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The Wauneta-Palisade boys basketball team split games this week to move to 6-5 on the season. The Broncos fell to Hitchcock County 51-32 Friday in Trenton and topped Southwest 65-35 at home Saturday.

After an overtime win against Hitchcock Co. Tuesday night the Broncos had a hard time getting started the second time around.

Wauneta-Palisade gave up 24 points in the first quarter while only managing four free throws. Cale Brown and Austin Blume combined for 22 of the Falcons' 24 points. The pair hit four three-pointers. The lag carried over into the second quarter. Bo Fanning hit his team's only basket of the half as the Broncos could only manage four more points. Wauneta-Palisade headed into intermission down 35-8.

Scoring picked up for the Broncos in the second half. Wauneta-Palisade outscored the Falcons 24-16.

Fanning scored nine points in the second half and, after being held scoreless in the first 16 minutes, Logan Bischoff finished the game with seven points.

Bischoff made five-of-six free throws. The Broncos made 15-of-26 free throws in the game. Hitchcock Co., 3-9, made six of 10 from the charity stripe.

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Fanning's 12 points led Wauneta-Palisade. Coach Dave Kuhlen commented that his team's lack of aggression on offense carried over defensively.

Following the Hitchcock Co. game, the last thing Wauneta-Palisade fans wanted to see was a slow start against 2-7 Southwest Saturday night at home. The Roughriders opened up a 4-0 lead before Wauneta-Palisade got on the board. Wes Anderjaska's three-pointer over three minutes into the game broke the ice for the home team. After falling behind 11-3, the Broncos closed the first quarter on a 10-4 thanks to Jacob Maris' two three-pointers. Wauneta-Palisade trailed 15-13 after the first eight minutes.

After giving up a Southwest basket, the Broncos closed the gap to 17-16 behind another Maris three.

Wauneta-Palisade took the lead when Connor Kayton found Logan Bischoff for an easy bucket. Bischoff returned the favor on the next offensive series, finding Kayton for two.

After a Southwest miss, Fanning got into the act with a nice pass to Bischoff for a basket. The run pulled the Broncos ahead 24-17 and Wauneta-Palisade headed into halftime ahead 30-20.

The Broncos opened the second half with quick buckets by Jack McGraw and Bischoff. Bischoff scored 17 points after intermission. He finished the game with a team high 25.

After the Hitchcock Co. game Coach Kuhlen said, "An emphasis is now going to be placed on pushing the ball and being aggressive." His team showed it in the second half, outscoring Southwest 35-15. Ten players scored in the contest for the Broncos. Maris totaled nine points and Fanning added eight.

Now 6-5, Wauneta-Palisade will host Perkins Co., 2-9, Friday and travel to Garden Co., 5-4, Saturday. Coach Kuhlen says it doesn't matter who his team plays, "We simply need to become an aggressive team which will give us a chance to compete."

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WP 4 4 9 15 32

HC 24 11 8 8 51

WP: Anderjaska 4; Kayton 4; Reese West 2; Bischoff 7; McGraw 3; Fanning 12.

HC: Brown 14; Blume 16; Justin Kershaw 2; Gabe Ware 7; Alex Whipps 2; Daniel Arp 6, Tanner Bauer 4.

WP 13 17 20 15 65

SW 15 5 8 7 35 WP: Anderjaska 3; Kayton 4; Maris 9; Lorenzo Cavanaugh 3; West 2; Bischoff 25; Landon Jutten 2; Jack McGraw 6; Hayden Pollmann 3; Fanning 8.

SW: Michael Brodd 3; Dylan McConville 8; Dakota McBride 2; Justin Daffer 12; Andrew Conway 8, Daniel Sughroue 2.

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In three quarters of action the Broncos boys JV team was defeated by Hitchcock Co., 29-24.

Weylin Davis and Pollmann led Wauneta-Palisade with six points each. Hitchcock Co. was led by Alex Whipps' nine points.

Wauneta-Palisade outscored Southwest 40-9 in two periods Saturday.

With only 10 players total on the team, the Roughriders were no match for the Broncos. After leading 14-7, Wauneta-Palisade went on a 26-2 run to finish the game.

WP 7 9 8 24

HC 10 6 13 29 WP: Anderjaska 2; Kayton 2; Davis 6; Maris 5; Cavanaugh 3; Pollmann 6.

HC: John Rippen 2; Ryan Rogers 2; Alex Whipps 9; Daniel Arp 4; Jacke Viox 4; Andrew Rick 2; Morgan Wimer 6.

WP	14	26	40
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SW	7	2	9
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WP: Anderjaska 10; Kayton 9; Davis 9; Maris 6; Jutten 2; Pollmann 4.

SW: Brendon Ellis 2; James Rae 2; Dakota McBride 4; Andrew Conway 1.