

## Rebels split games for the week

by Coach Ray Benning

It was a tough week for the Rebels. Not because we split games. More importantly, on Friday night we lost two varsity players to injuries. Skyler Meiners broke his forearm and Jerod Nelson severely injured his ankle. Both will be out for at least a month.

### Menahga

We traveled to Menahga on Thursday for a non-conference game. The Braves came out with a lot of intensity and set the tone. They jumped out to an early 21-14 lead and led for most of the first half.

We took a time out late in the half and changed to a zone defense which caught the Braves off guard.

We were able to take our first lead just prior to the half and going into the locker room we led 32-31.

The second half we played much better overall. We started that half with an 18 to 3 run and never looked back. This may have been the best all around half we have played all season.

The final was 70-53.

We cruised to victory on the heels of Nelson. Nelson led all scorers with 24 points. He also recorded 7 rebounds. Tate Benning added 17 points and Tyler Oftedahl had another double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

	Pts	Rbd	Ast	Stl	Blk
Riedel	8	3	2	5	1
Oftedahl	11	11	1	2	3
Bailey	0	0	0	0	0
Benning	17	3	1	0	0
Meyer	2	1	2	1	1
Nelson	24	7	1	1	0
Mock	4	5	4	0	0
Zimmer	4	2	4	4	0

### Upsala

The Cardinals definitely came to play on Friday night and proved they are much better than their 4-4 record.

Again we started slow in this game. The Cards on the other hand were on fire. They jumped out in front going up 20-9. They started the game with shooting an impressive 77% from the field, 10 of 13 and 3 of 4 from 3-point land.

Midway through the first half Nelson went up for a block and came down on someone's foot. He immediately dropped to the floor in severe pain and left the game for the night. Losing Nelson was a tough loss. He has been very consistent for us.

We regrouped, changed our defense and battled hard in the first half to try to cut the lead. Our bench played a critical role in that. Taylor Bailey came off the bench and hit a big three for us. Derek Meyer played some intense defense and he also pulled down 6 offensive boards on the night. Going into the locker room we trailed 34-41.

The second half was played very evenly for both teams. We alternated scoring for much of the rest of the game with neither team having any huge runs.

We had a couple chances at the end of the game, but our shots just wouldn't fall for us.

The final score was 70-75.

On the night, both teams were dead even with steals, assists and blocks. We committed two less turnovers with 13. We out rebounded the Cards 39-33. We shot 62% to their 63% from the charity stripe. We put up 10 more shots than they did on the night with 73. But their total field goal percentage was 45% compared to our 36%. That was the difference in the game.



Tate Benning who drew a foul on this layup was 10 for 13 from the line on the night. —photo by Blake Borst

Leading all scorers on the night was Oftedahl with 27. Benning added 12. Luke Mock played his best game of the season. Mock recorded his first double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. He also had 6 assists and 3 steals. Neil Zimmer also played his best game of the season with 10 points, 9 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals.

The Rebels have back to back games again this week. We travel to St. John's Prep on

Thursday and to Parkers Prairie on Friday.

	Pts	Rbd	Ast	Stl	Blk
Riedel	3	4	2	0	1
Oftedahl	27	7	1	0	2
Bailey	3	0	0	0	0
Benning	12	4	2	2	0
Meyer	2	6	0	1	0
Nelson	2	0	0	0	0
Mock	11	10	6	3	0
Zimmer	10	9	5	3	0

## Raiders defeat Wolverines; place 5th in BBE Invitational

by Coach Mike Barthel

The new year started out very busy for the Raiders who started out by going to Long Prairie to take on the LPGE Thunder on Tuesday. With the new year came a different looking team—we had some guys out and we needed to fill those holes with some underclassmen who have not seen the varsity mat.

The Raiders started off well with a pin from Justin Gordon and big wins from Marshall Willis and Ethan Kimber and another fall from Andrew Cihlar. Then LPGE made a run getting pins in the next four weights.

Dillon Card wrestled Lenard Bennett for the third time this year and it was another barn burner. Every match has been down to the wire and again Card pulled out a 3-2 double overtime win.

Andrew Bounds got a big pin for us at 195 pounds, but that would be all of the scoring that the Raiders could muster as the Thunder were just too tough up top, winning the last two matches and beating the Raiders 39-34.

On Thursday, the Raiders took the trip to Wadena to take on the Wolverines. WDC is re-

building this year and had four open weights and that was all the Raiders needed. Once again Justin Gordon started off with a pin and Marshall Willis wrestled very well, losing a close match to Sam Waln of WDC.

The dual went fast with all of the open weights and some falls from both teams until Andrew Bounds stepped on the mat at 195 and took on 6th ranked Tony Reurink. It was a great match with Bounds keeping it close and giving himself a chance to win, but he got taken down and lost the match 7-1.

John French and Hunter Truax sealed the deal for the Raiders both getting pins and winning the dual 47-29. It was great to see the JV guys get in there in the end and get pins for us.

Then on Friday, the Raiders went to Belgrade for an individual tournament with BBE, KMS, LPGE, Minneota, OTC, HLW-W and Becker. It was tougher than our section tournament and we wrestled well. We started off flat and lost a lot of matches that we should have won, but then we settled down and came back finishing 5th in the tournament.

Placing in the tournament

were Justin Gordon 4th, Andrew Bounds 3rd, Dalton Baker 4th and two champions in Dillon Card and Colin Turchin.

There were many matches that we will use to build on but one that sticks out is Dillon Card winning in overtime over the 6th ranked Dillon Knutson of BBE.

Also Colin Turchin pinned his way through the tournament to show everyone how dominate he really is.

Currently the Raiders are 3-5 in duals and Dillon Card is ranked 10th in state and Colin Turchin is ranked 2nd.

### Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa Jaguar Invitational

1. Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg 201
2. Minneota 199.5
3. Becker 169.5
4. Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa 90
5. Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 82
6. Ottertail Central 50
7. Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 44
8. Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted 37.5

Next week the Raiders are at New York Mills on Tuesday and at Parkers Prairie on Thursday for duals and then will travel back to Parkers Prairie on Saturday for an individual tournament.

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## ★ Golden Gloves Boxing Results

The second home card of the season is scheduled for Saturday, January 14 at the Wadena Armory. Bouts begin at 7:30 p.m.

Twelve bouts are planned with a double main event. Jesse Wannamacher (155) of Fergus Falls will face Lorenzo Gonzales of Minneapolis and Cody

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### BERTHA-HEWITT GIRLS BASKETBALL

January 12, (H) Menahga, 7:45 p.m.  
January 17, (H) Battle Lake, 7:45 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

January 12, (H) Swanville, 7:15 p.m.  
January 13, (H) Pillager, 7:45 p.m.

### RAIDERS WRESTLING

January 14, (A) Parkers Prairie, 10 a.m.  
January 17, (H-Bertha) United North Central, 7 p.m.

### EAGLE VALLEY GIRLS BASKETBALL

January 13, (H) Osakis, 7:30 p.m.  
January 16, (H) LPGE, 7:30 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

January 12, (A) St. John's Prep, 7:30 p.m.  
January 13, (A) Parkers Prairie, 7:30 p.m.  
January 17, (H) Osakis, 7:30 p.m.

### BRONCOS WRESTLING

January 12, (A) LPGE, 5 p.m.  
January 13, (A) Osakis Tourn., 4 p.m.  
January 17, (H-Brow) West Central Area, 6 p.m.

### BROWERVILLE

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

January 13, (H) LPGE, 7:30 p.m.  
January 17, (A) Parkers Prairie, 7:30 p.m.

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

January 12, (H) Osakis, 7:30 p.m.  
January 17, (A) LPGE, 7:30 p.m.

### BRONCOS WRESTLING

See Eagle Valley

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Lady Bears end their losing streak with win over Pillager

by Mick Stokes

### Bertha-Hewitt 31—Henning 45

The Lady Bears felt the Hornets sting in their first court action of 2012. The Bears had their worst half of basketball in the first half as they only put up eight points at halftime, and scored only two in the final nine minutes. The Hornets were having only mildly better success, so the deficit was only ten points as Henning led 18-8.

The second half started the same as the first as the Hornets pushed the lead to twenty before the Lady Bears found the wake up switch.

"We really struggled with their man-to-man defense as we are not moving without the ball," stated Coach Harig. "If you watched us you might think that our job was to pass the ball inside and just watch, when we need to be finding the passing lanes so we can kick the ball out for good looks. That can't happen if we don't get better at moving without the ball. We switched to a four outlook which forced the girls to attack more and to cut when they don't have the ball. This allowed us to get the ball in Arei's hands and to take advantage of her ability to handle the ball. Arei is

very good at creating offense for everyone on the court."

The Bears climbed back into the game and made a late run at the Hornets, but the lead was just too large at that time.

The Bears were led by Arei Stokes with 17 points.

### Bertha-Hewitt 60—Pillager 32

The week ended for the Lady Bears with a trip to Pillager as they continued in conference play against the Huskies. Pillager is a very young team and the Bears used their experience to take a 34-10 lead at halftime, come home with a 60-32 win and put a stop to their five game losing streak.

"We were able to rotate a lot of girls onto the court with multiple lineups in this game," said Harig. "We needed this game to get ourselves back in the win column as we start the second half of our season next week."

The Bears put three girls in triple digits in the scoring column as Arei Stokes had 22, Ashton Kappahn 14 and Rumor Stokes added 10.

The Bears will only play once this week, and it will be at home against a tough conference foe as the Menahga Braves will be in town on Thursday.

## Lady Rebels defeat Pirates, but fall to tough Panthers and Cardinals teams

by Coach Lesa Boser

### EV 21—Parkers Prairie 80

The Rebels girls basketball team started out the second half of the season right after Christmas break with a game against Parker Prairie. We knew it would be a fast paced game and we needed to focus on what we do best.

The Panthers came out in a strong full court man-to-man defense and we struggled to gain control of our offense. We found the basketball only falling four times along with five free throws. Bonnie Oliver hit two baskets and was 3 for 4 from the line, Courtney Hinzmann and Danielle Pratt each added a basket, with Rachel Stoterau and Ashlee Blashack each adding a free throw.

Going into the locker room at half time 13-56 gave us a few things to talk about and refocus on.

The second half was a little stronger for us defensively, allowing the Panthers to only add 24 points. We still struggled with confidence on the court and only found the basket five more times. Pratt added two more baskets and a free throw, and Blashack added a basket and free throw for a final score of 21-80.

### Individual Game Stats

	2	3	FT	F	Tot. Pts.
Asfeld	0	0	0	1	1
Stoterau	0	0	1	3	1
Blashack	1	0	2	5	4
Lunemann	0	0	0	1	0

Oliver	2	0	3	4	7
Schumann	0	0	0	2	0
Hinzmann	1	0	0	1	2
Pratt	3	0	1	2	7

### EV 50—Upsala 79

Thursday, January 5, found us on the road to face a very solid Upsala team. We took the court ready to play our game. Offensively we had stronger passes and better executed offense than we had on Tuesday night, but still struggled to get our short shots to fall.

Blashack led the scoring with 9 points, followed by 2 points from Asfeld, Schumann, Hinzmann and Pratt, and 1 point from Stoterau.

Defensively we played good help defense, but struggled with rebounds and slowing down the well played Cardinal offense, going into halftime down 18-47.

The second half saw our offense pick up the pace again. Hinzmann found her "sweet spot" on the court and put down three 3-pointers and two additional baskets. Schumann got herself into some good offensive positions to crash the boards and add eight more points. Asfeld joined Hinzmann in 3-point land with one of her own, along with a basket from and Oliver.

Pratt was strong from the free-throw line dropping 4 for 6.



Senior Courtney Hinzmann tried her hand at this 3-point shot, despite being heavily contested by a relentless Panthers defense. —photo by Blake Borst

### Individual Game Stats

	2	3	FT	F	Tot. Pts.
Asfeld	1	1	0	4	5
Stoterau	0	0	1	2	1
Blashack	5	0	1	3	11
Oliver	1	0	2	1	2
Schumann	5	0	0	3	10
Hinzmann	3	3	0	1	15
Pratt	0	0	6	4	6

### EV 46—Verndale 43

We ended the week on the bus heading to Verndale. We had played the Pirates in the holiday tournament and knew this was a game that we could be in. Having beaten them in our first meeting by ten, we knew we needed to come out with our game-patient offense and solid defense.

Our help defense worked well for us the 1st time we met so we went with that strategy. The first half was a back and forth game with neither team truly overpowering the other. We had five of our six players score in the first half. Schumann led with 6, Blashack and Pratt chipped in 5 each and Hinzmann added 2 and Stoterau with 1.

Defensively, we protected the paint well and allowed Verndale only two 3-pointers, 3 baskets and 3 free throws, giving us the lead at half, 21-15.

The second half continued to be a back and forth game. With a couple of players in foul trouble we had to do a bit of rotating our defense around. The girls adjusted well to who was on the court

and had different players step up in the half.

Oliver had a couple nice steals which she converted into points along with a couple of nice outside shots and 3 free-throws to give her 11 points in the half. Schumann continued to dominate inside adding 10 more baskets and a free throw. Pratt added an additional two baskets.

With only seconds left in the game we found ourselves up by three. We called a timeout to talk about how we needed to keep the Pirates from shooting and hitting a three. We needed to keep them either inside the 3-point line or on the free-throw line.

The Pirates inbounded the ball from under our basket, dribbled the ball down court to get in to the corner behind the 3-point line. The shot went off, bounced off the rim and Stoterau grabbed the rebound to hold onto the ball for the final three seconds of the game to give us a 46-43 victory.

### Individual Game Stats

	2	3	FT	F	Tot. Pts.
Asfeld	0	0	0	1	0
Stoterau	0	0	1	4	1
Blashack	2	0	1	4	5
Oliver	4	0	3	4	11
Schumann	8	0	1	3	17
Hinzmann	2	0	0	1	4
Pratt	4	0	1	2	9