

Hornets and Rebels hand Bears a pair of losses



Preston Riewer jumped up between his Rebels opponents for a shot at the basket. He added six points to the Bears' score and had six assists.

—photo by Blake Borst

by Coach Dale Finck

The past week the Bears faced, one of the best teams in the Section, the Eagle Valley Rebels on Monday night and then on Friday night traveled to Henning to face the Henning Hornets. Friday night was a PRC battle to separate one team from a three way tie for first place with Pillager. Unfortunately for the Bears the two teams played extremely well and we ended up taking it on the chin. At the end of the week, the Bears record is now 11-7 and 8-2 in the PRC.

On Monday night, Eagle Valley started by scoring the first six points, but the Bears were able to answer back making some quality shots. After back-to-back 3's by Tranvik and Grewe the Bears had taken a 10-8 lead. Both teams were able to get into rhythm offensively and were shooting the ball well. The game went back and forth with both teams playing well and the score was tied at 27 all with 6:02 remaining in the half. The Bears were get-

ting a balanced attack scoring inside and out which helped equalize the outstanding shooting from the Rebels. However, in the last five minutes, the Rebels pulled away by taking advantage of some defensive breakdowns and all of a sudden the Rebels were up by ten at halftime.

In the second half, we were able to match their scoring for the first five minutes and then the Rebels stepped on the gas. The Rebels hit four straight 3-point shots and pulled away to a 26 point lead with 4:26 remaining. The Rebels shooting 50% from the field and 55% from behind the arc made it very difficult for us.

With 4:26 remaining we knew we had to try to pressure the Rebels to see if we could take them out of their rhythm. We were able to create a couple turnovers and quick shots to get us to within 16 points with 2:27 remaining. The Rebels were able to regroup and hold us off from that point on and the game ended with the Rebels on top.

Final score 67-83.

The Bears were led by Frethem's 32 points and 9 rebounds, Tranvik contributed 11, Voge had 8, Riewer chipped in 6 points and 6 assists, Kirscht had 5, Grewe picked up 3 points and 5 assists and Templin added 2.

On Friday night, the Hornets scored the first six points and we answered back with the next ten points to take the lead 10-6. This looked to be another back and forth battle between the PRC opponents. Both teams struggled to be consistent in their offensive effort.

Offensively, Preston Riewer was able to lead the Bears with 11 points by putting pressure on the Hornets with his dribble penetration. With 42 seconds remaining in the half Dylan Templin hit a jumper to tie the game at 24 all. However, the Hornets hit a 3 before the buzzer to send us into the locker room down 24-27.

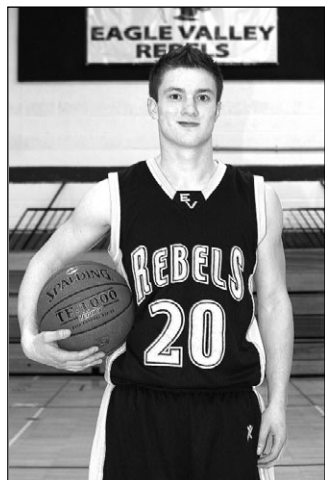
The Hornets built on their lead in the beginning of the second half as the Bears struggled to get quality shots. The Hornets defense really did a great job of taking away shots, defending the ball and showing help. We continued to work hard to cut into the lead, but then the Hornets would get a key basket or two and with 4:37 remaining we found ourselves down by 11 points.

Matthew Frethem is the one Bear that the Hornets had no answer for and he was able to make some great plays to cut into the lead. The Bears had to foul just to get into the bonus and once we put the Hornets on the line they were able to make just enough to keep it at a two possession game the last 30 seconds. With three seconds remaining the Hornets hit 1 for 2 from the free-throw line to make it four points; 49-53 and handed the Bears our second loss in the PRC (8-2 and 11-7 overall).

Frethem led the team with 24 points and 9 rebounds, Riewer tossed in 13 points, Murphy had 5, Voge with 3 and Grewe and Templin each picked up 2 points.

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"Athlete of the week"



The VikinglandSports.com Male Athlete of the Week is Tate Benning of the Eagle Valley boys' basketball team.

Benning, the Rebels' 5'10" senior captain, has played very well recently and gave Eagle Valley the needed boost to get two Prairie Conference wins and improve the Rebels' season record to 11-5.

In two games last week, the Eagle Valley point guard scored a combined 50 points, shot 54 percent from the field and was 9-of-11 (82%) from the free throw line. He also had 11 rebounds, 10 assists, three steals and two blocks.

On Tuesday, January 31, Benning scored a career high 31 points on the road in Swanville and was a perfect 5-for-5 from the line. He also pulled down six boards, had five assists and three steals.

"We trailed early in this game and he took control and scored 15 points in the first half to tie the score," said Rebels' Head Coach Ray Benning. "We went on to win 80-70."

On Friday, the Rebels hosted the Royalton Royals. Benning scored 19 points, was 4-for-6 from the line and had five rebounds, with five assists and two blocks.

Eagle Valley won that game 81-67.

For the season, Tate is averaging 16.1 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. He also has 35 assists and 34 steals.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

BERTHA-HEWITT GIRLS BASKETBALL

February 17, (H)
Upsala, 7:45 p.m.
February 21, (A)
Wadena-Deer Creek, 7:45 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

February 16, (A)
Pillager, 7:45 p.m.
February 21, (H)
Menahga, 7:45 p.m.

RAIDERS WRESTLING

February 18, (A)
Sectionals, TBA

EAGLE VALLEY GIRLS BASKETBALL

February 16, (A)
St. John's Prep, 7:30 p.m.
February 21, (A)
Osakis, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

February 17, (A)
Upsala, 7:30 p.m.

BRONCOS WRESTLING

February 17, (A)
Team Section, TBA
Minnewaska

BROWERVILLE

GIRLS BASKETBALL

February 16, (H)
Osakis, 7:30 p.m.
February 18, (H)
Nevis, 6 p.m.
February 21, (A)
LPGE, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

February 17, (H)
Royalton, 7:30 p.m.
February 18, (H)
Nevis, 7:30 p.m.
February 21, (H)
Parkers Prairie, 7:30 p.m.

BRONCOS WRESTLING

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

★ Bowling

Monday Nite Ladies			Thursday City		
February 6, 2012			Results from February 9:		
	W	L		W	L
Baso/Cuchna Insurance	21.5	6.5	Harms	122.5	66.5
Clarissa Family Dental	20	8	SCW Construction	112	77
Bob's Team	19	9	Eagle Bend Vets I	102.5	86.5
Shirley's Gas & Grocery	16.5	11.5	NAPA Auto Parts	100	89
Klein Insurance	14	14	Eagle Bend Vets II	93	96
Eagle Lanes	12	16	Alisha's Care Center	67	122
Beauty Inn	9	19			

Wednesday Inter-City League			Friday Daytimers		
Results from February 8:			Results from February 10:		
	W	L		W	L
Clarissa Ballroom	23	9	Creative Floors	16	8
Central Ag	23	9	Al's	14	10
Benson Construction	18	14	Gene Captain's Pro Shop	11	13
Busy B Café	13	19	Stampin' Up	7	17
Baso Insurance	11	21			
Berg Electric	8	24			

High games: Sandy Baso 193; Kelly Cebulla 182; Jane Voge 175; Tammy Schlichting 175; Jane Schultz 175
High series: Judy Noska 473; Tammy Schlichting 473; Diane Hanson 465
Splits: Stacie Warren 5-7 and 6-7

High game: Doug Foote 223; Al Woida 200; Robin Woida 197
High series: Robin Woida 557; Scott Woida 542; Doug Foote 536
High ladies game: Amy Claseman 180.152; Bambi Woida 150
High ladies series: Amy Claseman 476; Bambi Woida 418; Joyce Masson 358

High games: Deidre Bryniarski 191.168; Helen Husfeldt 166; Joyce Masson 155
High series: Deidre Bryniarski 513; Helen Husfeldt 470; Joyce Masson 443

Lady Bears continue their hot streak

by Mick Stokes

The Lady Bears entered the week on a three game winning streak with all three wins coming in conference play. The Bears took their home court for another conference game in their first contest of the week against a very young Pillager Husky team.

The Bears really struggled shooting and were never in a really good flow all game long and entered halftime trailing 16-17.

"We just were not moving very good in our offensive sets and when we did get good shots we couldn't get the ball to drop," Coach Harig stated. "It was frustrating for the girls to play, as it was for the coaching staff and I am sure the fans who were watching."

The Bears faced a lot of adversity and had to play a considerable part of the game with their leading scorer, Aeri Stokes, on the bench in foul trouble.

"This was really the first time that we have had to play without Aeri for a prolonged time. I think she only played about 15 total minutes tonight and we missed her energy and creating ability on the court," explained Harig. "We also didn't do a very good job of rebounding, so that added to the fact that we weren't shooting well made this a dog fight."

The Bears prevailed and fought through a rough night and picked up the win by a score of 43-38. The win assured them of a winning record in the conference as they picked up their 7th conference win and 10th overall.

The Bears were led in scoring by Aeri Stokes with 16 and Ashton Kapphahn with 12.

The second game of the week actually fell on Saturday night as they faced off with their southern neighbors, the Eagle Valley



Faith Rickbeil and Kathryn VanDenheuvel made a great defensive play as they avoided the foul call, but were still able to block this shot and regain possession for the Bears.

—photo by Matt Ganz

Rebels, in a key Section 5 game. The Bears came out of the gates excited and played with a lot of energy and pushed out to a big 42-25 lead at halftime.

"We moved the ball up and down the court much better tonight and it showed with the number of points we were able to put up," Harig stated. "When we stand around on offense we really struggle to score, and we have worked on pushing tempo and I think the girls seen tonight what they can do when we move the ball. We had two girls post dou-

ble-doubles tonight, with Aeri Stokes scoring 27 and grabbing 20 rebounds and Kathryn VanDenheuvel scoring 12 and grabbing 10 boards, so controlling the boards allowed us to get up and down the court."

Asthan Kapphahn also hit double digits with 14 points. In total the Bears posted 48 rebounds on the night.

The Bears will take their 5 game winning streak into Menahga on Valentine's Day this Tuesday.

Rebels feel the Hornets sting



Seniors Ashlee Blashack and Courtney Hinzmann showed good teamwork as Hinzmann held off the defenders allowing Blashack to penetrate the Hornets' defense.

—photo by Blake Borst

by Coach Lesa Boser

The girls basketball team hosted two games over the weekend. Henning came to town on Friday, February 10 for Parents' Night and Bertha-Hewitt came on Saturday, February 11. We changed up our starting five a little bit both nights and went with four guards and a forward due to some minor injuries.

Bonnie Oliver led the first half scoring Friday night with 11, while Ashlee Blashack, Brooke Schumann, Courtney Hinzmann

and Danielle Pratt each added 2 points.

Defensively, we allowed the Hornets way too many second and third shots, going into halftime down 19-37.

Offensively in the second half we found a few more baskets from a variety of shooters. Pratt came out strong with a 3-pointer as well as eight additional points to be the second half lead scorer with 11 points. Stoterou drove nicely to the basket scoring six points and Cindy Cervantes came

off the bench to add three.

We still struggled shutting down the Hornets offense, especially the inside game, and ended the game 46-76.

C. Cervantes, 3 points
R. Stoterou, 6 points
A. Blashack, 6 points
B. Oliver, 14 points
B. Schumann, 2 points
C. Hinzmann, 2 points
D. Pratt, 13 points

On Saturday we took on the neighboring Bertha-Hewitt Bears. Still running with a four guard offense, we started out a bit stronger than the night before with all of the first half players scoring. Defensively we were still struggling to find some rebounds against a solid Bears offense. We gave up 42 points in the first half.

We found some better and much needed defense in the second half, allowing Bertha-Hewitt to score only 25 more points. Offensively, we still had multiple players scoring, however, we could only add 17 points to our side of the scoreboard.

We will host a very strong Upsala team on Monday, February 13, with our elementary girls basketball teams making their debut at halftime. On Thursday, we will travel to St. John's Prep for our second meeting with them.

S. Asfeld, 6 points
C. Cervantes, 2 points
R. Stoterou, 4 points
A. Blashack, 6 points
B. Sarff, 2 points
B. Oliver, 8 points
B. Schumann, 6 points
C. Hinzmann, 8 points

Young Raiders face off against tough competition in the 9th grade state tourney



Pictured left to right: Jarod Hall, Marshall Willis, Anthony Kern and Hayden Truax.

—submitted photo

Four Raiders competed in the 9th grade State Tournament held in Champlin Park on Saturday, February 4.

Anthony Kern might have entered the toughest weight class in the tournament. He had two very close matches, but ended up on the short end of the score in each match. Kern's first match was a wrestler from Maple Grove. Kern took the early lead, but could not hang on for the win. Kern's last match ended with Kern getting the take-down with no time left which would have put the match into overtime.

Marshall Willis had a very similar story, losing his first

match in overtime to a wrestler from Totino Grace by a score of 6-4. Willis lost a very close second match to a wrestler from Grand Meadow by the score of 2-0.

Hayden Truax won his first match by pin and then matched up against a very tough wrestler from Adrian who eventually went on to place second. His third match was against a wrestler from Bloomington Kennedy which, if he would have won, would have put him into placing, but he ended the day with a 12-2 loss.

Eighth grader Jarod Hall ran into two very tough wrestlers. He ended the day 0-2, but bat-

led against kids who were a bit bigger. Hall never gave up and had his chances in both matches. I am sure he is already looking forward to returning to this tournament as a 9th grader next year!

Although the win-loss total might not be what the young Raiders would want, it does not reflect how hard these boys wrestled or how close these matches were. These four wrestlers gained some very valuable experience they will use to their advantage when they "hopefully" get a chance to wrestle in future state tournaments.

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