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Brianna Einspahr drives past Chase County's Taylin McNair during the Broncos' 52-41 win over the Longhorns Feb. 11. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

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The Wauneta-Palisade Lady Broncos won its final two regular season games last week, winning at Chase County (5-14) and Maywood (5-15).

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Beat the Longhorns

WP led through the majority of the first quarter, only trailing 0-2.

Behind 10 total points from post players Tailor Lee and Brooklyn Nordhausen and three-pointers from guards Sydnee Harchelroad and Brianna Einspahr, the Broncos led 16-6 with 1:30 left in the first quarter.

Chase County went on a 7-0 run over the last minute and cut the Broncos' lead to 16-13.

With three baskets early in the second quarter compared to three WP free throws, Chase County tied the score at 19.

The Broncos responded, scoring six straight points. Following a Chase County basket, WP outscored the Longhorns 6-3 down the stretch of the second quarter and led 31-24 at halftime.

Both teams struggled from the field to start the third quarter. Each team made three free throws over the first 3:30 of the half.

Baskets by Abbie Fanning and Harchelroad got the teams warmed up and both teams scored nine points over the final three minutes of the quarter, including a Lee basket with less than three seconds left on the clock.

With WP leading 45-36 at the start of the fourth quarter, both teams once again struggled from the field.

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Neither team made a field goal until there was a minute and a half left in the contest, instead scoring from the free throw line. Nordhausen made both ends of a one-and-one and Lee and Fanning each hit one-of-two attempts. Chase County made one-of-three attempts over the same time.

It was off a Fanning miss that Nordhausen made the Broncos' only field goal of the period. One Lee free throw rounded out WP scoring. Chase County hit a three-pointer on its final possession to bring the final score to 52-41.

Lee led WP with 17 points, including making seven-of-10 attempts from the charity stripe. Nordhausen and Harchelroad also finished in double figures with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Wrap up week at Maywood

After Lee got the Broncos on the board against the Tigers, the team scored in streaks. WP got five straight points by Harchelroad, then four straight by Einspahr and four straight from Lee. The Broncos led 15-13 at the end of the first quarter.

Behind 10 points by Abby Werkmeister, Maywood outscored WP 15-10 in the second quarter and held a 28-25 lead.

Lee hit a basket to start WP scoring in the second quarter, and Harchelroad added two baskets of her own. The team rounded out the half with Einspahr and Nicole Strand each going two-for-two from the free throw line.

Nordhausen and Fanning each picked up their first points of the game early in the third quarter, scoring WP's first seven points.

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Three-pointers by Einspahr and Fanning around a two-pointer by Lee helped the Broncos take a 40-35 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Broncos added two three-pointers by Harchelroad and one by Einspahr. Cassidy Rathe converted a conventional three-point play and Harchelroad and Fanning each made both of their free throw attempts as WP would outscore the Tigers 16-12 in the fourth quarter of the 56-47 win.

Harchelroad led WP with 17 points. Einspahr added 12 points and Lee scored 10 points.

The team made 10-of-13 free throw attempts.

Werkmeister scored 19 points for Maywood, but only two in the second half.

Subdistricts up next

With a 14-8 record, WP earned the first seed and first round bye in the D2-9 subdistricts.

Action began Monday night in Bartley when Maywood beat Hitchcock County 51-28 and advanced to take on WP Tuesday.

In the other half of the bracket, three seed Wallace (9-10) faced two seed Hayes Center (9-12) played Tuesday night.

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The subdistrict finals will be Thursday night in Bartley at 6:00 p.m. MT/ 7:00 p.m. CT.