

Lady Dragons end season all too soon in Burlington

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“It’s tough to end the season this early with this group of girls,” said coach Arlan Scholl after the Lady Dragon varsity basketball team fell 42-56 in Burlington in the first round of districts Tuesday, Feb. 21.

“They compete very hard every time they go on the court. But, we just could not come up with the win against Burlington that would allow us to continue our season,” he said.

There was steady improvement for the Lady Dragons during their 2011-12 season, added Scholl, and although they will miss their graduating seniors, they have a good group of returning players that should give a bright outlook for the future.

“Many of these returning players have given the commitment to keep working on basketball, and we look forward to playing this spring and summer,” said Scholl.

“Thanks again to all the Holyoke fans. You are the best!! See you again next year.”

Holyoke 42, Burlington 56

The Lady Dragons had a rough start to kick off district action in Burlington last week. They only put up five points in the first quarter, trailing Burlington’s 16 points.

Holyoke came out of the gate strong in the second quarter, outscoring Burlington 15-8 and bringing the score within four points of the lead at halftime.

They stayed right with the Cougars again in the third quarter, putting up another strong 16 points. However, Burlington did not let up in the final period, securing themselves the 56-42 win

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and a spot at the district tournament.

In team stats, senior Laura Gerk led Dragon scoring with 12 points including two from behind the arc, two two-pointers and two for two in free throws.

Megan Vieselmeyer brought down the most rebounds with 10, and Erin Vieselmeyer had four blocks and three steals. KrisAnna Ham also landed three steals for the Dragons, while Maddie King had two assists.

District action reported

In the district semifinals Thursday, Feb. 23, Akron beat Sedgwick County and Burlington defeated Yuma.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, Yuma claimed third-place honors in a win over Sedgwick County. Akron beat out Burlington in the district championship. All four teams will advance to regionals this weekend.

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