

Rebels suffer two losses to Thunder and Tigers

by Coach Lesa Boser

The Rebels started out the week at home against Long Prairie-Grey Eagle on Monday, January 16. This was our second meeting with the Thunder so we knew that we needed to shut down the Thunder's inside game. We came out in a zone, hoping to do just that. However, we struggled with this in the first half, allowing their posts to put 22 points on the board as well as giving up four 3-pointers.

Offensively, Brooke Schumann led the way for us putting in six buckets and a free throw with the help of Courtney Hinzmann's two 3-point baskets; sending us into the locker room down 22-37 at the half.

In the second half we were able to step up our offensive a bit with more players finding the basket. Even with our increased offense we still struggled to shut down the Thunder's offense. Allowing the Thunder an additional 37 points gave a final score of 53-74.

*Asfeld, 4 points
Stoterau, 1 point
Blashack, 9 points
Oliver, 7 points
Schumann, 15 points
Hinzmann, 13 points
Pratt, 4 points*

On Thursday, January 19, we traveled to Browerville to take on the Tigers. We came out in the first half with one of our stronger offensive games. We put up some

good shots and played hard, strong defense. However, our aggressive defense also found six players with two or more fouls going into halftime.

Offensively, we were led by Schumann's strong inside game with 11 points and Hinzmann's outside game with 9 points. Defensively we gave up 33 points to the Tigers sending us to the locker room down 25-33.

We came out in the second half with the hopes of finding the basket even more and shutting down the Tigers' offense. Hinzmann continued her hot shooting from the outside as she added three more 3-pointers. However, fouls became an issue for us as we sent the Tigers to the line 23 times where they converted on all but five of them. We scored our second season game high with 62 (the first coming in the holiday tournament against Verndale); however, it wasn't quite enough with a final score of 62-77.

Hinzmann led all scorers as she ended with a season high of 26 points. Followed by Schumann, who also reached double figures, with 17 points and Pratt with 11 points.

The two losses dropped the girls record to 3-12 overall and 0-9 in the conference.

On Tuesday, the girls will travel to Barrett to take on West Central Area and then to Swanville on Friday. We faced both of



Junior Danielle Pratt went up for a layup early in the second half of play against Long Prairie-Grey Eagle.

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these teams earlier in the season and are preparing for some strong games.

Cervantes, 3 points

*Blashack, 4 points
Schumann, 17 points
Hinzmann, 26 points
Pratt, 11 points*

Fish shelter identification required

Ice conditions on Minnesota waterways may vary, but fish shelter identification violations seem to be consistent, according to conservation officers with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

DNR reminds ice anglers and others that all shelters placed on the ice of Minnesota waters must have either the complete name and address, a driver's license number, or the nine-digit DNR number on the license of the owner plainly and legibly displayed on the outside, in letters and figures at least two inches high.

Other noteworthy shelter regulations include:

- Shelter may not be left unattended anytime between midnight and one hour prior to sunrise unless the shelter is licensed. (The Department of Public Safety requires registration of trailers used to haul fish houses or dark houses and enclosed trailers or recreational trailers used for fishing. Trailer registration is available from a deputy registrar.)
- A tag, furnished with a license, must be attached to the exterior in a readily visible location.
- Shelters left on the ice overnight need to have at least two square inches of reflective material on each side of the house.
- People may not erect a shelter

within 10 feet of an existing shelter.

- A shelter license is not required on border waters with Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota.

- Shelters must comply with the identification requirements of the state for which the angler is licensed.

- Shelters may be used for fishing within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), but must be removed from the ice each night. The structure must be removed from the BWCAW each time the occupant leaves the BWCAW.

Shelter owners are also reminded to take appropriate steps to keep their houses from freezing onto ice surfaces. With the recent thawing and cooling, it is not uncommon for shelter contact points to become frozen to the ice, providing challenges when it comes to moving or removing the shelters. A common method used to prevent freezing is to place blocks under the shelter contact points. Ice anglers are reminded that blocks placed under shelters must be removed and cannot be left on frozen waters. An easy way to remove a frozen ice block is with a long handled maul or a splitting maul. A couple of clean strikes will easily free frozen blocks.

Tigers defeat Thunder by one and Eagle Valley in overtime

by Jim Roberts

Last Tuesday night, in front of a full crowd, the Tigers from Browerville went into Long Prairie with the chance to give the Thunder their first loss of the season. Long Prairie had a 13-0 overall record and 7-0 Prairie Conference record. Browerville came in with a 10-1 overall record and a 4-1 Prairie Conference record.

Before the game, Coach Schueller had this to say. "It's hard to say at this point in the season that this is the biggest game, but as far as having a chance to stay in the conference hunt, it is important."

The Prairie Conference is shaping up to be a tough battle again this year. Browerville and Long Prairie now each have one loss; Upsala is right on their heels with just two conference losses, and has rattled off eight wins in a row. Eagle Valley started the week with just two conference losses, but suffered losses to Osakis and Browerville. Royalton upset Browerville earlier this season, and St. John's has been playing very well since getting their full squad back on the court.

Browerville and Long Prairie both played tough defense Tuesday making each possession very important. In the first half alone, the score was tied on seven occasions and the lead changed nine times. Long Prairie had a four point lead with just under 12 minutes. Mitch Heid tied things up at 15 with a 3-pointer.

With just under two minutes to play, Long Prairie again led by a score of 22-19. Seth Kellen cut the lead to one and then gave Browerville the lead with a 3-pointer. The Thunder answered with an Austin Kaiser basket. Heid nailed another 3-pointer with six seconds remaining and the Tigers took a three point advantage into the locker room, 27-24.

Browerville struck first in the second half with a conventional 3-point play by Connor Burns when he was fouled while scoring, and then made the free throw. The Tigers then went scoreless for the next six minutes. The Thunder went on an 11-0 run, finished off with a 3-pointer by Tavis Bergmann.

Browerville then went on a 6-0 run of their own as Long Prairie

did not score for the next six minutes. Duane Miller scored on a jumper to take the lead back for Long Prairie, only to have the lead erased nine seconds later when Browerville's Heid connected from long range to give the lead back to Browerville. Browerville scored again on a nice feed from Seth Christensen to Kellen who finished strong with a left handed reverse layup.

Connor Burns came out of the game with a shoulder injury. Enter Brad Dreher. Dreher received a nice feed from Kellen and scored to give the Tigers a 43-39 lead. Kaiser would score again to make it a two point game. Dreher again got the ball and was fouled. He would make 1 of 2 from the line and with 2:35 remaining, Browerville was ahead 44-41.

Miller scored to make it 44-43 and then stopped Browerville on their next possession. With 1:32 remaining, Long Prairie opted to run the clock down to 19 seconds before calling a time out. Browerville decided playing defense once to end the game was in their favor.

When the huddles broke, Long Prairie had a plan, but was unable to get the ball inside the 3-point line. As time was running out, Cody Sprenger shot from about 24 feet. The ball bounced off the rim. Neither team could gather the rebound as time ran out. This defensive battle ended with the Browerville Tigers on top, 44-43.

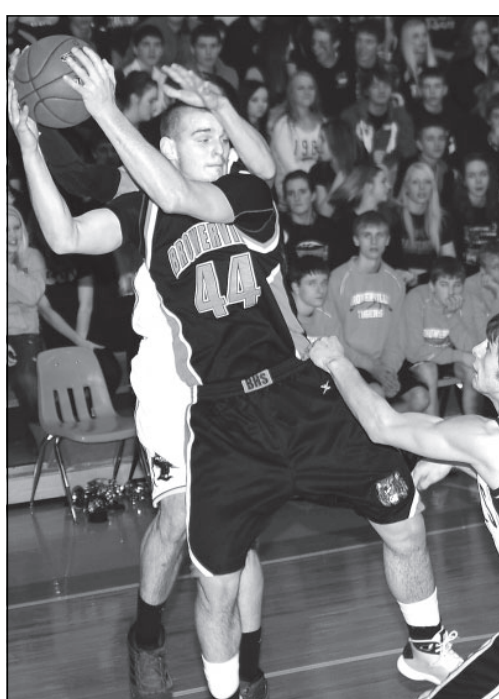
Duane Miller, Long Prairie, led all scorers with 14 points.

Mitch Heid scored 12 points for Browerville. Seth Christensen finished with 11 points, 5 rebounds and 3 blocked shots. Seth Kellen had 9 points, 7 rebounds and 2 steals. Kyle Petermeier chipped in with 6 points and a very good defensive game.

Browerville 60—EV 54
Browerville Tigers boys' basketball found another full house Friday night. This time it was their home court as they took on the Eagle Valley Rebels. Coming off a big win Tuesday, Coach Schueller thought it would be another tough battle.

"When you get that fired up and mentally prepared for one game, it is sometimes tough to come back with the same toughness for the next game."

Eagle Valley had a disappoint-



Seth Kellen was able to save this errant pass from going out of bounds despite being heavily defended by the Rebels guards. Kellen finished the night with 9 points, 4 steals and 3 assists.

—photo by Blake Borst

ing loss to Osakis earlier in the week and was ready to come back with a better game and final result. The Rebels came out strong and outscored the Tigers 23-13 in the game's first ten minutes.

Browerville was hit early with some fouls and couldn't seem to get any consistency going. Christensen was the strong point for Browerville as he scored 13 points from down low to keep the Tigers close. In the final eight minutes of the half, Browerville was able to get things going, and pulled to within one, 26-27.

Eagle Valley's Neil Zimmer was fouled shooting a 3-pointer as time ran out. He made all three free shots and the Rebels went into the locker room with a four point advantage.

Burns and Christensen scored the first ten points of the second half to put Browerville up 36-30. Eagle Valley only made five second half baskets, but put together a string of free throws and slowly brought their selves back in the game. With 1:32 remaining, Tyler Oftedahl scored to give the Rebels a point advantage, 49-50. Neil

Zimmer gave the Rebels a two point lead making 1 of 2 from the line.

Browerville went where they were going all night, Seth Christensen, who scored with 13.6 seconds to go. Eagle Valley brought the ball up court and on a close steal by the Tigers the ball ended up out of bounds. After a time out by Coach Benning, the Rebels had 3.4 seconds to score. Eagle Valley was unable to get a shot off as time expired and we were headed to overtime.

Overtime was all Browerville as they outscored the Rebels 9 to 3. Tate Benning gave the Rebels a one point lead making a 3-pointer with 2:23 left in the overtime. Petermeier made

a basket and followed with the free throw after getting fouled. Browerville made 3 of 4 from the line in overtime, and went on to win 60 to 54.

Christensen led all scorers with 29 points. He also pulled down 8 rebounds and had 4 blocked shots. Kellen had 9 points, 4 steals and 3 assists. Petermeier finished with 8 points, 3 steals and 3 assists. Heid and Burns each scored 6. Heid also had 5 rebounds and 6 assists.

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Lady Tigers outlast Rebels



by Coach Matt Midden-dorf

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Browerville 24

The Panthers proved to be as good as advertised as the #3 ranked team in Class A beat the Tigers 80-24 in non-conference action Tuesday night in Parkers Prairie. The Panthers erupted for 46 points in the first half as they generated a number of easy baskets on full court pressure and a very quick and talented press.

Piotrowski led the way for the Tigers in the first half as the young sophomore scored 6 points off the bench

on a couple of nice backdoor cuts. The orange and black were able to run their offense more efficiently in the second half and took the ball to the basket with more confidence. The Tigers knocked down 4 of 7 free throw attempts and 7 of 11 for the game.

Callahan and Buchta each tallied three points for the Tigers in the second half, while Piotrowski led Browerville scorers with 8 points.

Madison Dorn led all scorers with 24 points for the Panthers. **Browerville 77—Eagle Valley 62**

The Tigers drilled 27 of 38 free throws on their way to a Prairie Conference victory over the Rebels on Thursday evening in Browerville.

The orange and black were led by 8th grader Crystal Pearson who finished with 21 points, including 10 of 10 at the free-throw line. Fellow classmate Paige Callahan battled down in the low post all evening and finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Kale Knutson provided a spark off the bench for the Tigers as the young guard knocked down two jump shots within the first three minutes of the game

and finished with a career high 11 points. Sophomore Haley Piotrowski rebounded from a rough first half to score 11 points and pulled down 4 rebounds in a very physical second half.

The Tigers led 33-25 at halftime and then used an assortment of press defenses which caused a number of turnovers from the Rebel backcourt enabling the Tigers to put the game out of reach.

Kendra Buchta chipped in 5 points, including 4 steals in a nice performance.

Courtney Hinzmann scored 26 points to lead Eagle Valley.

Browerville is now 2-6 in the Prairie Conference and 4-11 overall. On Thursday, the Tigers return home to face Swanville and then will travel to West Central Area on Friday. On Monday, January 30, the girls will host Section 5A opponent Menahga at the Browerville gymnasium.

On Saturday, February 18, the boys and girls basketball teams will host Nevis in their annual coaches versus cancer game. If any business or individual would like to donate a prize or money to the raffle, please contact Browerville High School.

Eighth grader Crystal Pearson has done a great job for the Tigers this season. Pearson led the scoring for the orange and black against the Rebels as she finished with 21 points, including going 10 of 10 from the free throw line.

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