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“What a great win for the girls!” said coach Arlan Scholl after the Lady Dragon varsity basketball team defeated Caliche in a close 44-43 game in Holyoke Saturday, Feb. 2.

He said they played hard and expected to defeat the No. 1-ranked Akron team Friday, Feb. 1, but it “just wasn’t meant to be,” and the girls ended with a 40-59 loss.

“But the girls’ character shined through on Saturday night as they came right back and defeated No. 1 and undefeated Caliche,” said Scholl.

He noted they made several mistakes on the court, but the real sign of character is how they reacted to those miscues. “And these girls kept their heads up and continued to fight until they brought home the victory.”

Saturday’s game was also Holyoke’s annual Pink Zone event, which raised over \$400 for Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation in support of their local work to erase cancer. “The team and coaches would like to thank all of our Holyoke fans for their monetary support of our Pink Zone night,” said Scholl. “This is important as we continue to fight the dreaded disease of cancer.”

After playing the top-ranked teams in both 2A and 1A last weekend, the Lady Dragons still have some important games ahead of them. “We can’t rest on these great past victories but must continue to work hard and improve to reach our goals for this season,” said Scholl.

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Caliche's first half had a lead in the basket, but the Lady Dragons were able to tie the game in the second half. The game was a close one, with Caliche leading 15-10 at the beginning of the second half.