

HJHS girls win east division b-ball tourney

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Coach Harvey Eurich came out of retirement to lead Holyoke's junior high girls' basketball team to an east division LPAA championship Tuesday, March 3.

The Lady Dragons kicked off the tourney with a 29-15 win over Haxtun and claimed the championship by defeating Sedgwick County 19-12.

In other first-round action, Sedgwick County topped St. Anthony's 26-16, then Haxtun defeated St. Anthony's 33-25 to place third.

Announcing his retirement after last year's season, Eurich said this year he just couldn't turn the girls down.

Winning the east division league tourney put the Dragons into the league playoff with Akron, the west division champion. The teams were scheduled to play Tuesday, March 10, with results to appear in next week's Enterprise.

The A team (eighth grade) junior high Dragons headed to the east-west championship with a 7-2 record.

"I thoroughly enjoyed working with these girls," said Eurich. "It was just a tremendous thing. They're very polite, they listen and they're very coachable," he added.

Eurich noted there are good seventh graders coming back next year. He commended assistant coach Ashley Geist, citing she's a good person and a good coach who has related well to the girls.

Holyoke 29, Haxtun 15

HJHS took a commanding 8-0 first-quarter lead against Haxtun and dominated throughout the ball game to claim the 14-point win, 29-15.

Erin Vieselmeyer and Marissa Chambers shared scoring honors with eight apiece, while Molly Brandt added six, Chandler Gerk five and Jordan Bernard two.

Bernard was two for two from the line and Gerk was one for one.

Scoring By Quarters

Holyoke	8	8	6	7	--29
Haxtun	0	6	4	5	--15

Holyoke 19, Sedgwick Co. 12

With Sedgwick County leading 2-0 through much of the first quarter of the championship game, the Dragons just couldn't get on the board.

In a slow first half for HJHS, the girls tied the score at 2-2 after one quarter and trailed 6-8 at halftime.

Second-half action turned the Dragon way, with the girls shutting out Sedgwick County 4-0 in the third and dominating 9-4 in the final period for the 19-12 win.

Gerk led the Dragon scoring with seven points, while Chambers added six. Vieselmeyer, Brandt and Elissa Baker each scored two.

Scoring By Quarters

Holyoke	2	4	4	9	--19
Sedgwick Co.	2	6	0	4	--12

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