

Varsity girls 1-1 for the weekend

Written by Sharlene Hart



□ Moving into the new year the Holyoke Dragon girls' basketball team split over the weekend, defeating Merino 58-54 on Friday, Jan. 9 and losing 33-39 to Wiggins on Saturday, Jan. 10.

□ "It was a bittersweet weekend of basketball for us. We got a very solid win over a good Merino team and then played poorly the next night in our loss to Wiggins," said Coach Arlan Scholl.

□ He added the team still lacks the execution on the offense he believes they need to win consistently. But he stayed positive by saying, "We had a very good week of practice and we will continue to work hard to become a better basketball team."

Holyoke 58, Merino 54

□ Holyoke took the home court advantage to beat Merino on Friday night. The Dragons had a three-point lead at the end of the first, but by halftime Merino had tied up the game 26-26.

□ Holyoke refused to let Merino have the lead going into the second half. In the third quarter Marissa Smith was on fire as she put up three three-pointers and a two-point basket. HHS pulled ahead by three in that quarter.

□ In the final quarter the Dragons outscored Merino 15-14 to win by four. Nora Roth was four for four from the line in the fourth, overall she made 9-12 free throws in the game.

□ Smith led the team, scoring 22 points, including four three-pointers and four steals. Also scoring in double digits was Phawn Carper with 12.

□ Carper also helped out defensively, rebounding 13 balls. Maddie Starkebaum brought down nine and Roth had eight.

□ Meanwhile, Katie Hoffner had three steals, four assists and was two for two from the line. Roth also had three assists.

□ The team made 20 of 31 shots from the free-throw line, for 64.5 percent. Merino made 8 of 14, for 57 percent.

Statistics

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	2	3	FT	F	TP	
						FG
Smith	3	4	4-6	2	22	
Pelle	1	0	0-0	1	2	
Hoffner	0	0	2-2	3	2	
Beavers	1	0	0-0	0	2	
Starkebaum	3	0	3-6	4	9	
Carper	5	0	2-5	3	12	
Roth	0	0	9-12	1	9	
TEAM	13	4	20-31	14	58	
Merino						
TEAM	17	4	8-14	21	54	

Scoring By Quarters

Holyoke	15	11	17	15	--58
Merino	12	14	14	14	--54

Holyoke 33, Wiggins 39

- On Saturday, the Dragons hosted Wiggins, losing a 39-33 ball game.
- By the end of the first quarter Holyoke had a four-point lead, which decreased to only two at the half.
- A slow third quarter spelled defeat for the Lady Dragons. Wiggins turned the game over in their favor, scoring nine points in the third, while the Holyoke team was only able to make two.
- In the fourth quarter Smith and Hoffner both scored a three-pointer, but Wiggins outscored HHS 13-12 to take the win by six points, 39-33.
- Starkebaum led the team in scoring with 12, with 10 of those in the first half.
- Smith had two three-pointers and Hoffner had one during the game. Hoffner also had five assists and two steals and Shelby Beavers had two steals.
- In Saturday night's game, the Holyoke girls only shot a total of four free throws, shooting none in the second half of the game.
- Coach Scholl said, "I believe this is the first time in my coaching career that we have never been awarded at least one free throw in a complete half of basketball."
- He also said, "With the physical play of this age of basketball, it is an odd game to never get into the free-throw bonus situation in either half of a game."
- The Dragons were zero for four in free throws, while Wiggins made 10 of 17 from the line. The Tigers shot six free throws in the first half and 11 in the second half.

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	2	3	FT	F	TP	
						FG
Smith	0	2	0-0	3	6	
Hoffner	0	1	0-0	4	3	
Beavers	0	0	0-2	0	0	
Starkebaum	6	0	0-0	4	12	
Carper	4	0	0-2	4	8	
Roth	2	0	0-0	1	4	

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Wiggins

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Holyoke 13 6 2 12 --33

Wiggins 9 8 9 13 --39