

Dragons split in weekend play

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Dragon boys' basketball players returned from holiday break to earn a tight-at-the-end 53-50 win over Chase County, Neb. Friday, Jan. 4. They turned around to suffer a 37-49 loss to Shining Mountain Saturday, Jan. 5. Both games were played on the Dragon court.

Holyoke 53, Chase County 50

Friday night, coach Scott Dille said it was the first time all season he felt like the team came out from the beginning, ready to play.

Chase County switched to zone defense, and the Dragons didn't attack as well, said Dille. But he praised the team for their effort, noting they stuck with it. "They showed lots of courage to get it done, and I'm proud of them," he added.

HHS grabbed a strong 20-14 first-quarter lead, paced by Deyten Klein's seven points on one trey and four for four from the line in that period.

The visiting Longhorns outscored Holyoke 11-9 in the second, but the Dragons still maintained a four-point lead at halftime.

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When the Dragons split in weekend play, the team's performance was mixed. In the first game, they showed strong defensive play, but struggled offensively. In the second game, they improved their shooting accuracy and secured a victory.