

## Girls defeat two top-ranked teams

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Fighting for big wins over two top 10-ranked teams, the Lady Dragons had a great weekend of basketball. The girls came out on top over Wray 53-50 Friday, Feb. 5 and Burlington 51-42 Saturday, Feb. 6.

“The girls just played their hearts out with great energy and emotion,” said coach Arlan Scholl.

The team has seen much improvement in the last several games, but Scholl said they still have a tough road ahead to get where they want to be at tournament time.

“Our man to man defense has just been outstanding, causing our opponents to take some pretty tough shots and also not allowing many three-point attempts or makes,” noted Scholl.

Dragon shooting from the field continues to improve, and to top it off, Scholl said free throw shooting against Burlington was “outstanding” at 85 percent—making 22 out of 26 free throws. “In my nine years of coaching girls’ basketball, I have never had a team shoot 85 percent from the line as we did against Burlington,” he said.

“I am so pleased with how hard these girls have worked to continue to improve.”

**Holyoke, 53, Wray 50**

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Even though the Dragons were outscored in three of the four quarters in Friday's game in Wray, they weren't going to let the Eagles take the win. During big second-quarter action, Holyoke scored 19 points compared to Wray's seven, giving the Dragons the upper hand.

With a seven-point lead going into the fourth quarter, Holyoke came away with a three-point win at the final buzzer, beating Wray 53-50.

Both teams had a 36.5 field goal percentage, but Wray had the higher free throw percentage, shooting at 73.3 percent compared to Holyoke's 44 percent.

Senior Marissa Smith led Dragon scoring with 18 points including three two-pointers, three three-point baskets and three for four from the line. Nora Roth and Laura Gerk both added nine points.

Chasity Pelle had the most rebounds with 13. Marci Vasa had six assists in Friday's game while Roth landed two blocks. Smith, Pelle and Shelby Beavers all had two steals over the Eagles.

## Holyoke 51, Burlington 42

Lady Dragons took charge on their home court in Saturday's game against Burlington. They outscored the Cougars in the first, second and fourth periods.

Holyoke established an eight-point lead in the first half. Scores were close in the second half—Holyoke scoring 28 compared to Burlington's 27, but the Dragon's lead from the first half was enough to give them the strong 51-42 win at the end of the game.

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HHS proved they can make free throws Saturday night, shooting 85 percent from the line. With 100 percent accuracy, Beavers made six for six, Mallory Bennett two for two and Smith two for two. Roth shot six for eight and Gerck made four for six.

Dragon field goal percentage landed at 33.3 compared to Burlington's 25.9.

Leading Dragon scoring was Smith with 16 points followed by Beavers with nine and Roth and Vasa with eight apiece.

Bennett led Dragon rebounding, pulling down eight, and Smith had four steals in Saturday's game.

### Upcoming action

Holyoke hosted Dundy County Tuesday, Feb. 9. Results will be reported in next week's Enterprise. The Lady Dragons will also play Fleming Thursday, Feb. 11 with games beginning at 4 p.m. in Holyoke. They will travel to Caliche Saturday, Feb. 13 for 3 p.m. games and to Wiggins Tuesday, Feb. 16 for 4 p.m. games.