

Broncos drop games to Medicine Valley and Sutherland

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Tyler Davis drives to the basket Thursday during the Broncos' loss to Medicine Valley. Also pictured is Wes Anderjaska. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

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The Wauneta-Palisade boys' basketball teams fell to 4-13 last week with close losses to Medicine Valley and Sutherland.

Host Medicine Valley

The Broncos opened the week's action with a 54-59 loss at home to Medicine Valley (4-12).

The Raiders held a 13-5 lead over the Broncos midway through the first period as WP could only manage two free throws and a basket by Brody Nordhausen and one free throw by Paul Behrends.

A three-pointer by Wes Anderjaska cut into the Medicine Valley lead and, following a Raider bucket, a Tyler Davis free throw made the score 9-15.

WP was able to score on its final two possessions, both baskets by Anderjaska, to make the score 13-17 at the end of the first quarter.

Both teams were cold over the first three minutes of the second quarter, adding only one Medicine Valley free throw to the scoreboard, until a Chase Rathe three-pointer brought the Broncos to within two points. Two free throws by Hayden Pollmann on the Broncos' next

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possession tied the game at 20. A layup on WP's ensuing possession gave the WP its first lead.

WP traded baskets by Behrends and Rathe with layups by Medicine Valley and the teams headed into the locker rooms tied at 26.

The Raiders opened the half with three straight points before a Rathe bucket stopped the run.

Anderjaska traded points with Medicine Valley, scoring seven straight points, and keeping the Broncos within four points, 33-37.

WP finished the quarter getting baskets from Rathe, Pollmann, Nordhausen and Davis, but trailed at the end of the third quarter 41-45.

Two baskets by Pollmann to start the fourth quarter tied the game at 45 with 6:49 remaining.

WP gained the lead on a basket by Landon Jutten only to see the score tied at 47 by two Raider free throws.

Medicine Valley took a 51-48 lead with two baskets that WP countered with one free throw by Davis.

A driving basket by Pollmann kept WP within one point, but Medicine Valley would outscore WP 8-4 down the stretch, scoring at least a free throw on each of its last six possessions.

Despite four straight points by Pollmann to keep the game close, WP couldn't get closer than two points with less than a minute left.

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Pollmann led WP with 18 points, including eight in the fourth quarter. Anderjaska finished with 12 points.

Travel to Sutherland

WP finished the week's action with a 45-51 loss to Sutherland (7-11).

WP led at the end of the first quarter 17-16.

Pollmann made a basket to open scoring for WP and, after an Anderjaska basket, Pollmann made a three-pointer.

WP got buckets by Rathe and Anderjaska before three-pointers by Pollmann and Rathe rounded out the quarter.

The Broncos trailed 24-33 at halftime after being outscored 7-17 in the second quarter. WP got two baskets by Pollmann and finished the quarter with three-straight free throws by Anderjaska.

WP outscored Sutherland 21-18 in the second half.

Anderjaska opened the half with five straight points. Lorenzo Cavanaugh and Pollmann added baskets.

Cavanaugh added a three-pointer in the fourth quarter and, following an Anderjaska free throw,

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Pollmann hit another three-pointer.

After a basket by Jutten, Pollmann finished scoring for the Broncos with his fourth three-pointer of the game.

Pollmann finished with 20 points for the Broncos.

Anderjaska added 13 points.

Season nearing end

The Broncos have three games left on the schedule.

WP was at Chase County (12-6) Tuesday night and will travel to Maywood (6-12) Friday. The Broncos lost to Maywood 50-57 in the RPAC tournament.

The regular season will end Feb. 21 at Dundy County-Stratton (13-7).

Boys' subdistricts will begin Monday, Feb.. 24 and will continue Tuesday, Feb. 25 and Thursday, Feb. 27.

Games will be played at Southwest High School. Teams in the Broncos D2-10 district are Hayes Center (9-8), Hitchcock County (15-3), Maywood (6-12) and Wallace (15-3).

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