

Bears go 2-1 on week to improve record to 7-4



Freshman Preston Riewer had a knack for finding his range as he was able to lay this shot up.

—photo by Matt Ganz

by Coach Dale Finck

Bertha-Hewitt 54—Henning 56

On Tuesday, the Bears hosted the Henning Hornets for a Park Region Conference game. We started out 5-0, but the Hornets answered back immediately, taking the lead 5-6, and right away you had the feeling that this would be a possession by possession game.

After two free throws from Trevor Murphy, with 12:31 remaining, the Bears had taken the lead—the 5th lead change of the game. The Bears then controlled the next seven minutes building a 12 point lead and playing solid basketball on both

ends of the court. A 3-pointer and an easy put back by the Hornets cut the lead to 4 points at halftime 31-27.

In the second half, the game went back and forth with both teams competing well and making the game a possession at a time. With 8:23 remaining, the Hornets took the lead and we had to work hard to keep them within reach. The Hornets were able to build a 4 point lead before the Bears answered back to tie the game. With 0:51 remaining Matthew Frethem hit a jumper to put the Bears up by one, 52-51.

The Hornets used up about

20 seconds and were able to hit a 3-point shot to take the lead. With 20 seconds remaining the Bears had difficulty getting into our set so we called a time out. The Bears executed well and found Frethem under the rim to tie the game 54 all. With 17 seconds remaining, the Hornets were able to get up a shot, which missed and bounced through our hands allowing the Hornets to grab the rebound and put it in with a second remaining. Bears 54 – Henning 56.

The Bears were led by Frethem with 21 points, 10 rebounds and 4 assists, Murphy scored 20 points, Skylar Voge had 5 points and 7 rebounds.

Bertha-Hewitt 58—Swanville 54

The Bears hosted the Swanville Bulldogs on Thursday night in the '53 gym. The Bears scored early and never allowed the Bulldogs to take the lead or tie the game. Despite having the lead, we were on the verge of losing the lead and game several times. The game had some major runs; in the first half the Bears had a 9-0 run and a 13-0, but the Bulldogs put together a run of their own to help keep the game in reach. Despite the up and down play the Bears went into half with an 11 point lead, 33-22.

In the second half, the Bears struggled to play consistent basketball. We looked good to start the half and then the wheels fell off. The Bears shot 25% for the half and 47% from the free-throw line to allow the Bulldogs to make a charge.

With eight minutes remaining the Bears had a one point lead and just couldn't make good decisions. We started to lengthen our possessions and really worked for quality shots. We did get some high percentage shots and were able to hold on for a 58-54 win.

Frethem led the way with 18 points, 11 rebounds and 4 assists. Murphy added 15 points and 5 assists, Zach Tranvik tossed in 10 points, Preston Riewer added

7 and Voge grabbed a season high 9 rebounds.

Bertha-Hewitt 62—Pillager 53

On Friday night, the Bears hosted PRC game against the Pillager Huskies. Tranvik hit a 3-point shot early in the game, but then both teams struggled to get their offense going until about the 14 minute mark.

The first half saw three lead changes and five ties as the Bears and Huskies were battling back and forth. The Huskies were able to get in the paint and put pressure on the Bears defensively. The Bears continued to battle before taking a two point lead going into halftime.

In the second half, the Bears worked hard to get quality shots and slowly built an eight point lead, only to have the Huskies go on an 8-0 run to tie the game for the sixth time with 4:51 remaining.

The Bears answered back with two good possessions when Tranvik hit a 3 from behind the arch and then Travis Dittberner made a great drive to score a lay-up and knocked down the free throw to stretch the lead to six points. The Bears then forced the Huskies to foul as we showed patience and didn't turn the ball over.

"We really stayed focused as the Huskies mounted their last charge and didn't give them much of an opportunity to come back in the last couple minutes."

The Bears were led by Frethem's 24 points, 16 rebounds and 7 assists, Murphy continued a great week as he added 17 points and 5 assists, Tranvik tossed in 16 points. The trio did most of the scoring, but tonight might have been the best team effort from the Bears thus far this season.

Defensively we did a great job responding to the strengths of the opponent and making adjustments during the game which helped us improve our record to 7-4 on the season and 4-1 in the Park Region Conference.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

BERTHA-HEWITT

GIRLS BASKETBALL

January 24, (A)
Sebeka, 7:45 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

January 19, (A)
Menahga, 7:45 p.m.

January 24, (H)
Royalton, 7:45 p.m.

RAIDERS WRESTLING

January 20, (A)
Pierz Triangular, 5 p.m.

January 24, (A-Brow.)
B-EV Triangular, 5 p.m.

January 24, (A-Brow.)
B-EV Triangular, 5 p.m.

EAGLE VALLEY

GIRLS BASKETBALL

January 19, (A)
Browerville, 7:30 p.m.

January 24, (A)
West Central, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

January 20, (A)
Browerville, 7:30 p.m.

BRONCOS WRESTLING

January 19, (A)
New York Mills, 5 p.m.

January 24, (H-Brow.)
Broncos Triangular, 5 p.m.

BROWERVILLE

GIRLS BASKETBALL

January 19, (H)
Eagle Valley, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

January 20, (H)
Eagle Valley, 7:30 p.m.

January 24, (A)
Swanville, 7:30 p.m.

BRONCOS WRESTLING

See Eagle Valley

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Raiders pick up a win over Panthers

Finish 5th in Parkers Prairie Invitational

by Coach Mike Barthel

This week the Raiders wrestled New York Mills on Tuesday, Parkers Prairie on Thursday and then were at the Panther Invitational in Parkers Prairie on Saturday. It was a busy week and was a good test for the wrestlers.

At Mills it was a very tough start for the Raiders who fell in a 35-9 hole to start the dual. It was tough seeing our guys wrestle tough only to get pinned in the end. We were able to string together some wins down the stretch to make it a 41-33 dual.

"I think that if we can have a few guys drop weight it would really improve our line up. We just seem to be getting overpowered in some areas and hopefully if we wrestle Mills again we can turn a couple of those lower weights around and get the victory."

At Parkers we looked much stronger at the start, winning the first two matches and after receiving four forfeits we were able to run up the score a little taking a 43-15 lead into the 195 pound match. After losing a tough match at 195 and losing right at the buzzer in the 220 lb.

class, the score was a little closer, but Colin Turchin got the pin at 285, making the final score 49-21.

On Saturday, the 9th grade and under wrestlers, excluding Dillon Card, traveled to their section qualifier, so the varsity only had eight of the 14 weights filled. Even though the Raiders were able to place 5th out of 10 teams with individual placers being: Colton Moyer 6th, Hunter Truax 5th, Dalton Baker 4th, Andrew Bounds 3rd, Justin Gordon and Nick Bennett 2nd, and Colin Turchin and Dillon Card 1st.

"It was a good day of wrestling for our guys and nice to see the improvements in some of them from earlier in the year."

This next week will have the Raiders hosting United North Central on Tuesday which will be Parents' Night and then on Friday, the Raiders will travel to Pierz for a quad. On Saturday, January 21, the Raiders will be hosting a JV wrestling tournament in Bertha starting at 8:30 a.m. and then the BHV Elementary wrestling tournament with weigh-ins starting at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with wrestling starting at 1 p.m.

Young Broncos out in full force on area mats

by Jacob Lorentz

The 2011-12 season is in full swing for the Browerville/Eagle Valley Broncos youth wrestlers. Practice began on December 13, with 62 wrestlers signing on for another season on the mat. Tournaments have been a great reward for all the hard work the Broncos have been doing this season. Numerous Bronco's have been putting on the miles and wrestling through out the state of Minnesota, striving for precious mat time. The young Broncos have competed in the following tournes so far this season: Rosemount, Apple Valley, St. Michael/Albertville, Willmar, Pelican Rapids, St. Cloud Tech, Redwood Falls, Sibley East(Arlington), Pierz, Royalton, Buffalo, Osakis, Becker and Minnewaska.

Eleven Broncos competed in the Royalton Tourney on January 8. This annual event compiles team points over the course of the day and the Broncos came away with the third place hardware.

Competing for the Broncos were: Alex and Levi Line, Landon and Mason Gode, Carter Meiners, Brendan Johnson, Parker Duncan, Dalton Butler, Donny Decker, Nye Becker and Elijah Hodge. Landon, Mason, Carter, Brendan and Dalton all won championship honors. Way to go Broncos!

Ten Broncos traveled to Minnewaska on January 15 for another Pick 10 Tourney. The Broncos had nine champions, and were rewarded with runner-up honors on the day.

Alex Line, Nate Benning, Tate Twardowski, Landon and Mason Gode, Cael Lorentz, Nye Becker, Levi Line, Carter Meiners and Dalton Butler were the Broncos in attendance. An absolute tremendous day of wrestling for the Broncos! Great Job!

Practice resumes on Thursday, January 19 with picture day. Upcoming events for the Broncos are the Bertha Tourney on Saturday, January 21 and the Staples Open on Sunday, January 22.

The Bronco tournament is scheduled for Sunday, February 19, in Clarissa.



On Sunday, January 15 the Broncos traveled to Minnewaska where they finished in second place as a team. Pictured, front row: Nye Becker, Tate Twardowski, Landon Gode, Nate Benning, Cael Lorentz, Carter Meiners and Alex Line. Back row: Coach Jacob Lorentz, Levi Line, Mason Gode, Dalton Butler and Coach Dan Benning.

—submitted photos

Buffalo, January 8: Kindergarten: Garrett Christian—2nd place; Fourth grade: Noah Christian—4th place

Osakis, January 14: Pre-K: Ryan Riedel—1st place, Chace Lorentz—3rd place; Kindergarten: Isaiah Wagner—1st place, Alex Line—2nd place, Kobe Hinzmann—2nd place; First grade: Nate Benning—1st place, Parker Duncan—1st place, Evan Vearrier—1st place, Elijah Hodge—2nd place, Brendan Adams—3rd place; Second grade: Madison Wolf—3rd place, Landon Adams—4th place; Third grade: Brendan Johnson—1st place, Cael Lorentz—1st place; Fourth grade: Austin Carr—2nd place, Levi Line—2nd place, Paul Wagner—3rd place; Sixth grade: Dalton Butler—1st place, Bryce Carr—4th place

Becker, January 14: Second grade: Landon Gode—1st place; Third grade: Mason Gode—1st place

Minnewaska, January 15: Kindergarten: Alex Line—1st place; First grade: Nate Benning—1st place, Tate Twardowski—1st place; Second grade: Landon Gode—1st place; Third grade: Cael Lorentz—1st place, Carter Meiners—1st place, Mason Gode—1st place; Fourth grade: Levi Line—1st place, Nye Becker—3rd place; Sixth grade: Dalton Butler—1st place

★ Bowling

Monday Nite Ladies

January 12, 2012

	W	L
Eagle Lanes	10	2
Baso/Cuchna Insurance	8.5	3.5
Klein Insurance	7	5
Bob's Team	7	5
Shirley's Gas & Grocery	6.5	5.5
Clarissa Family Dental	6	6
Beauty Inn	3	9

High games: Sharon Milbrett 235; Cindy Goepferd 181; Niki Cuchna 177

High series: Sharon Milbrett 528; Cindy Goepferd 485; Niki Cuchna 479

Splits: Amy Irlbeck 5-10; Theresa Dorman 5-10

Wednesday Inter-City League

Results from January 11:

	W	L
Central Ag	10	2
Benson Construction	8	4
Baso Insurance	7	5
Clarissa Ballroom	6	6
Berg Electric	3	9
Busy B Café	2	10

High games: Jack Schultz 234; Larry Dickinson 211; Jeff Warren 202

High series: Jack Schultz 569; Leon Dickinson 548; Vic Carlson 542

Splits: Allen Blommel 2-4-10; Al Woida 7-9-10

Thursday City

Results from January 12:

	W	L
Eagle Bend Vets I	43	38
NAPA Auto Parts	41.5	39.5
SCW Construction	40	40
Harms	36.5	17.5
EB Vets II	31	23
Alisha's Care Center	26	55

High game: Douglas Foote 209; Robin Woida 204; Al Woida 199

High series: Al Woida 546; Robin Woida 534; Douglas Foote 518

High ladies game: Amy Claseman 158; Cindy Hase 151; Bambi Woida 147

High ladies series: Amy Claseman 425; Bambi Woida 408; Cindy Hase 398

Friday Daytimers

Results from January 13:

	W	L
Creative Floors	6	2
Al's	5	3
Gene Captain's Pro Shop	3	5
Stampin' Up	2	6

High games: Helen Husfeldt 200, 193; Char Blommel 166; Joyce Masson 161

High series: Helen Husfeldt 542; Char Blommel 413; Berniece Mansager 393

Lady Bears come up short against Braves



Senior Autumn Aeling drove into the lane hard to pick up this foul, heading to the line to shoot two.

—photo by Matt Ganz

by Mick Stokes

The Lady Bears hit the court once this past week and came up short against the Menahga Braves. The Bears struggled to convert some easy chances and were trailing at the half by 15 points.

The Lady Bears put together a solid second half and had the game tied at around the four minute mark, but the Braves were able to answer and knock some free throws down in the end to leave town with a 61-54 victory over the hometown Bears.

"Our girls really fought hard out there, especially the second half, but we just didn't knock down some good looks," explained Coach Harig. "We

were only 12 for 25 from the free-throw line and that is what hurt us in the end. Our defense stepped up a notch and frustrated Menahga some and that was nice to see. With the loss of a close friend this week, the Lady Braves had a lot of emotion in motion out there and they found a way to win. I am proud of our girls; we just need to shoot better to win these close games."

The Bears put two girls in double digits as sisters Arei and Rumor Stokes went off for 25 and 10 respectively.

The Bears will now be off until Tuesday night when they host the Battle Lake Battlers in a game that will take place in the 1953 gym.