Holyoke knew going into the week's matches that they had their work cut out for them with Haxtun, the top-ranked team in the Lower Platte league, and Fleming, the top-ranked team in the North Central league.

Holyoke was up for the challenge, losing to Haxtun 66-64 in the final seconds of the game and taking down Fleming 52-49 in another close match.

Holyoke 64, Haxtun 66

When the final buzzer sounded on the 64-66 HHS loss to the Haxtun Bulldogs Thursday, Feb. 14, many Dragon fans were in disbelief-—disbelief that Haxtun's final bucket wasn't waived off for traveling and disbelief that Haxtun had come back from a 16-point deficit to win by two.

The first quarter set the tone for the back-and-forth match the game would be. Haxtun used their height advantage to get good looks from close while the Dragons' up tempo style of play had them moving the ball up the floor quickly and looking to penetrate the Haxtun zone defense and draw contact. Haxtun took the early lead at 15-12 after the first quarter.

The second quarter was all Holyoke. HHS started the period on an 11-0 run. Deyten Klein had a massive eight minutes as he went off for 12 points to help the Dragons on their way to a 30-point quarter.

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