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With two games on their home court last weekend, HHS Lady Dragon basketball captured a big win over Haxtun Friday, Dec. 18 but fell to Sedgwick County Saturday, Dec. 19.

“We continue to play hard but struggle with our shooting,” said coach Arlan Scholl. The team managed only a 26 percent field goal percentage in games against both Haxtun and Sedgwick County.

One aspect of shooting that improved, however, was Holyoke’s free throws. Scholl said they worked hard in practice on free throw shooting, and the athletes did a much better job in varsity action as well as jayvee and C team games.

“Things do not get any easier as we come off the Christmas break,” noted Scholl. The team will travel to Merino in January for a game that will count for district seeding. He said Merino is one of the top 2A girls’ teams in the state and will be very tough on their home court.

“We have a very competitive group of players, and I am sure we will work very hard over the break and also when we get back to practice,” said Scholl. “We will be ready to give our best.”



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Holyoke 46, Haxtun 28

Holyoke started out strong in Friday’s game, establishing an eight-point lead at the end of the first quarter. This set the pace for the rest of the game, giving HHS the 46-28 win at the final buzzer.

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Despite a low shooting percentage, the Dragons played hard in the second half, earning 12 and 19 points in the third and fourth quarters respectively.

“I was very pleased with our defense,” said Scholl. “It was able to keep us in the game against Haxtun even considering our poor shooting.”

In team stats, Marissa Smith was the leading scorer with 21 points, including four three-point shots.

From the line, Molly Fricke shot two for two, Smith five for seven, Vasa two for three and Roth three for five.

Chasity Pelle led in rebounds with eight followed by Roth with seven.

Smith had two blocks in Friday’s game. Vasa and Smith both grabbed two steals, and Shelby Beavers had four assists.

Holyoke 30, Sedgwick County 55

Sedgwick County had a “hot shooting night” against Holyoke Saturday night, according to Scholl. The Cougars outscored HHS in all four quarters, resulting in Holyoke’s 30-55 loss. Scholl noted the team just could not get enough defensive stops to be competitive.

Leading Dragon scoring was Roth with 12 points, including four two-pointers and four for five from the line. Laura Gerk added seven points in Saturday’s game.

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Pelle led in rebounds, bringing down five, and Smith landed two steals against Sedgwick County.

Upcoming action

2010 kicks off with an away game against Merino Friday, Jan. 8 with games scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. HHS then hosts Wiggins Saturday, Jan. 9 at 3 p.m.