

## Two big wins start season off right for Lady Dragons

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HHS Lady Dragon basketball girls started their season off with style, winning big over both Haxtun and Idalia in home-court action Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4.

Coach Arlan Scholl said overall it was a very successful weekend for the team. "I was very pleased with the effort shown by the girls in all of our games on Friday and Saturday."

He noted the season's emphasis is on rebounding, and the girls met their goal of out-rebounding the opponent in both of the varsity games.

"We played good solid defense and created many turnovers by the opposing team," said Scholl.

One thing the Dragons can work on is their shooting, which is not quite up to the level it needs to be, said Scholl, but he is sure that with some time and practice, they will improve.

"We look forward to getting back on the court against Yuma this coming weekend," he said.



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**Dragon Marci Vasa looks for an open teammate in Holyoke's home opener against Haxtun last Friday night. —Enterprise photo**

### **Holyoke 46, Haxtun 22**

HHS Lady Dragons “took the ball and ran with it” during Friday night’s season opener against Haxtun. They started off strong and kept up the momentum throughout the game, outscoring the Bulldogs in all four quarters for the 46-22 win.

The Dragons were on target with three-pointers in the first quarter with two by Laura Gerk and one by Marci Vasa for nine of Holyoke’s 13 points.

Mallory Bennett stood out in the second half of Friday’s game, landing 10 of Holyoke’s 23 points, contributing to the 24-point win over Haxtun.

Top scorer for the Dragons was Bennett with 14 points including four two-pointers and six for eight from the line. Laura Gerk added 10 points with two three-point baskets, one two-pointer and two for three free throws.

Holyoke totaled 45 rebounds with 21 on offense and 24 on defense. Bennett led the team, bringing down 11.

KrisAnna Ham had four assists in the game against Haxtun while Bennett landed two steals.

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The Lady Dragons basketball team kicked off their season with two big wins on Tuesday, October 10th and 11th. The team defeated their opponents in both games, starting their season on a high note. The games were held at the school gymnasium, and the crowd was enthusiastic. The team's success in their first two games is a promising start to the season.