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Brooklyn Nordhausen gets a shot off in the paint against Hayes Center Saturday.

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The Wauneta-Palisade Lady Broncos stayed busy last week with games Tuesday, Dec. 11, at home against Dundy County-Stratton; Friday at South Platte; and at home against Hayes Center Saturday.

Despite a 12-point loss to Dundy County-Stratton (4-3), the Lady Broncos made the game interesting.

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W-P was hitting on all cylinders to start the game. Taylor Lee found Brooklyn Nordhausen for a basket on the Lady Broncos' opening possession. After a DCS miss, Abbie Fanning hit a driving layup to give the Lady Broncos a 4-0 lead.

The Lady Tigers answered with two straight baskets while W-P had two straight turnovers, thanks to the DCS pressure.

Following another layup by Fanning and a three-point play by DCS, both teams went cold.

Unfortunately for W-P, DCS got its offense going, closing the quarter on a 13-2 run to open up a 20-8 lead.

While DCS couldn't miss, the Lady Broncos had success breaking the DCS press and finding open shots. W-P couldn't get those shots to fall.

The teams played even throughout the second quarter.

Emma Skelton opened the quarter with a driving basket. The teams traded possessions with WP holding DCS scoreless for nearly two minutes into the quarter.

A three-pointer by Nicole Kent, one of five for her in the game, woke both offenses up.

After Lee found Cassidy Rathe for a basket, DCS went on a six point run to make the score 29-12.

Lee hit two free throws and Skelton scored off the Lady Bronco press break around another

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DCS basket.

The Lady Tigers could only manage a three-point play to end the quarter as W-P finished on a five-point run.

W-P got another layup from Fanning after Skelton knocked the ball loose.

With less than a minute left, Lee hit one-of-two free throws and Sydnee Harchelroad found Skelton open for a bucket to make the score 36-21 DCS at the half.

While many teams would fold facing a 15-point halftime deficit, the Lady Broncos came roaring out of the locker room.

Despite giving up the first basket of the second half to the Lady Tigers, W-P went on a 23-9 run through the rest of the third quarter.

The Lady Broncos quickly got five points from a three-pointer by Skelton and a layup by Fanning.

Nordhausen hit one-of-two free throws, then got a rebound on the ensuing DCS possession and started the fast break leading to another Fanning layup.

After a basket by the Lady Tigers, Brianna Einsphar got in on the act with a basket.

With the deficit narrowed to nine, 31-40, Lee converted a three-point play.

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Fanning continued to attack the rim, driving for two more baskets, while DCS hit one shot and made one-of-two free throws.

The Lady Broncos defense allowed four points over the final two minutes of the quarter, while the offense got two baskets by Rathe and one from Lee to cut the lead to three, 44-47.

Lee opened the fourth quarter with a mid-range jumper that cut the lead to one, but after taking a quarter off, the DCS offense came back to life.

The Lady Tigers hit four three pointers, three by Kent, in the fourth quarter, to pull away.

Skelton scored six of her 15 total points in the fourth quarter and Lee added four of her 12 points late, but the Lady Broncos couldn't match the Dundy Co.-Stratton hot shooting, losing 57-69.

Fanning finished with 14 points and Rathe eight.

Wins over SP and HC

The WP offense got cranked up late in the week with wins over South Platte (1-5), 63-34, and Hayes Center (1-6), 75-36.

Fanning led the Lady Broncos (4-3) in scoring against South Platte with 23.

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Lee finished both games in double figures. Lee scored 14 points Friday against South Platte and led the team Saturday with 19 points versus the Lady Cardinals.

Skelton finished in double figures against Hayes Center with 11 points.

The Lady Broncos will be off until the Brady Tournament Dec. 28 and 29.

W-P will face Brady (5-1) in the first round of the tournament.

Crawford (5-1) will take on Anselmo-Merna (0-6) in the other half of the bracket.