Holyoke girls scored a big win Tuesday, Jan. 8 when they defeated Wiggins 49-21, with a standout 31 points put up by senior Erin Vieselmeyer.

They followed up the win with a game in Burlington Saturday, Jan. 12, a disappointing 31-46 loss.

“This past week was really a tale of two different teams,” said coach Arlan Scholl.

The girls shot 80 percent from the free throw line in Wiggins, 7-8 compared to the Tigers’ 6-12.

In Burlington, they shot 35 percent from the free throw line, 8-23 compared to the Cougars’ 11-13.

“The girls all played hard in both games,” said Scholl, “but we just couldn’t come away with the win in Burlington.”

Defense has been the key for the Dragons this season. They played great defense in Wiggins, holding their opponent scoreless in the first and third quarters. “We continue to work each day on our defense, and this team is really doing well with their defensive fundamentals,” said Scholl.

He added that they struggle at times with hitting their shots, “but you can be assured that each player continues to work on this part of the game each day in practice.”

Midway through the season, Scholl is excited to get back into the portion of their schedule where they can have a regular rhythm of practicing four days a week and playing on the weekend. “This should work to our advantage as the season continues.”

Holyoke 49, Wiggins 21

With over 60 percent of the Lady Dragons' points, Erin Vieselmeyer helped HHS to a win over Wiggins last Tuesday.

The senior came out strong, putting up 10 points in both the first and second quarters. Holyoke led 24-7 at halftime.

With scoreless quarters for Wiggins in the first and third, HHS really stepped it up in the third, with 16 points, including eight by Megan Vieselmeyer.

Wiggins responded with 14 in the fourth, compared to Holyoke's nine, but the 28-point win was already secured for the Dragons, who won 49-21.

In game statistics, Erin Vieselmeyer landed 31 points with 10 two-pointers, two from behind the arc and five for six in free throws. She also led rebounds with 11 and had two steals and two assists.

Megan Vieselmeyer also finished in double digits, with 10 points for the Dragons.

Maddie King and Erin Vieselmeyer each had one block.

Holyoke 31, Burlington 46

In Burlington last Saturday, a meager one point in the first quarter put the Dragons behind by 11 and in a tough position. They were again outscored in the next two periods, 14-11 and 12-9.

HHS finished with 10 points in the fourth over the Cougars' eight but had fallen behind by a wide margin, giving Burlington the 46-31 win.

Erin Vieselmeyer led Dragon scoring with 15 points with four two-pointers and seven for 17 from the line. King added 11 points.

Erin Vieselmeyer brought down nine rebounds and four blocks, and King landed four steals for the Dragons.

Upcoming Lady Dragon action

Merino will host Holyoke Friday, Jan. 18 for 4 p.m. basketball games, and Wray will play in Holyoke Saturday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m.

Next Tuesday, Jan. 22, the Dragons host Yuma beginning at 4 p.m.

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