

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**BERTHA-HEWITT GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
February 3, (H)  
Henning, 7:45 p.m.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
February 2, (H)  
Verndale, 7:45 p.m.  
February 6, (A)  
Eagle Valley, 7:30 p.m.

**RAIDERS WRESTLING**  
February 2, (A)  
PRC Tourney  
Long Prairie, 10 a.m.  
February 6, (A)  
Breckenridge Triang., 5 p.m.

**EAGLE VALLEY GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
February 2, (A)  
Royalton, 7:30 p.m.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
February 3, (H)  
Royalton, 7:30 p.m.  
February 6, (H)  
Bertha-Hewitt, 7:30 p.m.

**BRONCOS WRESTLING**  
February 4, (A)  
PRC Tourney, 10 a.m.  
Long Prairie, 10 a.m.

## BROWERVILLE

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
February 2, (H)  
Upsala, 7:30 p.m.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
February 3, (H)  
Upsala 7:30 p.m.

**BRONCOS WRESTLING**  
See Eagle Valley

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# Foul troubles lead to Rebels loss in Swanville

by Coach Lesa Boser

The Rebels girls basketball team went back on the road again last week. The first stop was in Barrett to take on the West Central Area Knights. Having played them early in the season, we had a general idea of what their style was like and knew that we needed to step up our game to match that.

The first half did not look all that impressive. We were sluggish on both ends of the court. We allowed 6 of their 7 first half players to score, giving them 47 points on the scoreboard. Our offense struggled to find the basket and at halftime we headed into the locker room down 17-47.

The second half showed a little bit of improvement on our behalf. We were able to find the basket a bit better. Defensively we still struggled to hold down the strong shooter from West Central. We were able to hold them to 39 points, but in the end the scoreboard read 47-86.

*S. Asfeld, 4 points  
R. Stoterau, 1 point  
A. Blashack, 12 points  
B. Oliver, 6 points  
B. Schumann, 8 points  
C. Hinzmann, 5 points  
D. Pratt, 9 points*

On Friday, we were back on the bus heading to Swanville. This was our third meeting with the Bulldogs. We lost to them at home by five in December and were victorious by one in our meeting at the Holiday Tournament. Having played the Bulldogs twice, we knew defensively we needed to stop the inside game and keep our offense wide and moving.

# Rebels improve to 9-5 with win at WCA

by Coach Ray Benning

Looking at the standings midway through the regular season, in our half of the sub-section we are in 3rd place behind Browerville and Upsala. So every game proves to be a big game. The fan support is a huge factor in all games, especially the close ones. We appreciate the support!

We were a little banged up going into this week. We knew we needed to try and overcome that and play a solid game.

**West Central Area**  
On Thursday, January 26, the Rebels traveled to Barrett to take on the West Central Area Knights. It is the second time this season we had faced them. In the first meeting we prevailed 71-67.

Even though the Knights have a 4-12 record they came ready to play. They started the game hot and shot well from the exterior. They were also very aggressive on defense which converted a few turnovers early.

We took the early lead and led 11-7. But at that point the Knights went on an 18-3 run and led 14-25 midway through the first. We traded basket for basket for most of the first half and with four minutes remaining in the half they still held an 11 point advantage at 20-31.

We started to settle down and pick apart their press and made a little run of our own before the half to cut the lead to six at 32-38.

Tyler Oftedahl was having a good night. He had 10 points in the half.

In the second half we wanted to get the ball inside. Defensively we knew we needed to stop Dakota Kashmark. He scored 13 in the first half.

We slowly started to play better on defense and made a little ground on offense and started to get more control of the tempo. Four minutes into the half we cut the lead to one at 41-42.

The Knights again would go on a little run and push the lead to nine with 8 minutes remaining.

We made a quick change in our defense to see if we could create some turnovers and the Knights were not ready for it. We went on a 12-2 run and took our first lead in the second half at 56-55.

Luke Mock hit a couple clutch back-to-back 3's and Tate Benning had two old fashioned 3-point plays by being aggressive and getting to the hoop which proved to be huge as it fouled out their 6'3" center.

From the 8 minute mark to one minute left in the game we outscored the Knights 30-6 and led 74-59 when the starters of both teams were pulled. The final score was 76-62.

This win was a great team win. We shot 57% in the second half and 48% on the night. We also shot well from the charity stripe shooting 78% at 14 for 18. We also had a season high 18 assists on the night.

Defensively we made the right adjustments and played very solid late in the game. We held Kashmark to two points in the second half. He finished with 15.

Oftedahl led all scorers with 22 points. He shot 82% on the night and was 9 for 11. He was 4 for 5 from the line as well. Mock had his best offensive game of the season. He was 4 for 8 from 3 point land and finished with 18 points. Benning played a very good second half, scoring all of his 15 points in that half and he was 5 of 6 from the line. Logan Riedel had 12 points and was very aggressive at getting to the basket. Neil Zimmer finished with 9 and Jake Schauer added 2.

Oftedahl led in rebounding with 9 followed by Benning with 6.

	Pts	Rbd	Ast	Stl	Blk
Riedel	12	3	3	2	0
Oftedahl	22	9	3	2	1
Bailey	0	1	0	0	0
Benning	15	6	4	3	1
Meyer	0	0	0	0	0
Mock	18	3	4	0	0
Zimmer	9	3	4	2	0

The Rebels travel to Swanville on Tuesday night and take on the Bulldogs. In our first meeting at home we came out on top 59-58.

On Friday, we will host the Royalton Royals for Parent's night. We also defeated the Royals in our first meeting 74-68.

Next Monday night we will host the 9-5 Bertha-Hewitt Bears.

# Raiders pick up three big wins as season end draws near

by Coach Mike Barthel

The Raiders had a busy week with four duals, two on Tuesday and two more on Thursday. On Tuesday, they made the short trip to Browerville to take on Browerville-Eagle Valley and Royalton/Upsala.

In the first dual against Royalton, the Raiders got two wins to start things off, but then lost the next four to fall into a 10-19 hole. The Raiders pulled off two big wins with Dakota Finck and Nick Bennett, but then gave up two pins making the score 16-30 with four matches left. Dillon Card and John French got forfeits, but the Raiders Dalton Baker was wrestling a great match, only losing 2-1, when he was turned and pinned. Colin Turchin got the pin to end the dual, but the Raiders lost 34-36.

In the next dual, the Raiders took on BEV and really looked good by getting seven pins and two forfeits to take a deciding victory 53-28.

"It was nice to really take it to a team, we are starting to get guys to weight and are wrestling better and better each week," added Coach Barthel.

On Thursday, the Raiders hosted Staples-Motley and Pelican Rapids. In the first dual, the Raiders gave up four pins to start off and looked like it could be a long day, but they were able to come back strong with four pins of their own and a forfeit to take a 30-24 lead. The Raiders swapped a pair of forfeits and John French wrestled very well, but lost 0-4. Baker and Turchin were able to pick up a couple



At 106 pounds, Raiders wrestler Justin Gordon worked hard to get a reversal over Daniel Francon of Pelican Rapids.

—photo by Matt Ganz

falls to win the dual 48-33.

In the last dual against Staples-Motley, the Raiders took a quick 12-0 lead and looked primed to run on the Cardinals. Then Staples got a quick pin at 120 lbs., only to be answered by a Marshall Willis pin. The Cardinals answered back with two falls of their own, but the Raiders came back with pins by Finck and Bennett and a forfeit win by Charlie Nienaber to bring the dual to 36-23 in favor of the Raiders.

In the biggest match of the night Dillon Card wrestled the

number one ranked AA Blake Petrich. It was a very well wrestled match by both wrestlers and a few takedowns were the only points that separated the two. It was the only match that Petrich did not pin his man so that in itself was a victory for Card. The Raiders dropped the next two matches and then Turchin got a forfeit to seal the victory for the Raiders 42-38.

Next week the Raiders will take on OTC on Tuesday in Bertha and then will have the Park Region Conference tournament on Saturday.

# Team effort proves to be too much for Trojans

by Coach Dale Finck

On Tuesday night the Bears hosted the Royalton Royals. The game went back and forth for the first seven minutes and both teams struggling a bit on the offensive end, but the game was tied at 7 all. The Royals then outscored us 20-12 to finish the half.

We were unable to take advantage of some scoring opportunities as a team and lost all momentum. Shooting 23% from the field makes it difficult and halftime we were down 19-27.

In the second half, the Bears improved by shooting 43% from the field. We cut the lead to four points, then the Royals went on a 13-0 run and we were down by 16 points with 9:11 remaining.

We continued to work hard defensively and tried to get quality shots which led us to cutting the Royals lead to five points with 3:31 remaining. The Royals answered by shooting 4/4 from the free-throw line then Michael Grewe hit back-to-back 3's to cut the lead to three with 1:54 remaining.

Unfortunately we were unable to make another field goal and the Royals answered with shooting solid from the free-throw line and found the open guy as the Bears tried to force quick turnovers. We just didn't have an answer for the Royals on Tuesday night as they handed us our fifth loss by outscoring us 53-59.

The Bears were led by Matthew Frethem's 22 points and 13 rebounds, Murphy chipped

in 11, Grewe 8, Tranvik 6, Voge 4 and Riewer 2.

On Friday night, the Bears



Senior forward Skylar Voge looked to inbound the ball over the Royals defenders.

—photo by Ray Benning

hosted the Sebeka Trojans for a Park Region Conference match-up. Despite their 3-11 record, going into the game the Bears were very concerned with the Trojans. They are well coached and are led by an explosive player in Paul Funk.

The Bears keyed on Funk as we attempted to make every

possession extremely difficult for him. The duo of Grewe and Riewer did just that as they

held him to three field goals for the night. The Bears energy on defense was maybe the key throughout the game.

The Bears started with the first four points, but both teams really took some time to settle into their offense. Murphy sparked the Bears with some good vision and attacking the

trojans defense. However, with 6:10 remaining, the Trojans cut the lead to two points. The Bears then when on an 8-0 run as Dylan Templin created some issues for the Trojans inside, while Daryn Kirscht made a big hustle play and a tipped rebound to an open Bear for an easy basket. On the next trip down the floor, Kirscht cashed in by hitting two free throws to help increase the Bears lead to 10 points. The Trojans fired right back cutting the lead to five points at halftime 27-22.

The Trojans continued to compete and with 13:48 remaining the score was tied at 34 all. The duo of Murphy and Frethem took over the Bears offense as we went on a 13-3 run and put the Bears in control the remainder of the game. The Trojans put us to the free-throw line, but Murphy answered by shooting 11 for 11 from the line.

The Bears improved to 6-1 in the PRC with a 64-56 win over Sebeka.

The Bears were led by a career high 27 points from Murphy and Frethem joined with 21 of his own and 14 rebounds.

With 6:28 remaining Frethem hit 1000 career points by penetrating between the Trojans for an open look near the hoop. The Bears had great individual performances, but it was the team effort and energy that stood out.

Friday night was a great atmosphere as the student body gave us the home court advantage with some great cheering.

We improved our record to 9-5, 6-1 in the PRC.

# Lady Bears play two in the PRC



Arei Stokes, who led the Bears with 18 points against the Pirates, was able to make a clean block on the Pirates leading scorer Teresa Moenkedick.

—photo by Matt Ganz

by Mick Stokes

The Lady Bears returned to conference play with a trip to Sebeka on Tuesday night. The Bears struggled to get the ball inside the first time these two teams met so they went with a four-out game plan that had the Bears getting some good looks at the basket, only to come up with a very poor shooting night.

"I guess nothing ever goes as planned as at times we had looks we wanted, but did not execute. We put the ball in the hands of our playmakers to attack and get looks for others, but we have to be able to put the ball in the basket and we did not do that tonight," stated Coach Harig. "We shot 18% from the floor, and a lot of our misses were good close looks. If you take our three-point shooting out we still only shot a little above 21%. Getting shots wasn't the problem, converting them to points was."

In the end the results were similar to the first meeting between these two as the Bears lost to the Trojans 59-30.

Arei Stokes was the only Bear to hit double digits as she posted 20 points and pulled down a game high 16 rebounds.

The conference schedule continued on Thursday night as the Lady Bears traveled up County Road 23 to play the Verndale Pi-

rates. The Bears started the game with their best offensive flow of the season as multiple players were knocking down shots that seen the Bears run out to a 24-8 lead in the first nine minutes.

The Pirates found their offense and fought back as the Bears entered halftime with a 31-23 lead. The Pirates kept fighting back, but the Bears had an answer all the way and in the end pulled away with a 53-44 win over the Pirates.

"When you can have multiple people scoring on a consistent basis it is tough to stop a team," said Harig. "Tonight we put three girls in double digits and that is what we need. This was a real nice win as we stepped up our defense and had some good minutes from our bench."

The Lady Bears in double digits were Arei Stokes with 18, Ashton Kappahn with 12 and Rumor Stokes with 10.

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