Hannah Nordhausen (21) makes a grab for the ball as it heads out of bounds with Ellie Lee (left) and Cameo Rector (right) watching on.

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The Wauneta Breeze

The Wauneta-Palisade saw its three game win streak snapped Friday night in Grant and then got back in the winning column with a defeat of Garden County at home Saturday.

WP opened the weekend with a 38-28 loss at Perkins County (7-6).

While Perkins County was able to put six points on the board in the first quarter, W-P could only manage a basket by Abbie Fanning and one free throw by Brooklyn Nordhausen. Fanning put four more points on the board in the second quarter and Emma Skelton and Tailor Lee also added one basket each. Lee, coming off a 14 point/10 rebound performance against Hitchcock

County and a 24 point/14 rebound game against Southwest, also added one free throw in the quarter as Perkins County, after a come from behind win over Chase County on Thursday, headed into halftime leading 20-12.

W-P's offensive woes continued in the second half. Like the first quarter, the Lady Broncos only basket was made by Fanning. W-P picked up a free throw apiece from Lee and Einspahr. The Lady Broncos' wrapped up the loss with its best scoring quarter of the game. Sydnee Harchelroad hit a two-pointer and a three-pointer during the quarter. Fanning brought her point total to a game high 10 points with one last basket. Cassidy Rathe made two baskets and Lee added one more free throw.

W-P got back on track Saturday at home against Garden County.

Though the offense looked sluggish early, the Lady Broncos picked up a 61-24 win.

The game was well past the six minute mark before a steal and layup by Fanning got the Lady Broncos rolling. The teams played another two minutes before more points were scored, a basket in the paint by Garden County. With just under three minutes left in the first, the Lady Eagles took its only lead of the game, 4-2, before W-P closed the quarter with a 13-2 run. Fanning scored a three-pointer followed by a two-pointer to spark the run. Lee picked up her first point of the game with a free throw and then, off a Garden County turnover, found Harchelroad for a layup. Nordhausen added a basket and Skelton a three pointer to give the Lady Broncos a 15-4 lead.

W-P extended its lead early in the second quarter with a rainbow three-pointer by Fanning and a steal and layup by Skelton. Garden County burned the Lady Broncos when the defense didn't get back, but W-P immediately answered with an offensive rebound and put back by Rathe.

The teams once again traded baskets on back-to-back possessions, with Fanning getting a steal off the press and layup, to make the score 24-8.

The Lady Broncos got two free throws from Fanning and a basket by Hannah Nordhausen over

the final 3:35 of the half, while Garden County got six points in the paint to make it 28-14 heading into halftime.

After giving up a put back to start the third quarter, the Lady Broncos showed good passing skill assists from Fanning, Einspahr and Lee on baskets by Lee, Fanning and Einspahr.

Giving up another bucket in the paint, the Lady Eagle post players scored 18 of their team's 24 points, the W-P offense continued to click with a three-pointer by Skelton, a put back by Brooklyn Nordhausen and a basket by Lee.

Leading 41-18, the Lady Broncos wrapped up the quarter with a basket by Einspahr off a screen by Lee and a basket by Rathe off an assist by Harchelroad, while only giving up one free throw.

B. Nordhausen opened the final stanza with a put back and another basket with an assist from Skelton. Lee finished up her time on the floor her two offensive rebounds and baskets around a jumper.

With a 56-22 lead the Lady Broncos wrapped up the 61-24 win with a three pointer by Einspahr and free throw and basket by Ellie Lee.

Fanning led the team with 16 points. Lee chipped in 11. Skelton and B. Nordhausen each scored eight points and Einspahr added 7.

Now 8-5, the Lady Broncos host Paxton (8-4) Thursday and host (3-9) Maywood Saturday in the first round of the RPAC tournament.

Paxton has only defeated two teams with winning or even records this season while losing to 12-1 Brady (32-53), 13-1 Mullen,10-3 Hershey and 3-8 Wallace. Maywood has defeated Garden County (42-37), Medicine Valley and Wallace.