

Rebels win two and drop two Lose to section leader Browerville in overtime



Despite the long reach of St. John's 6'2" guard Tarik Hujdrovic, Benning was able to get this shot off.

by Coach Ray Benning
St. John's

On Thursday, January 12, we traveled to St. John's. It's always tough to play on the road especially at St. John's. We don't usually get many fans to make that road trip so that atmosphere is never favorable.

We also had been battling illness with a few of our players and the minutes they would play was questionable.

The game started out slow. Neither team was able to get the looks they wanted and midway through the first half we had a 15-10 lead. The Johnnies are not a team to give in easily. They went on a 12-6 run to close the half and take a one point lead 22-21.

The second half we played a little more relaxed and in control. We put some pressure on the Johnnies and in the first two minutes of the second went on an 11-2 run of our own. Back-to-back steals and layups by Neil Zimmer and Logan Riedel left the Johnnies on their heels.

With five minutes left in the game we found ourselves clinging to a one point 37-36 lead. But we still remained relaxed and did what we needed to win. The Johnnie's put us on the line late in the game and we converted to get the 54-48 victory.

Four of our five starters hit double digits. Zimmer led all scorers with 16 points and was 7 of 10 from the line. He also had 7 rebounds and 5 steals. Tate Benning had 13 points. Luke Mock and Tyler Oftedahl each had 10. Oftedahl pulled down 9 boards. Riedel added 5.

	Pts	Rbd	Ast	Stl	Blk
Riedel	5	2	3	2	2
Oftedahl	10	8	2	0	0
Bailey	0	1	0	0	0
Benning	13	5	2	1	1
Meyer	0	2	0	0	0
Mock	10	2	4	0	0
Zimmer	16	7	3	5	0

Parkers Prairie

On Friday the 13th, we traveled to Parkers Prairie for our back-to-back game on the road for a non-conference game.

We made a few mistakes early, but really controlled this one from start to finish. We were able to score from the outside and also get the ball inside and convert. At the break we had a 34-22 lead.

Coming out at the half we knew that they would try and get the ball to their lead scorers. Zimmer, Mock and Riedel were called upon for this task and they did exceptionally well. Neither of them hit double digits in the game. We went on a 23-6 run to build our lead and midway through the second half we had a comfortable 55-28 lead.

It's nice to have a game when things just go right. All of our varsity players saw minutes in this game. It was a good team victory. The final was 73-43.

Benning had a season high night scoring—he led all scorers with 23 points and also had 5 steals. Oftedahl had another double-double with 21 points and 12 boards. Zimmer had another great game as he had his first double-double with 10 points and 14 rebounds. He also had 5 assists and 5 steals. Riedel had a good offensive night as well and hit double digits scoring 12. Mock added 5 and Jacob Schauer had 2.

	Pts	Rbd	Ast	Stl	Blk
Riedel	12	5	2	2	0
Oftedahl	21	12	1	1	1
Bailey	0	4	0	0	0
Benning	23	2	1	5	1
Meyer	0	4	2	1	0
Mock	5	5	6	3	0
Zimmer	10	14	5	5	2
Schauer	2	2	0	0	0
Pratt	0	0	0	0	0

Oaskis

Last Tuesday we hosted the Oaskis Silverstreaks for our first of two conference matchups.

From the opening tip things just didn't seem to be going our way. At least not on the offensive end of the court. We just couldn't get the ball to go through the hoop.

Defensively the things we were doing seemed to be working in our favor. We held the Silverstreaks to just 13 points in the first half, but we only scored 17.

Needless to say the second half was much of the same. We got all the looks we wanted, but they just wouldn't fall. We drove to the basket and drew fouls but those wouldn't fall either.

With seven minutes remaining in the game we found ourselves trailing 27-34. We put some full court pressure and created turnovers to get us back in the game. Mock had some key steals to help us. We went on a 14-7 run to tie the game at 41 with 1:18 on the clock.

But as our luck would have it, Oftedahl would foul out on the next possession and the Streaks Joe Roggenbuck converted an old fashioned three point play to give them the lead.

We brought the ball down the floor and missed our shot and had to foul with under 30 seconds remaining. In the remaining seconds we put the Streaks on the line and they converted their free throws to hold on to the victory. The final was 42-50.

Every stat on the night was in our favor except the one that mattered. We only had 8 turnovers which is a season best

for the Rebels. The Streaks had 17. We had 25 rebounds to the Streaks 24. In steals we had 13 to their 4 and 6 blocks to their 2. We even outshot the Streaks. We put up 59 to their 38. But we shot 28% on the night to their 40%. We were 6 for 16 from the line while the Streaks were 13 of 15 from the line.

Benning led all scorers with 14. He also led in rebounds with 8, had 4 steals and 4 blocks. Oftedahl added 12, Zimmer had 7 points and 7 rebounds, Mock added 5 and Riedel had 4.

	Pts	Rbd	Ast	Stl	Blk
Riedel	4	2	2	2	1
Oftedahl	12	5	0	1	0
Bailey	0	0	0	0	0
Benning	14	8	1	4	4
Meyer	0	3	0	0	0
Mock	5	0	2	4	0
Zimmer	7	7	2	2	1

Browerville

On Friday, we traveled to Browerville to take on the Tigers in a packed gym. Browerville has only one loss on the season and is in first place in the conference and section.

We came out of the gates ready to play. We were patient

Browerville went on another run and with ten minutes left in the game led 38-43.

We played tough defense and battled hard for every rebound.

With 35 seconds remaining we took the lead back 50-49. The Tigers would foul us and we only made one of two free throws. The Tigers would come down the floor and score to tie the game. With 10 seconds on the clock and the ball we called a timeout and set up our play.

The Tigers tipped a pass out of bounds with 3 seconds on the clock. We used our last time out. We set our play, but just didn't get the shot off at the buzzer.

In the overtime the Tigers came out with a little more aggression than we did. We missed a couple easy buckets and the Tigers went down and capitalized. We then fouled at the end and they made their free throws and held on to a 45-60 victory.

Over all we played a very good team game. Our biggest downfall was that we had 18 turnovers to their 8 and were only 17 of 26 from the charity stripe.

Leading all scorers was Zimmer with 15, Oftedahl had 12, Benning 11, Mock 10, Riedel 4 and Bailey 2. Zimmer and Oftedahl each had 8 rebounds and



Junior Logan Riedel took the ball hard to the hoop in the Rebels game against the Tigers.

—photos by Blake Borst

on offense and didn't let their press get to us. We jumped out to an early lead. Everything seemed to go our way early on.

Oftedahl picked up his second foul midway through the first half. Taylor Bailey was called on to fill his shoes and guard Seth Christianson who has been putting up some big numbers. Shortly after, Mock picked up his second foul and Meyer came in off the bench for him. Both Bailey and Meyer did an excellent job.

With six minutes left in the half we held a 23-13 lead. Browerville went on a 13-3 run at that point to pull within one and as the half was expiring Zimmer was fouled on a 3-point shot at the buzzer. Zimmer made all three and we went into the locker room holding a 30-26 lead.

Starting the second half, we let the pressure get to us a little. We rushed a few shots and had some turnovers in the backcourt.

Mock and Riedel had 7 apiece. Mock also had 6 assists on the night.

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Riedel	4	7	2	1	3
Oftedahl	12	8	1	2	0
Bailey	2	1	0	0	0
Benning	11	4	1	1	2
Meyer	0	1	0	0	0
Mock	10	7	6	0	0
Zimmer	15	8	2	1	0

The Rebels have one game scheduled for this week. We take a road trip to West Central Area School in Barrett. We opened the season at home against the Knights and defeated them 71-67. The following Tuesday we have another rematch on the road in Swanville. We also defeated the Bulldogs 59-58. Come cheer us on. Road games are tough, but a good fan base sure helps support the young men.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

BERTHA-HEWITT

GIRLS BASKETBALL
January 26, (A)
Verndale, 7:45 p.m.
January 31, (A)
New York Mills, 7:45 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

January 27, (H)
Sebeka, 7:45 p.m.
January 31, (A)
New York Mills, 7:45 p.m.
RAIDERS WRESTLING
January 26, (H-Bertha)
Triangular, 5 p.m.
January 31, (H-Bertha)
OTC Dual, 7:30 p.m.

EAGLE VALLEY

GIRLS BASKETBALL
January 27, (A)
Swanville, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

January 26, (A)
West Central Area, 7:30 p.m.
January 31, (A)
Swanville, 7:30 p.m.

BRONCOS WRESTLING

January 27, (H-Brow.)
Broncos Tourn., 4 p.m.
January 31, (A)
Osakis, 5 p.m.

BROWERVILLE

GIRLS BASKETBALL

January 26, (H)
Swanville, 7:30 p.m.
January 27, (A)
West Central Area, 7:30 p.m.
January 30, (H)
Menahga, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

January 31, (H)
West Central Area 7:30 p.m.

BRONCOS WRESTLING

See Eagle Valley

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Bears ax the Battlers



Rumor Stokes was able to light a spark under her team as she scored a game and career high 19 points against the Battlers.

—photo by Matt Ganz

by Mick Stokes

The Lady Bears successfully defended their home court this past week with a 48-42 win over the Battle Lake Battlers. Prior to the game the Bears lost two players that they were counting on as Kathryn Vandenhuevel was sidelined for a couple weeks with a nagging knee injury, and Callan Chaffin suffered an injury to her shooting wrist during the JV game.

The Bears started the game in high gear and built a quick 11-4 lead before going into a lull and watched the Battlers go on a big run, to put the Bears down at halftime 23-28.

The second half found the Bears hitting the boards a bit better and taking the game to the Battlers.

Rumor Stokes sparked the team with a game high and a career high, of 19 points.

"Since we have inserted Rumor into the lineup she has given us a spark. She is a bit of fire and ice for us," smiled Coach Harig. "She just brings pure passion and love of playing along with ice in her veins towards both shooting and rebounding. Her energy is something that others feed off of and we needed that energy tonight."

Arei Stokes was the only other Bear in double digits with 18. The Bears will go on the road next week as they take on Sebeka and Verndale.

Box Scores

BH: Rumor Stokes (19), Arei Stokes (18), Ashton Kappahn (6), Deannan Mikkelsen (3), Autumn Aeling (2)

BL: Emily Marso (12), Nicole Rilla (9), Samantha VanErp (7), Cheyanne O'Neal (7)

Bears improve to 8-4

by Dale Finck

The Bears traveled to Menahga for a Park Region Conference game on Thursday evening. The Braves came into the game with a 2-7 record, but they have two players that are capable of putting up big numbers. We knew we had to be ready for the aggressive defense going into the game and we did just that as we jumped out to a 5-0 start.

The Braves answered back tying and then taking the lead with 14:09 remaining. The next six minutes saw the teams trading baskets and at the 8 minute mark the teams were tied at 17 all. We put together a great minute of basketball scoring seven points to give us confidence and take some control over the game. We were making good decisions and we had nine players contributing to the 31-24 lead at half.

We knew we had to make good basketball decisions against their defense. We might have taken a couple low percentage shots, but we weren't making poor passes so it allowed us scoring opportunities by not having a turnover in the first half.

In the second half, we continued to handle the defense and

built a 14 point lead with 12 minutes remaining. However, at the 6 minute mark the Braves defense finally took advantage of a couple of poor passes which lead to a couple 3-point shots and all of a sudden the Braves were within one, 49-48 with 3:18 remaining.

Skyler Voge had a big bucket to give us a three point lead. Our defense worked hard and we regained our composure after Voge's bucket. We showed great patience waiting for a quality shot, Frethem found Grewe in the corner and in rhythm Grewe stepped into the shot and nailed a 3-point shot to give us a six point lead. Voge discouraged the Braves to foul as he hit two free-throws when they felt forced to foul.

The Bears improved our record to 8-4 and 5-1 in the Park Region Conference with a 56-51 win on the road.

The Bears were led by Frethem scoring 22 points and grabbing 16 rebounds, Grewe tossed in 9, Tranvik 8, Voge 7, Dittberner 4, Murphy 4 and Templin 2.

Frethem dished out 5 assists and Riewer had 4 assists.

Broncos grapplers overtake West Central Area

by Coach Justin Berg

BEV 43—WCA 36

On Tuesday, January 17, the Broncos played host to the West Central Area wrestlers. The Broncos were able to walk away with a 43-36 victory over the Knights.

106 lbs., Noah Becker (BEV) won by decision over Tyler Onstad (WCA) 7-5

113 lbs., Jake Larkin (WCA) won by pin over Sullivan Decker (BEV) 0:45

120 lbs., Adam Sutlief (BEV) won by pin over Alex Olson (WCA) 0:36

126 lbs., Gage Odgaard (WCA) won by pin over Dylan Winkler (BEV) 4:19

132 lbs., Kyle Mickelson (WCA) won by forfeit

138 lbs., Tylor Kent (BEV) won by major decision over Roy-

al Crow (WCA) 19-6.

145 lbs., Jordan Statema (BEV) won by pin over Kole Seifert (WCA) 1:09

152 lbs., Kyle Martineau (WCA) won by pin over Mathew Shettler (BEV) 1:10

160 lbs., Austin Butler (BEV) won by pin over Braeden Long (WCA) 1:20

170 lbs., Avery Kuhnau (BEV) won by pin over Cody Simmons (WCA) 0:12

182 lbs., Andrew Espree (BEV) won by pin over Jordan Bruns (WCA) 2:26

195 lbs., Nicholas Bollin (BEV) won by pin over Theodore Waskosky (WCA) 0:17

220 lbs., Ethan Supler (WCA) won by pin over Jake Gaida (BEV) 0:28

285 lbs., Cole Rundquist (WCA) won by forfeit

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Golden Gloves Boxing results

The Region IV Golden Gloves Boxing was held in Wadena on Saturday, January 14. Results are as follows:

125 lbs.: Nathzau Vang, of Rice Street Gym won in a RSC over Neil Janson of Wadena.

80 lbs.: Dion Bower of White Earth defeated Wadena's Matt Umiland by decision.

112 lbs.: Ariana Makes Him First of McLaughlin, South Dakota won by decision over Wadena's Anissa Mench.

152 lbs.: Christian Andvik of Detroit Lakes defeated John Johnson of Wadena by decision.

120 lbs.: Albert Boldt of Wadena won over Lee Bower of White Earth by RSC.

118 lbs.: Zoo Vang of Rice Street Gym won by decision over Kevin Harper of Wadena.

125 lbs. Taylor Geiser of Wadena in a decision over Millicent Brown, McLaughlin, South Dakota.

In the main event: S-Hwy: Jose Perez of Wadena in a decision over Ernesto Mendoza of Fergus Falls.

140 lbs.: Nat Rubin of Merrifield won a decision over Cody McManigle of Wadena.