

Lady Bears take to the road



Deanna Mikkelson



Arei Stokes



Kathryn VanDenheuvel

by Mick Stokes

After starting their season with six straight home games the Lady Bears are going to have to be road warriors now and play six consecutive road games. Life on the road started with a trip to Nevis. The Lady Bears played a bit out of control at times and struggled to

get into a good offensive rhythm as they fell to the Tigers 56-51.

“We had a chance to tie or take the lead a couple of times with less than two minutes to go and we turned the ball over before we even gave ourselves a chance to score,” explained Coach Harig. “Nevis is very athletic and quick, but this is

a game we could have won if we had made smarter choices at critical moments. We shot almost as many times from beyond the three point arc as we did regular field goals. We have to get the ball inside for better shots, and get ourselves to the free-throw line and not settle for the long shot as much. Our free throw shooting is improving as we shot over 80% on the night, but we only made it to the charity stripe eleven times.”

Kathryn VanDenheuvel led the Bears with 14 points on the night, and Arei Stokes and Deanna Mikkelson each added 12 in the loss.

The week concluded with a trip to Evansville to play the Chargers. The Lady Bears fought hard in this game, but came up on the short end of a 51-37 final.

The Bears were much more efficient with the basketball as they cut their turnovers down, but did not shoot very well.

“The same story unfolded as we took too many shots from long range and we need to get to the paint,” said Harig. “We put some limitation on who could shoot from long range at halftime and this forced the girls to attack on offense and we did much better”.

Arei Stokes posted a double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds, and was joined in double digit scoring by Deanna Mikkelson with 12.

The Bears will travel to Upsala next week to play in a holiday tournament. They will take on Foley at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday and depending on how they do will determine when they play on Thursday.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

BERTHA-HEWITT GIRLS BASKETBALL
January 3, (A)
Henning, 7:45 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL
January 3, (A)
Ashby, 7:45 p.m.
RAIDERS WRESTLING
January 3, (A)
LPGE, 6:30 p.m.

EAGLE VALLEY GIRLS BASKETBALL
January 3, (H)
Parkers Prairie, 7:30 p.m.

BROWERVILLE GIRLS BASKETBALL
January 3, (A)
St. John's Prep, 7:30 p.m.
BOYS BASKETBALL
January 3, (H)
St. John's Prep, 7:30 p.m.

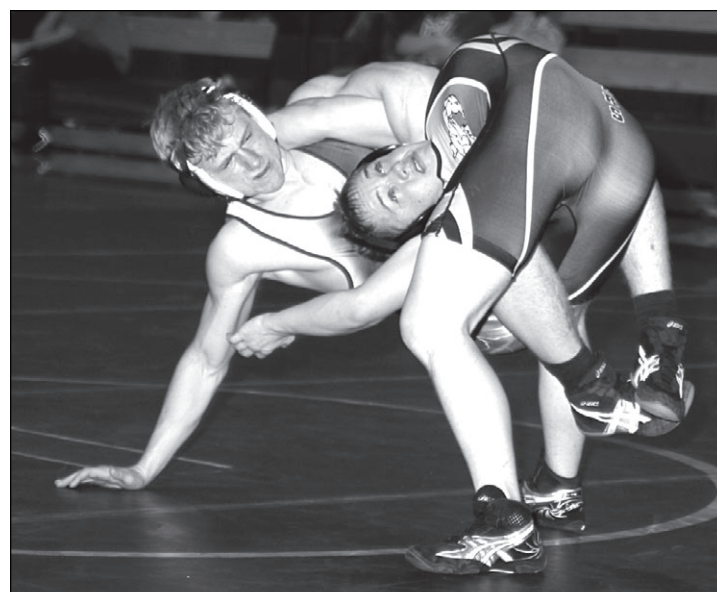
SPORTS SCHEDULE

Raiders host Triangular



Colin Turchin reached an individual milestone as he won both of his matches by fall and joined the list of wrestlers who have won at least 100 matches in their careers. Turchin's pins came in :54 and :11 seconds respectively. The Raiders found themselves on the losing end of both matches as they fell to West Central Area 42-30 and then lost to Barnesville 45-27. No article was available from Coach Barthel at press time.

—photos by Matt Ganz



The Raiders Hayden Truax found himself in an uncomfortable position as he took on this Barnesville grappler. Truax finished 1-1 during the Triangular.

Lady Rebels are Verndale Holiday Tournament Champs



Senior guard Bonnie Oliver found herself open under the basket for this easy 2-point play.

—photo by Matt Ganz

by Coach Lesa Boser

The Eagle Valley Rebels girls basketball team were home on Tuesday, December 13, to host Royalton.

We struggled to stay with the Royals in the first half. We struggled getting back to play defense, allowing six of their players to score too easily. Offensively, we rushed and weren't able to find the basket, leaving us down by 22 at the half, 16-38. Our high shooters in the 1st half were Brooke Schumann with 6 and Rachel Stoterau with 4.

The second half found us playing more focused and in control. We ran a more patient, better executed offense with Schumann adding 13 points to the score, Stoterau 4, Ashlee Blashack 5, Bonnie Oliver 5, Courtney Hinzmann 4 and Danielle Pratt 2.

Defensively we still allowed too many second and third shots by the Royals, allowing 38 more points giving a final score of 47-76.

EV-Royalton Game Stats

| | 2's | 3's | FT | Fouls | TTLPTS |
|----------|-----|-----|----|-------|--------|
| Asfeld | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Stoterau | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| Blashack | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Oliver | 4 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 9 |
| Schumann | 6 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 15 |
| Hinzmann | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Pratt | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 |

scoring with 8, followed by Stephanie Asfeld with 6, Oliver and Hinzmann each swishing a 3-pointer and Blashack and Pratt each adding 2.

Defensively, we struggled a bit containing the Thunder's inside players allowing them to put in 12 and 13 points. We were by no means out of the game going into half down only by two baskets, 24-28.

The second half didn't pose to be quite as favorable for us. We still struggled to control the two inside players for the Thunder and our offense just couldn't find the basket. Hinzmann added another 3-pointer, plus a basket, Blashack contributed two more baskets, and Oliver added another 3-pointer to only add 12 more points to our side of the scoreboard giving a final score of 36-56.

EV-LPGE Game Stats

| | 2's | 3's | FT | Fouls | TTLPTS |
|----------|-----|-----|----|-------|--------|
| Asfeld | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Stoterau | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Blashack | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| Oliver | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Schumann | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 8 |
| Hinzmann | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Pratt | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 |

December 19 found us on the road again, this time to the Holiday Tournament in Verndale. We played in the second game versus Verndale.

Our game plan was to stay patient, run our offense and look to score, as well as stay in the paint to play solid, strong defense with stepped up rebounding knowing we had to try to control a couple of the Pirates good shooters. We started out strong and solid on both ends of the court.

Offensively, we moved the ball around and had six of our seven players putting points

on the scoreboard. Leading the way were our two post players, Blashack and Schumann, with 8 points each, and our guards with 5 from Hinzmann, 4 from Oliver, 3 from Stoterau and 2 from Pratt.

However, offensively we were still trying to find a way to slow down Verndale's Teresa Moenkedick as she put in 15 of their 21 first half points. Going into the half we found some strong confidence and enthusiasm as the scoreboard read 30-21.

In the second half we knew we would still have to find a way to slow down Moenkedick while keeping up our patient offense and in the paint defense. With three players in a bit of foul trouble in the second half, our bench stepped in to help hold the Pirates down a little bit, but we still couldn't find a way to keep Moenkedick from hitting another 22 points. We did keep the game in check by once again having six players add key points and plays to our offense. Schumann added an additional 11 points, Hinzmann 9 (including a second 3-pointer), Pratt 6 (including a 4-point play as she was fouled sinking a 3-point baseline shot), Blashack 4 and Stoterau 1.

The girls handled the end of the game pressure well and we left with our first win of the season, 62-52, putting us in the championship game against Swanville.

EV-Verndale Game Stats

| | 2's | 3's | FT | Fouls | TTLPTS |
|----------|-----|-----|----|-------|--------|
| Asfeld | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Stoterau | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| Blashack | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 12 |
| Oliver | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Schumann | 8 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 19 |
| Hinzmann | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 14 |
| Pratt | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 |

We traveled back to Verndale on December 20 to play Swanville in the championship game of the Holiday Tournament. Having played Swanville two weeks earlier we had a good idea of what to expect. We knew we had to keep up the intensity from the night before, have strong, in the paint defense and a patient, well executed offense. We started out a little slow, but soon picked up the pace.

Defensively, we held the Bulldogs to 25 points at the half, but knew we couldn't let them continue on that pace.

Offensively, we spread the scoring around between five players. Hinzmann led the 1st half shooting with a 3-pointer and two additional buckets, the cousins, Asfeld and Blashack, each added six points, Schumann added a bucket and free throw and Pratt added two more free throws. We went into the locker room at halftime with the momentum on our side coming back within one, 24-25.

The second half proved to be a defensive battle. The game went up and down the court with little scoring by either team. Our defense really stepped it up by allowing the Bulldogs only three baskets and two free throws.

With time coming to an end, we brought the score back to 33-33 with two baskets from

Hinzmann, one each from Asfeld and Pratt.

With under 20 seconds to play, Stoterau drove to the basket and was fouled, sending her to the line for two. She swished the first one putting the Rebels up by one, but missed the second. Hoping our “D” would hold for a few more seconds, we guarded the paint and with two seconds left, knocked the ball out of bounds under the Bulldogs basket. We knew we needed just two more seconds of strong defense and with a buzzer shot missing, we ended the game with our second victory of the season, 34-33, and the Holiday Tournament Champions.

EV-Swanville Game Stats

| | 2's | 3's | FT | Fouls | TTLPTS |
|----------|-----|-----|----|-------|--------|
| Asfeld | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 |
| Stoterau | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Blashack | 3 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Oliver | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Schumann | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| Hinzmann | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Pratt | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 |

The Lady Rebels ended the first half of the season on the road to Menahga on Thursday, December 22. Going into the game we knew we needed to play smart, helping defense to try to control their outside shooters, especially Tara Cleveland. We jumped out a quick start and kept the Braves in check.

Offensively, we worked the ball around and eventually found a groove to put us up by one at half time, 22-21, but we had three girls in early foul trouble—Asfeld, Oliver and Schumann.

Scoring in the first half was spread out between six players: Stoterau, 2; Blashack, 6 from the line; Deandra Lunemann, 2; Oliver, 6; Schumann, 2; and Pratt, 4.

We took the court in the second half a bit slower and that allowed the Braves to find the groove they had been missing in the first half. Offensively, we struggled with the full court press put on by Menahga and a few turnovers hurt us. Cleveland found ways around our defensive, adding 25 points to the scoreboard.

Fouls were not our friends in the second half as we ended the game with four players fouling out; luckily our bench stepped up and helped to keep us in the game.

High scorer in the second half was Blashack with 8, followed by Oliver with 4, Stoterau, Schumann and Hinzmann each added 3 and Lunemann with 2.

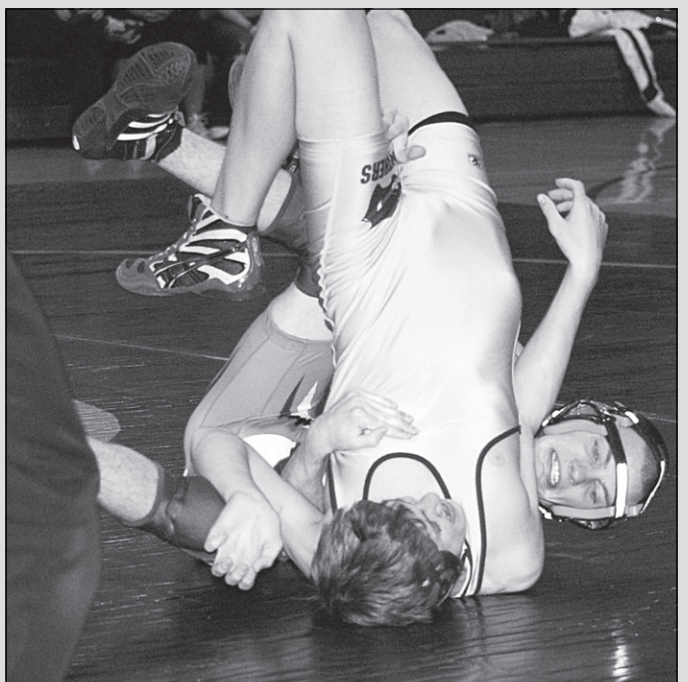
However, at the final buzzer the score was 47-68.

We come right back at it at home on Tuesday, January 3, against Parkers Prairie.

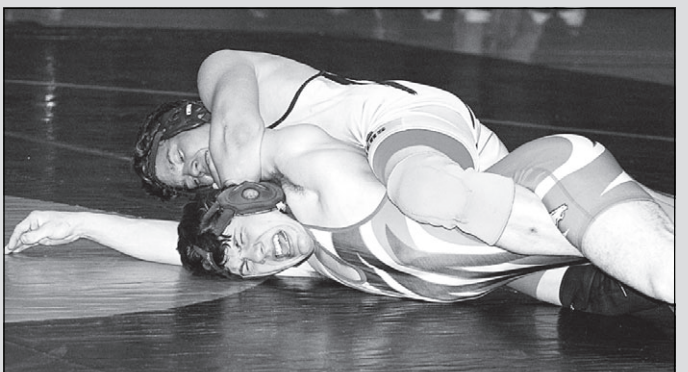
Individual Game Stats

| | 2's | 3's | FT | Fouls | TTLPTS |
|----------|-----|-----|----|-------|--------|
| Asfeld | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Stoterau | 1 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| Blashack | 4 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 14 |
| Lunemann | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Oliver | 2 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| Schumann | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| Hinzmann | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Pratt | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 4 |

Broncos defeat Panthers



Preston Irsfeld defeated his Parkers Prairie opponent Kyle Schlosser by decision at the Broncos home match on December 20. The Broncos won 60-12 over the Panthers.



The Broncos' Austin Butler fought back from this hold by his Parkers Prairie opponent. Butler won by decision. No article was available from Coach Berg at press time.

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