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Nicole Strand (35) and Cameo Rector (13) battle a Medicine Valley player for the rebound. The Lady Broncos are 12-8 with two games remaining on the schedule. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

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The Wauneta-Palisade Lady Broncos split games last week, stomping Medicine Valley at home, but losing at Sutherland.

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Tame the Raiders

Medicine Valley (4-13) was no match for WP Thursday night.

The Broncos opened up a 15-0 lead on the Raiders, including baskets on its first four possessions.

The Broncos solid passing continued. Brooklyn Nordhausen scored with an assist from Taylor Lee, Sydnee Harchelroad made a three pointer with an assist from Brianna Einspahr and, after a putback by Lee, Einspahr made a three-pointer with an assist from Nordhausen.

“The girls are getting to that point in their seasons and their careers that they see the court and especially each other very well,” said coach Betsy Johanson. “They are extremely unselfish, so that contributes to their great passing as well.”

WP continued to roll over through the first quarter and led 25-2 after the first eight minutes.

Einspahr made three three-pointers in the first quarter and added two free throws. She finished the game with 15 points.

Abbie Fanning and Harchelroad each made a three-pointer and a two-pointer in the quarter.

The Broncos extended the lead to 44-10 at the end of the half. Harchelroad added two three-pointers and Fanning hit one more.

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Leiauna Alberts, Hannah Nordhausen, B. Nordhausen and Nicole Strand also scored in the quarter.

Harchelroad paced WP with seven points of the Broncos' 10 points in the third quarter. Harchelroad finished the game with a team high 18 points and four three-pointers.

All 13 players saw action for WP, which cruised to a 60-21 win.

Lose to Sutherland

Friday WP traveled to Sutherland (14-5).

Sutherland held a 14-11 advantage at the end of the first quarter.

Nordhausen got the Broncos on the board, followed by a Einspahr three-pointer. After two baskets by Harchelroad, Lee rounded out the quarter with a bucket.

WP put 11 more points up in the second quarter, including three-pointers by Einspahr and Harchelroad around a Nicole Strand basket. Nordhausen rounded out WP scoring by making three-of-four free throws to end the quarter.

The Broncos gave up 13 second quarter points and trailed 22-27 at halftime.

The third quarter proved WP's undoing. The Broncos gave up 14 points to the Sailors, while

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only managing a conventional three-point play by Lee.

Trailing 25-41 heading into the fourth quarter, WP outscored Sutherland 15-12.

A three-pointer by Harchelroad and two-pointer by Lee were followed by a free throw by Nordhausen.

After another Harchelroad three-pointer WP ended the game making six straight free throws, two by Einspahr and four by Lee.

Harchelroad led WP with 13 points and Lee finished with 11.

Regular season wraps up

“We have gotten lots of experience in the last couple weeks. Improving everyone on our team is essential, and that has happened as girls have stepped up,” said Johanson.

She added that her team needs to continue to work on defense as the season wraps up.

Tuesday the team traveled to 4-12 Chase County and Friday WP will be at 5-13 Maywood.

Subdistricts will begin Monday at Southwest High School. WP is in position to earn the number one seed and have a first round bye.

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