

## Broncos fall to ranked Hitchcock County, beat Southwest

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**Tyler Davis pulls down a rebound during the Broncos' 56-52 win over Southwest. Also pictured for WP is Wes Anderjaska (10). (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)**

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The Wauneta-Palisade boys' basketball team picked up its second win of the season Saturday in front of the home crowd against the Southwest Roughriders. WP opened the weekend with a loss at state ranked Hitchcock County Friday evening.

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### **WP falls to high-flying Falcons**

Ranked sixth in Class D2, Hitchcock County (9-1) scored on its first three possessions and jumped out to an 8-0 lead.

Behind back-to-back three pointers by Hayden Pollmann WP was able to get on the board and bring the score to 6-12.

Hitchcock County outscored WP 14-5 over the remainder of the quarter. Pollmann added a free throw to his total and Landon Jutten and Lorenzo Cavanaugh each knocked down buckets for the Broncos.

The Falcons started scoring in the second quarter with a three-pointer, continuing a trend from the game's first eight minutes. Hitchcock County was hot from beyond the arc throughout the first half making six three-pointers and finishing with eight three-pointers in the game.

Hitchcock County extended its lead to 44-11 before two Wes Anderjaska free throws closed out scoring in the first half.

Hitchcock County continued to pull away in the second half.

WP got all five third quarter points from Anderjaska who made a two-pointer and ended the quarter with a three-pointer as the final seconds ran off the clock.

Behind four fourth quarter points each from freshmen Brody Nordhausen and Tyler Davis the Broncos finished the game with the score 26-68.

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Anderjaska and Pollmann led the Broncos with seven points each.

### **Broncos show resilience**

WP picked up its second win of the season Saturday, holding on for a 56-52 win.

Following a Southwest (0-11) bucket on its first possession, Cavanaugh got the Broncos going with a three pointer. After a Roughrider free throw and then basket, Cavanaugh's steal and layup tied the game at five and Anderjaska's steal and layup gave the Broncos a 7-5 lead it would never give up.

WP's six- point run continued when Jutten converted a Nordhausen pass in the paint for two points.

After consecutive Southwest baskets to tie the game at nine, Jutten scored again, this time with an assist from Pollmann. A Southwest offensive rebound and put back tied the game at 11, but two free throws by Pollmann gave the Broncos a 13-11 lead at the end of the first quarter.

WP got a three-pointer from Cavanaugh on its opening possession of the second quarter and the teams traded free throws over the next two minutes, with WP getting two from Pollmann. After Pollmann found Jutten open again the Bronco lead was 22-17.

Answering a Southwest basket, Anderjaska found Pollmann open for a three-pointer. Anderjaska then went on a four point run, hitting a jumper then getting a steal and a layup to give WP a 29-19 lead.

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Southwest was able to make both ends of a one-and-one and the teams traded baskets, with WP getting a bucket by the driving Pollmann, to end the half with the Broncos ahead 34-23.

WP opened the second half with an Anderjaska basket sandwiched between two Southwest buckets.

A free throw then a layup by the Roughriders narrowed the WP lead to 36-30 before a layup by Chase Rathe stopped the seven point Southwest run.

WP traded a Roughrider basket for a Pollmann three-pointer and then a Pollmann free throw opened the margin back up to 10, 42-32.

The Broncos could only manage a Pollmann free throw over the final two minutes of the quarter and Southwest finished on a 5-1 run.

Southwest started the fourth quarter with a foul on Anderjaska who converted one free throw attempt. After the Roughriders made one free throw attempt Rathe made the Broncos' only basket from the field in the fourth quarter, making the score 46-38 with 7:22 remaining in the game.

The Roughriders continued to nibble into the Broncos' lead, finally tying the game at 48 with 3:22 left.

WP hung tough in the fourth quarter, getting to the free throw line and making it count.

The Broncos made eight-of-10 attempts in the final three minutes, including all six attempts over the last minute to seal the 56-52 win.

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Pollmann led WP with 19 points, including nine-of-twelve free throws. Anderjaska added 15 points, making six-of-eight free throws.

### **Coming up**

Now 2-8, WP will host 2-8 Perkins County Friday night and travel to 4-3 Garden County Saturday.