

## Lady Dragons mark win at Dundy Co.

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□ Fighting aggressively well into the season, the Lady Dragons continue their winning streak. Tuesday, Feb. 3 the HHS girls came out on top, beating Benkelman, Neb. 53-39.

□ “I feel like we played our best overall game of the season,” said Coach Arlan Scholl. “This was a very athletic and competitive Dundy County team. Our players controlled the game from the beginning and played well throughout.” □

□ Coming onto the court with charge, the Dragons fought to advance with a lead. The Lady Tigers were having a tough time getting past Holyoke’s aggressive game as they were down by 10 at the end of the first quarter.

□ As the game progressed, the Dragons made sure not to let up on their offensive game against Dundy County. In the first half, HHS girls had 32 points on the scoreboard including three three-pointers. The Tigers were down by 15, with only 17 points.

□ Coming into the third quarter, Holyoke’s Marissa Smith landed her third three-pointer of the game. Maddie Starkebaum, Phawn Carper and Nora Roth also got past the Tiger defense to bring down baskets for Holyoke.

□ For the remainder of the game, Holyoke held back Dundy County to take the game win of 53-39.

□ Scholl commented, “We had good balanced scoring with seven different players contributing in the scoring column.”

□ Scoring more than any other player for this game was Smith, with 17 points, including three from behind the arc and four two-point baskets. She also led the team with four assists and five steals.

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▯ tarkebaum also scored double digits with 11.

▯ olyoke exceeded Dundy County in field goals, shooting 21-42 for 50 percent. The Tigers shot 14-42 for 33 percent.

▯ The local girls also had a better three-point percentage, making 4-9 baskets for 44 percent from behind the arc.

▯ undy County did, however, have a better free throw percentage, making 8-10 for 80 percent, while Holyoke made 7-18 for 39 percent.

▯ aking control over the ball, the Dragons outrebounded the Tigers with 32 total pick ups. Roth had 11 rebounds for the team.

▯ choll said, "As a coach, you want your team to be 'peaking' at this point of the season and I feel like we are playing our best basketball of the season at this point." ▯

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**Holyoke 53, Dundy County 39 ▯**

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Smith 4 3 0-0 2 17

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Pelle 1 0 0-2 0 2

Hoffner 1 1 1-2 1 6

Beavers 0 0 2-4 0 2

Starkebaum 5 0 1-2 3 11

Varela 0 0 0-2 0 0

Carper 4 0 0-0 3 8

Roth 2 0 3-6 1 7

**TEAM 17 4 7-18 10 53**

### Dundy County

TEAM 11 3 8-10 14 39

### Scoring By Quarters

Holyoke 17 15 9 12 --53

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