

Dragons blow by Haxtun 73-39

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Reid Baumgartner hit six three-pointers, Kyle Carper added two slam dunks including a behind-the-back dunk and 10 Dragon players contributed points on Holyoke's way to a 73-39 win over Haxtun Friday, Jan. 15.

Holyoke trailed by five points after the first quarter but heated up in the second to take a five-point advantage into the locker room.

"We didn't come out right away," coach John Baumgartner said. "I liked how they picked it up in the second half."

The Dragons held a slim 30-25 lead at the half but came out in the second half and outscored the Bulldogs 43-14.

Reid Baumgartner led with 18 points followed by Carper with 11. Brian DeBoer finished with 10. Reid's six three-pointers were one off the school record of seven.

Free throws have treated the Dragons well all year but they finished 7-14 Friday night. The 50 percent was well below the 70 percent they have been averaging from the free throw line this season. Logan Krueger finished perfect going 3-3 from the charity stripe.

The Dragons finished 28-54 for 52 percent from the field compared to Haxtun's 30 percent.

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The rebound battle was close as Holyoke finished with 33 and Haxtun 30. Carper led the Dragons with eight.

Coach Baumgartner said Ryan (Baumgartner) did a great job of distributing the ball around which resulted in 10 assists to lead the team. He also led the team with five steals. Carper pitched in with four.

The turnover battle was won by Holyoke who forced the Bulldogs to turn the ball over 22 times and only gave it up five.

Upcoming action

HHS travels to NJC on Thursday, Jan. 21 where they will face Weldon Valley. Friday they will again be on the road at Sedgwick County.

Coach Baumgartner said Sedgwick Co. is a surprising team this year as they sit with a 7-3 record. The Cougars are 2-0 in the conference. Holyoke won the last battle 71-22 in Holyoke but this time the game will count for conference play. The coach also said the schedule will only get tougher as the weeks go on.