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Despite being fouled Connor Kayton managed to make the driving layup and get to the free throw line.

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With team numbers taking a hit due to injuries, the Wauneta-Palisade boys' basketball team went scoreless in the fourth quarter in a 41-53 loss to Hitchcock County Friday, but bounced back to defeat Southwest 54-48 Saturday.

The Broncos faced Hitchcock County without point guard Jacob Maris who is out following a concussion.

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After the teams each missed baskets on their first four possessions, W-P watched the Falcons jump out to a 10-2 lead behind eight straight points from Austin Blume.

With 2:55 left in the quarter, Wes Anderjaska's put back started an 8-2 Bronco run. Hayden Pollmann found Logan Bischoff in the paint on the Broncos next possession and Bischoff later added another bucket.

Jack McGraw's put back brought the Broncos to within two, 10-12, at the end of the first quarter.

Scoring first in the second quarter, a three-pointer by Pollmann gave the Broncos the lead. Hitchcock County answered with its own basket, but a two-pointer by Pollmann put the Broncos up 15-14.

With 5:30 left in the quarter, the Falcons went on an 8-2 run to take over the next two minutes until a pair of free throws by Jack McGraw and a layup by Kayton narrowed the lead to one.

The teams traded points with the Broncos getting two more free throws from McGraw and a conventional three point play from Bischoff.

One free throw and a driving lay-up by Kayton gave the Broncos a 29-28 halftime lead.

After only scoring two free throws in the second quarter, the Falcons' Blume scored nine of his teams' 16 points in the third quarter, despite the best efforts of Pollmann. Pollmann face guarded the junior guard for much of the game, but Blume still found ways to score off rebounds and screens.

The Broncos opened up a four-point lead, 34-30, early in the third quarter behind a conventional three-point play by Kayton and bucket by Bischoff.

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Blume then scored seven straight points for the Falcons, while the Broncos only managed a basket by McGraw and free throw by Bischoff.

Tied at 37, the Broncos were outscored 7-4 heading into the disastrous final stanza.

The Broncos missed seven shots from the field and two free throws in the scoreless fourth quarter, while Hitchcock County was content to let their guards run time off the clock, finishing with a 53-41 win.

Bischoff scored 14 to lead the Broncos. Pollmann added nine points and McGraw and Kayton each scored eight points.

Roughriders no match for W-P

On Saturday, a big second quarter boosted the Broncos to a 54-48 win over 3-8 Southwest.

After ending the first quarter behind 12-13, the Broncos outscored Southwest 20-13 in the second.

W-P made eight-of-11 free throws in the quarter and got three pointers from Anderjaska, his second in the game, and Pollmann. The pair each added another three-pointer in the fourth quarter as the teams each scored eight points in the third quarter and 14 in the fourth.

Kayton made six-of-eight free throws in the fourth quarter, and made eight-of-10 in the contest.

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The Broncos got to the free throw line 30 times in the contest, knocking down 19. Southwest made six-of-19 free throws.

Southwest made 18 field goals and two three pointers.

W-P made 10 field goals and five three's.

Anderjaska led the Broncos with 17 points. Pollmann scored 15 and Kayton 12 points.

The Broncos (6-4) will now travel to Perkins County (4-7) Friday and host Garden County (4-6), losers of three straight, Saturday.

The Broncos will host Paxton Jan. 17 before hosting the first round of the RPAC tournament Jan. 19.