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Above, Brooklyn Nordhausen (23) and Abbie Fanning defend in the paint. (Diane S	3tamm
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### The Wauneta Breeze

Despite a strong start to Wauneta-Palisade's State Basketball Tournament appearance, the Lady Broncos were unable to keep up with top-seeded Falls City Sacred Heart in the second half.

Trailing 19-23 at halftime, WP lost 25-45.

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FCSH scored seven total points on three straight possessions and opened up a 7-2 lead as the Broncos could only manage a basket by Abbie Fanning. WP cut into the lead with one free throw by Fanning and a putback by Tailor Lee off the missed second free throw.

The teams traded baskets with Lee adding another bucket with an assist from Fanning.

Two free throws by FCSH with 17.4 seconds remaining in the quarter gave the Irish a 11-7 lead at the end of the first eight minutes.

After FCSH scored the opening basket of the second quarter, Lee scored for the Broncos. The Irish opened up a 17-9 lead behind two free throws and a basket.

Lee moved WP into double figures with her fourth basket and a steal and layup by Fanning brought WP back to within four, 13-17.

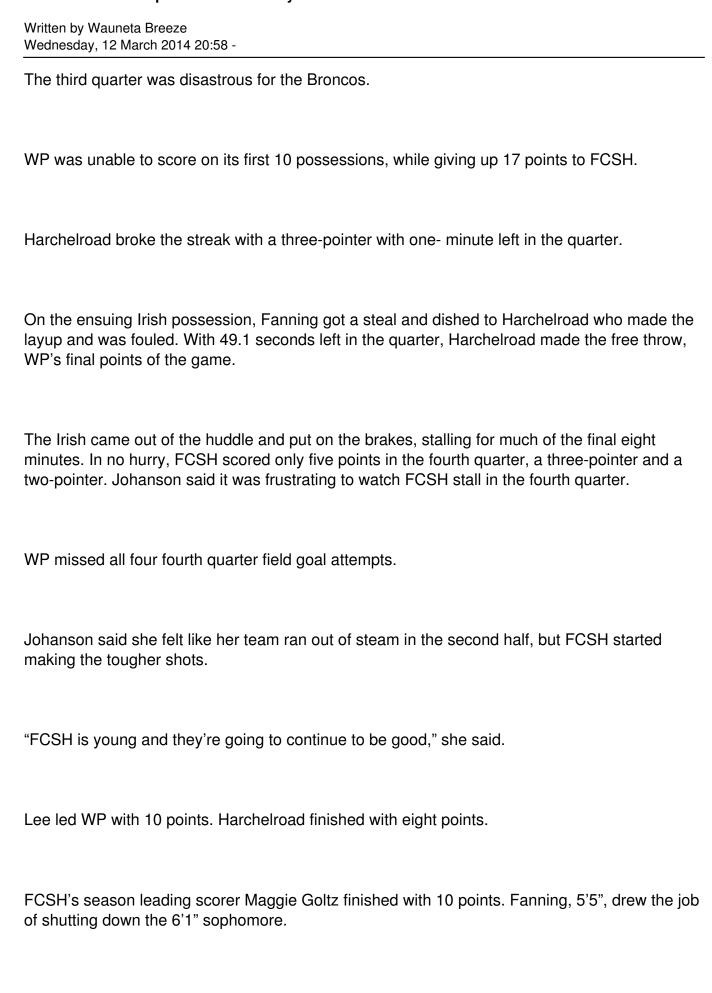
WP responded to a putback by FCSH with a driving bucket by Sydnee Harchelroad, then, after one free throw by FCSH, Brooklyn Nordhausen scored with an assist from Lee to bring the score to 17-20.

FCSH answered Nordhausen's basket with a three-pointer. Lee closed out first half scoring with two free throws with 36.1 seconds left.

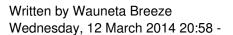
WP coach Betsy Johanson said her team did a great job in the first half defensively.

"We played awesome defense in the first half. We didn't want to give up any easy shots and did a great job."

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"Abbie did really well," said Johanson. "She's a great defender and hard worker."

WP (17-9) finishes the season ranked tenth by the Lincoln Journal Star and ninth by the Omaha World Herald.

"Being able to go to state was a good experience and the cap of a great season," said Johanson.