

Basketball teams travel to Brady Holiday Tournament

Written by Wauneta Breeze

Wednesday, 08 January 2014 20:59 - Last Updated Wednesday, 08 January 2014 21:01

By Diane Stamm

The Wauneta Breeze

Following the holiday moratorium, the Wauneta-Palisade Broncos' basketball teams shook off the rust at the Brady Holiday Tournament.

The girls' team split games, beating Anselmo-Merna 45-27 to open the tournament and lost in the championship game 34-37 to Brady.

The boys' team lost both games. The Broncos lost to eventual tournament champion Anselmo-Merna 31-46 in the first round and to Eustis-Farnam 33-51 in the consolation game.

Girls beat 1-9 Anselmo-Merna

The Lady Broncos started off cold against Anselmo-Merna (1-9). WP made only one basket in the first quarter, a bucket by Taylor Lee. The team hit four-of-six free throws, one by Brooklyn Nordhausen and three by Brianna Einspahr, and took a 6-4 lead into the second quarter.

Basketball teams travel to Brady Holiday Tournament

Written by Wauneta Breeze

Wednesday, 08 January 2014 20:59 - Last Updated Wednesday, 08 January 2014 21:01

The offense heated up as the game progressed. Einspahr hit a three-pointer and two-pointer and Abbie Fanning made two two-pointers in the quarter. Lee and Nordhausen also added baskets to give the Broncos 19 first half points while holding the Coyotes to 12.

Coming out of the locker room WP scored 16 points in the third quarter and shut down Anselmo-Merna, allowing only four points.

Lee added six points to her total while Fanning scored five points. Einspahr hit another three-pointer and Nicole Strand made two free throws.

Einspahr made her third three-pointer of the game in the fourth quarter plus two free throws as the Broncos cruised to a 45-27 win. Hannah Nordhausen made three-of-four free throws down the stretch and Leiauna Alberts added a bucket.

Einspahr led WP with 16 points. Lee also finished in double figures with 10 points. Fanning had nine points.



Sydnee Harchelroad (12) saves the ball from going out of bounds with a pass to Brianna Einspahr (24) against Anselmo-Merna. (DeAnn Davis | The Wauneta Breeze)

Basketball teams travel to Brady Holiday Tournament

Written by Wauneta Breeze

Wednesday, 08 January 2014 20:59 - Last Updated Wednesday, 08 January 2014 21:01

WP Nipped by Brady

The Eagles (9-1) have become a familiar foe for the Lady Broncos. The teams have played nine times in the past three years. Brady has also won this tournament for the past three years.

Coach Betsy Johanson said her team played well, but a mistake near the end cost her team and Brady hit its free throws at the end.

WP opened up a 11-4 lead at the end of the first quarter using a strong outside game.

After Einspahr hit a three-pointer to get WP on the board, Sydnee Harchelroad made two three-pointers and a two-pointer, while the Bronco defense held Brady to two baskets.

The Broncos outscored Brady 10-9 in the second quarter.

The long range shots kept falling for WP as Fanning and Einspahr each made three-pointers. Following two Einspahr free throws a bucket by Cassiday Rathe gave WP a 21-13 halftime lead.

With the help of a change in defense Brady was able to cut into the Broncos' lead in the third quarter. The Eagles switched from a zone offense to man in the second half.

Lee scored six of WP's seven third quarter points, making two baskets and two free throws. Fanning added her own free throw.

Leading 28-23 heading into the fourth quarter, the Broncos saw the lead narrow to 28-25 following a Brady steal and score.

Basketball teams travel to Brady Holiday Tournament

Written by Wauneta Breeze

Wednesday, 08 January 2014 20:59 - Last Updated Wednesday, 08 January 2014 21:01

Lee answered with back-to-back baskets to put WP ahead 32-25.

The Eagles answered with six straight points to pull within one, 31-32.

Brady took the lead off a WP turnover with just under three minutes remaining.

The Broncos regained the lead with just under a minute and a half to play behind another Lee basket, but a Brady basket in the paint gave the Eagles a lead it would not relinquish.

Two free throws with 22 seconds left finished off the Broncos.

Lee led WP with 12 points. Harchelroad and Einspahr each finished with eight points.

WP (4-5) will travel to Hitchcock County (1-9) Friday and host Southwest (4-4) Saturday.

Boys open with loss to tournament champion

After splitting games with South Platte and Hayes Center heading into the holiday break, WP took a 1-5 record into its opening round game against 7-2 Anselmo-Merna.

The Broncos were outscored 8-13 in the first quarter. Hayden Pollmann got the Broncos on the board with a three-pointer and, after a Wes Anderjaska basket, completed a conventional three-point play.

Basketball teams travel to Brady Holiday Tournament

Written by Wauneta Breeze

Wednesday, 08 January 2014 20:59 - Last Updated Wednesday, 08 January 2014 21:01

Lorenzo Cavanaugh opened scoring for the Broncos in the second quarter with a three pointer. Pollmann added two more two-point buckets and WP trailed 15-29 at halftime.

WP played its best quarter of ball coming out from half time. The Broncos outscored Anselmo-Merna 13-11 in the quarter.

Chase Rathe and Pollmann each made two baskets and Landon Jutten was three-for-four from the charity stripe. Anderjaska added a basket and finished the game with four points.

WP was unable to make a basket from the field in the fourth quarter, finishing by making three free throws.

The Coyotes didn't fair much better, only making one shot from the field and making four free throws.

Overall WP made seven-of-16 free throws, while Anselmo-Merna made nine-of-16.

Seven players played all four quarters and all nine players played.

Pollmann led WP with 14 points. Rathe scored five points.

Basketball teams travel to Brady Holiday Tournament

Written by Wauneta Breeze

Wednesday, 08 January 2014 20:59 - Last Updated Wednesday, 08 January 2014 21:01



North Platte Basketball Team (4th in district) arrives in the city (Photo: Davis / The
North Platte Journalist. The photo shows a basketball game in progress. Several players in red and white uniforms are on the court, with one player in a red jersey (number 15) in the foreground. The background shows bleachers and a gymnasium setting.