

Girls finish 2012 with win over Sedgwick Co., 2 losses

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With three games in five days, the Lady Dragons stayed busy last week, finishing with a strong 50-30 win over Sedgwick County Saturday, Dec. 15 in Julesburg.

Earlier in the week, HHS traveled to Yuma on Tuesday, Dec. 11, where they fell to the Indians 35-50. Holyoke was also defeated at home by Brush 27-40 on Friday, Dec. 14.

Looking back on the busy week, coach Arlan Scholl said the girls played well in stretches but seemed to struggle at times to shoot the ball with any consistency. "We played a good first half in both the Yuma and Brush games, but could not finish for the win in the second half of both of those games," he said.



Chandler Gerk lays in a bucket against Brush Friday, Dec. 14. The Lady Dragons fell 27-40 on the home court.□□

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"The Sedgwick County game finally proved to be a complete game for us as we played two consistent halves of basketball."

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Scholl said they started the season practicing to work against pressure, but they still seem to struggle a bit with breaking defensive presses. Knowing that many of the tough teams they are about to face will use the press against them, the girls need to continue to work to get better in this phase of the game.

“I was very pleased with the effort and hard work that the girls displayed on the court,” added Scholl, “and if they continue to give that kind of effort, good things will happen for this team.”

Holyoke 50, Sedgwick County 30

Holyoke sure took the ball and ran with it during their win over Sedgwick County Saturday. They scored 20 points in the first quarter alone, with half of those scored by junior Audi Peña, giving the Dragons a 15-point lead.

They led 26-15 at halftime, followed up by a consistent second half, putting up another 24 points. Final scores left Holyoke in the lead, 50-30.

Top scorer for the Dragons was Peña with 19 points. She was 100 percent from behind the arc, sinking three for three. She also put in four two pointers and went two for two in free throws.

Also scoring double digits was Erin Vieselmeyer with 11.

Maddie King and Erin Vieselmeyer had 12 and 11 rebounds, respectively, and they each had one block. Peña and Megan Vieselmeyer each grabbed three steals, and Chandler Gerck had six assists for the Dragons.

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Holyoke 35, Yuma 50

Holyoke came home with a 35-50 loss to Yuma last Tuesday, but the first half of the game proved they could keep up with the Indians.

The Dragons trailed by one at the end of the first quarter and by two at halftime, heading into the second half with a very manageable 17-19 score.

Yuma really took off in the second half, putting up 13 and 18 points compared to Holyoke's 6 and 12.



Maddie King goes up for two of her six points against Brush Friday night, Dec. 14. —Enterprise photo

Leading Dragon scoring was Peña and Erin Vieselmeyer with nine points apiece. Peña landed three two-pointers and one three-pointer while Vieselmeyer had one two-pointer, one three-point shot and landed 100 percent four for four from the line.

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Erin Vieselmeyer and Gerck each brought down eight rebounds, and Gerck had five steals and two assists.

Holyoke 27, Brush 40

Friday's game against Brush was a repeat of Tuesday. The Dragons played well in the first half, leading 15-14 at halftime.

But Brush turned up the intensity in the second half. HHS managed to score six in both the third and fourth quarters, but that just couldn't compete with the Beetdiggers' 11 and 15 points, giving Brush the 40-27 win.

Erin Vieselmeyer led with eight points including two two-pointers and four for six in free throws. She also led rebounds with nine.

King and Erin Vieselmeyer each had two blocks, and Gerck grabbed four steals.

Upcoming action

Basketball starts up again with two home games Jan. 4-5. The Dragons play Chase County, Neb. beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday and Shining Mountain beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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Tuesday, Jan. 8 they travel to Wiggins for 4 p.m. games.

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