in Duluth.

To find out the probability of a white Christmas in your area, log on to http://climate.umn.edu/doc/journal/white_christmas.htm.