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Seniors Hayden Pollmann (left) and Wes Anderjaska (right) led the Broncos in scoring during the 2013-14 season. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

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Seniors Hayden Pollmann, Wes Anderjaska, Lorenzo Cavanaugh and Landon Jutten wrapped up their basketball careers Feb. 24 with a loss to Maywood in subdistricts.

It was a frustrating year for Wauneta-Palisade, which finished with a 5-16 record.

Coach Dave Kuhlen said it was an interesting year for his team's four seniors.

"These four played injured all season long and deserve a lot of credit for sticking out the season despite being hurt."

Anderjaska and Pollmann had both been starters since their sophomore seasons, but saw their roles change this season.

"Both fit well with last year's group of seniors," said Kuhlen, "Hayden and Wes had to take on different roles this year that weren't natural for them."

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Kuhlen added all four seniors never argued about playing whatever position the team needed from them.

Pollmann led the team in scoring with a 13.7 average, while Anderjaska averaged 11.7.

“Wes was our best guy rebounding and defensively. He stepped in and played point guard for us even though he’s more comfortable on the wing shooting jump shots,” said Kuhlen.

About Pollmann, Kuhlen said, “We asked more from Hayden this year. No matter where we put him he accepted that responsibility.”

After missing most of his junior season, Jutten returned this year to spend most of his time in the paint.

“Landon was fighting taller players every night,” said Kuhlen. “I think he liked it in the middle, mixing it up and rebounding.”

Kuhlen said Cavanaugh tried everything his coaches asked from him, whether it was playing in the post or outside.

Players who gained starting experience this year are Chase Rathe, Brody Nordausen and Tyler Davis. Rounding out the roster were Paul Behrends and Chris Carl.

“They are a coachable group of kids,” Kuhlen said, adding that they need to improve on the defensive side of the ball.

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“Brody was our most improved player. Chase had some high points in the season. Tyler was a security blanket for us. Paul gave us good effort and Chris was Mr. Steady,” said Kuhlen.

The season had some bright spots according to Kuhlen. He pointed out a portion of the second quarter of the Southern Valley game when WP outscored the Eagles 14-1. The Paxton game was also one of his bright spots.

Kuhlen said the team was always ready to give its best despite everyone playing out of position and coaches emphasized separating frustrations from looking forward and improving as the season went on.



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Junior right guard Lorenzo Cavanaugh (left) and Landon