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Cathedral falls to BLH

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BLH 67, Cathedral 54

HECTOR- No. 2 seeded Buffalo Lake/Hector defeated No. 7 seeded New Ulm Cathedral 67-54 Tuesday in the Section 2A North Quarterfinal game.

BLH was led by Karlee Ilgen who had 19 points and grabbed four rebounds. Nicole Hortsman added 16 points for BLH. Abby Zuhlsdorf had nine points for the Mustangs.

No information from Cathedral was available.

Cathedral routs SW Christian

Dustin Briggs — Journal Sports Writer

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NEW ULM - The New Ulm Cathedral girls basketball team defeated Southwest Christian 52-16 in the first round of the Section 2A, North Subsection playoffs Thursday night in what can only be described as a one sided victory.

From the tip off it was clear that the Greyhounds were going to dominate the entire game. Southwest Christian scored its first field goal more than 10 minutes into the game after the Greyhounds had already scored 13 unanswered points.

Southwest had an 8-2 scoring run, but that would be its only scoring of the first half. At halftime the Greyhounds had outscored Southwest 31-8.

When the Greyhounds came out of the locker room after halftime they seemed like they were in the middle of a scrimmage during phys ed rather than competing in a playoff matchup.

Their lead of 22 points would only increase during the second half with a combination of Caitie Savoy and Val Lux's unstoppable offense and Southwest's inability to make a successful field goal attempt.

The team's only senior, Savoy, led the Greyhounds in scoring with 12 points followed by Lux, who finished the night with 11 points.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Cathedral's Marisa Waibel (35) takes a shot as Rose Flaherty (5) and Allison Reimer (4) of Southwest Christian look on during the Greyhounds' Section 2A playoff win Thursday at CHS. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>



With a final score of 52-16, the Greyhounds could celebrate a playoff victory. But they will soon have to begin their preparation for the second round when they travel to Hector to take on the Buffalo Lake-Hector Mustangs who are ranked third in Section 2A.

"We are going to have to execute on offense without any turnovers," Cathedral head coach Jeremy Drexler said after the game in reference to the upcoming second round. "We will have to play one of our better games to beat them but I think the girls are ready to compete."

The Greyhound players are going to maintain their same strategy that has led to improvement toward the end of the regular season.

"They beat us twice before but that won't stop us," Savoy said. "We're going to go out there and play our hardest. We're all team players and we are feeling pretty

confident right now."

The Greyhounds' second round of the postseason will take place Tuesday night in Hector as they battle to stay alive in the playoffs.

Raiders hold off Greyhounds

By Jonas Leyrer — Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: February 22, 2010

NEW ULM - The regular season for the Cathedral girls basketball team ended on a low note as Nicollet got a 68-59 win over the Greyhounds on Monday night.

But the final score is hardly a good summary of a tough game that both sides worked at all night. Until the last minutes of the game, neither side was able to take a stable lead over the other.

Though it was Nicollet that lept out to the early lead, Cathedral was able to quickly become the frontrunner, thanks in part to a 3-pointer hit by Molly Macho.

The Greyhounds kept their momentum rolling and with 10:12 left in the half, they led the Raiders 20-14.

Then Nicollet hit its stride, along with a couple of 3-pointers of its own. The Raiders scored 11 unanswered points the next four minutes and even when Cathedral was able to hit a field goal and a free-throw and slow its opponent, Nicollet pushed past and scored another five.

The Greyhounds looked as though they were getting ready to answer, but the half came to a close before they could really make a run. At halftime, Nicollet was up 31-26.

At the restart of the game, Cathedral looked as though it was going finish what it had started at the end of the first half.

Keeping their energy up, the Greyhounds had an 11-4 run against Nicollet, taking the lead by a slim two points.

The Raiders were not about to lay down. They moved fast, scoring seven unanswered points in under a minute. Cathedral was able to halt Nicollet's progress and hit a couple baskets, but the Greyhounds still trailed by a single point. They were unable to retake the lead for the rest of the game.

The remaining eight minutes of the game saw no major changes in play, but neither team was willing to slow down. Defensive presses were put into effect on both sides, each team blocking and stealing from the other repeatedly.

In an effort to avoid turnovers while driving down the lane, Nicollet began to turn its attention to outside shooting. Three-pointers began to build up for the Raiders, and though Cathedral's Halyley Hornick answered back with a couple of her own, it was too little, too late.

By the end, time was against the Greyhounds. They tried to slow Nicollet's progress by using fouls, but the Raiders accuracy was dead on and the free-throws they added to their score only put Nicollet further into the lead. Raiders win 68-59.

"Overall, I think we played pretty good," Cathedral coach Jeremy Drexler said. "It was a fun game and a close game. It was a good learning experience for us in the playoff"

For Cathedral, Hornick led with 15 points. She was followed by Val Lux, who had 14. Kasey Bode and Catie Savoy added 11 and 10 points each, respectively.

Nicollet's leading scorer for the night was Kasslin Swenson who had 25 points. Anna Skrien was next with 15 while Katelyn Skrien picked up another 11.

Cathedral tops Loyola

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MANKATO - The New Ulm Cathedral girls basketball team defeated Mankato Loyola 61-51 in nonconference play Saturday.

Val Lux had a game-high 22 points. Caitie Savoy had 17 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks. Marisa Waibel scored 11.

Lizzie Karp had 13 and Taylor Dosh added 12 for Loyola.

St. Peter 67, NUC 36

No game information was reported in Friday, Feb. 19, 2010 New Ulm Journal.

CM/C 54, NUC 37

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MORGAN- The Cedar Mountain/Comfrey Cougars girls held the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds to six points in the first half during Tomahawk Conference basketball action Tuesday night, with the final score 54-37.

The Cougars scored 30 points in the first half.

Kasey Bode led the Greyhounds with 11 points and Hayley Hornick scored 10 points.

For the Cougars, Jamie Hanson led with 17 points and five rebounds. Kayla Mathiowetz scored 14 points and Nicole Kerkhoff scored 12 points.

Knights defeat Cathedral girls

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SLEEPY EYE -SleepyEye St. Mary's had four players in double figures as it defeated New Ulm Cathedral 78-58 in Tomahawk Conference girls basketball action Saturday.

Alyssa Schroepfer and Leah Lax each scored 14 points for the Knights with Lax finishing with six assists. Sam Seidl scored 11 points and Liz Tauer scored 10 points.

Cathedral's Hailey Hornick led all scorers with 22 points and Caitie Savoy had 16 points.

St. Mary's led 38-25 at halftime.



Staff photo by Mary Roufs

Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Miranda Maasz looks to pass around New Ulm Cathedral's Lisa Helget during the game at CHS on Thursday night. For more photos of this event, go to

Chargers outlast Greyhounds

By Dave Clark, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: February 12, 2010

NEW ULM - While many games are decided in the final minutes, the contest between the Minnesota Valley Lutheran Chargers and New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds girls basketball teams was probably decided in the first half.

Both teams scored 21 points in the second half, so MVL's 32-25 halftime lead turned into a 53-46 win that now makes them 11-7 overall, but 10-1 in the Tomahawk Conference.

But they now play six games in eight days, with five of them on the road, and all of them against teams in the upper level of the conference.

Meanwhile, Cathedral is 5-13, 3-10 in conference play, but has been hit recently by both illness and injury to key players and hope to have as many healthy players available in the next two weeks as schools head into the playoff mode.

Thursday night, the Chargers made the shots when they had to, but never really put the Greyhounds away.

"They know us really well," MVL coach Dave Biedenbender said of Cathedral. "Towards the end we hustled and got some rebounds and got the job done. I'm just glad we won."

For the Greyhounds, it was a game where the word almost came into play numerous times.

"We didn't go out and defend like we did in practice," Cathedral coach Jeremy Drexler said. "We battled back and then turned it over three times in a row and that was the difference. But overall, I was happy with the effort. We've dealt with injuries and the flu and hopefully be a thorn in someone's side at playoffs."

The thorn in the Greyhounds side to begin the game was turnovers, which helped MVL take an early 8-2 lead, helped by a 3-pointer from Andrea Biedenbender. The Chargers extended the lead to 16-4 on another 3 by Biedenbender plus a 3 from Mashaye Wilson.

At this point, the Greyhounds started to whittle away at the lead, with Val Lux leading the way with a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 18-9. The long range bomb came in handy later for Cathedral when Kristi Larson and Lux hit consecutive 3s to bring the Greyhounds to within five, 25-20.

The scoring from then until the end of the half was essentially basket for basket, but the Chargers opened the second half with four straight turnovers. Hayley Hornick took advantage for the Greyhounds, getting a basket, foul and free throw, then hitting a 3 to cut MVL's lead to 32-31.

Bailey Lange responded for the Chargers with two straight hoops, with Heather Danell adding a bank shot to re-widen MVL's lead to 38-31. Then the Greyhounds scored six in a row to make it 38-37, but was never able to take the lead.

With 2:40 remaining, the Chargers were up 50-42, with Biedenbender nailing two free throws to seal the game for MVL. After that, the Chargers worked to kill the clock and the Greyhounds had a turnover that ended any chance of a late comeback.

Danell led all scorers with 15 points, with Lange adding 12 for the Chargers. Lux had 13 to lead Cathedral.

Sleepy Eye girls hold off Cathedral

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Sleepy Eye 50, Cathedral 49

SLEEPY EYE - Though the Greyhounds had the advantage at the half, the Sleepy Eye girls turned the game around and beat New Ulm Cathedral by a slim 50-49 margin in a Tomahawk Conference game Friday night.

The Indians were down 26-22 at halftime, but the team pulled together and was able to push back and capture the lead by a single point.

Sleepy Eye player Sydney Remus led the team with 18 points and eight steals. Teammate Claire Krumbach was next with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

For Cathedral Val Lux was the leader, scoring a total of 15 points.

Thunderbirds outlast Cathedral

By Dave Clark

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NEW ULM - Energy trumped scoring.

On a night where the two teams combined to have three of their top scorers out of the lineup due to illness or injury, it was the Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop Thunderbirds girls basketball team that was able to outlast the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds in a low-scoring affair, 49-34.

"If you come out and lay it on the line and play with energy and heart and get a 'w' at the end of the night, it's great," GFW coach Ryan Jacobson said. "Bethany Kruggel and Hannah Neuman played well to fill in and Bethany was the most inspired I've seen her play all year."

For the Greyhounds, 17 points per half and 15-for-26 from the free throw line isn't going to win many ballgames.

"We just didn't run any offense," Cathedral coach Jeremy Drexler said. "They did a good job of putting defensive pressure on us. We didn't have a lot of flow."

At the outset, it looked like the teams might score twice as many points as they did. Caitie Savoy hit a quick turnaround jumper and Marisa Waibel followed with a short jumper to give the Greyhounds a 4-0 lead.

Cathedral was up 7-2 when Mikell Melius and Neuman scored in succession to make it 7-6. Savoy scored five of the next seven Greyhounds points, but after a long jumper by Kruggel made it 14-14, the tempo of the game changed.



Staff photo by Steve Muscatello
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop's Kellsie Farenbaugh (21) takes a shot over Cathedral's Caitie Savoy during the second half Monday at CHS in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

In the last 10 minutes of the half, the Thunderbirds scored just seven points but held the Greyhounds to only three. So, despite four blocked shots by Savoy, GFW still took a 21-17 lead into the break.

To show how much the offenses struggled, there were a total of 12 turnovers in the first six minutes of the second half, seven by Cathedral and five by GFW. The difference is that the Thunderbirds were able to score during that period, with Kayla Schuette accounting for five in a row with two free throws and a 3-pointer as GFW took a 30-17 lead.

The Greyhounds were finally able to get off the 17-point mark with 11:49 left in the game when Lisa Helget scored on an offensive rebound, was fouled and made the free throw to make it 30-20. Cathedral was able to hang around within in 10 when Kasey Bode hit a three to make it 34-24 and cut the lead to nine, 36-27, when Kristi Larson hit a free throw.

Jackie Thorson then helped the Thunderbirds cause by nailing two freebies and driving for a bucket to put GFW up 40-27. But while the Greyhounds still held out hope for a final run at the lead, it was Kruggel's hoop on an offensive board that made it 43-30 with just 2:00 left in the contest that ended hope for the Greyhounds.

The Thunderbirds were led by Schuette's 13 points, with Melius and Kruggel both adding 10.

Savoy headed up the Greyhounds scoring with 13.

BLH 58, New Ulm Cathedral 38

HECTOR - The Buffalo Lake-Hector Mustangs defeated the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds 58-38 in a Tomahawk Conference match up.

The Mustangs were led by Nicole Horstman with 16 points and Karlee Ilgen with 10 points and five rebounds.

The Mustangs, who improve to 14-3 overall and 7-2 in the Tomahawk Conference, led 24-15 at half time.

Greyhounds win thriller

By Dave Clark — Journal Sports Writer

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NEW ULM - It was a game that featured more mood swings than Dr. Jeckyl.

Both teams built and blew big leads, hit clutch free throws and missed easy buckets, made beautiful passes and threw the ball out of bounds.

But when the dust settled, the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhound girls basketball squad eked out a 68-63 overtime win over the Wabasso Rabbits.

"Once we broke their defense in the first half, we couldn't get the shots," Cathedral coach Jeremy Drexler said. "Then we couldn't miss. It was big for us to get the lead, but in the second half we let them back in the game. We had to ride it out and overall, we played a good game."

"I was outcoached," Rabbits coach Neil Dolan said. "My kids weren't ready to play and that's my fault. They went on a 19-0 run and we didn't do anything about it. We played ourselves in a bad position. They made some shots and we didn't."

To start the game, though, it was the Rabbits that couldn't miss. Five players scored in the first four minutes and with an 11-2 lead, it looked like Wabasso might run the Greyhounds off their home court.

This is where the 19-0 run comes in. Kasey Bode hit two 3-pointers, Paige Pautzke and Kari Berg added 3s, Caitie Savoy had two hoops and two blocked shots and Cathedral was up 21-11.

The Greyhounds then added on another nine after a Wabasso free throw and by the time Paige Pistulka hit a short jumper for the Rabbits, Wabasso had scored just one point in 11 minutes.

However, the Rabbits scored six of the last eight points of the half, coming back to within nine at halftime, 34-23 and setting the table for their own comeback.

Wabasso came out in the second half with the same stifling defense it began the game with, with the same result.

The Greyhounds shooting was cold as ice, and after Morgan Samyn hit a 3, the Rabbits were down 39-34.

Midway through the half, Kimberly Frank went in for a layup after a Cathedral turnover to knot the game at 39-39, completing a 16-5 scoring run of their own.

Four points in a row by Samyn put the Rabbits up 43-39, but the Greyhounds got the lead back after a 3 by Bode and a short jumper from Berg.

Another 3-pointer by Bode with 2:53 remaining put the Greyhounds up 53-47, but they couldn't hold the lead, as Alonna Baune stole the ball, drove, scored and was fouled with 53 seconds left. After hitting the free throw, the score stood at 56-56.

Free throws by the Greyhounds put them up 58-56, but a bank shot with :01 left on the clock by Frank put the game into overtime.

Hayley Hornick's two freebies and two hoops by Savoy made it 64-60, but at 65-63 and 28 seconds left, Lisa Helget hit the first free throw for the Greyhounds, but missed the second.

The Greyhounds got possession after a jump ball was called on the miss, and with 12 seconds left, Pautzke iced the game for Cathedral with a drive to the hoop.

"Helget did a great job of knowing where the defense was," Drexler said. "With (leading scorer Val) Lux out with an injury, it was nice to see the freshman and juniors give us some great minutes."

Savoy led the Greyhounds with 18, with Bode scoring 15, Helget 12 and Hornick adding 11. Frank had 18 for Wabasso, while Samyn netted 11.

Chargers stay perfect in conference

By Dave Clark — Journal Sports Writer

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NEW ULM - The Minnesota Valley Lutheran Chargers girls basketball used some long-range planning Tuesday night to reach a short-term goal.

The Chargers shot six 3-pointers in the second half to help break open a seven-point halftime lead to beat the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds 58-40 to remain undefeated against Tomahawk Conference opponents.

"We were able to hit a couple of 3's and extend the lead a little bit in the second half," Chargers coach Dave Biedenbender said. "Suddenly it was a 16-point game and then it was our job to protect it."

For the Greyhounds, there were 18 turnovers in the first half and cold shooting most of the game.



Staff photo by Mary Roufs
Minnesota Valley Lutheran's Bailey Lange leads a fast break up court during the game against New Ulm Cathedral on Tuesday night at MVL. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

"We just didn't make enough shots," Greyhounds coach Jeremy Drexler said. "But we're still improving by leaps and bounds and I can see the confidence emerging out of the players. Both sides played pretty tough defense tonight."

While Cathedral had eight turnovers in the first six minutes, the Chargers weren't able to capitalize, since their shots weren't going in either and they weren't getting any offensive rebounds. The teams exchanged leads early, with the Greyhounds going up 6-5 on a Molly Macho lay-up.

Four in a row by Heather Danell and a couple of Mashaye Wilson free throws put MVL up 11-6 at the midway mark of the half. A Macho putback on an offensive board brought the Greyhounds back to within two, 12-10, but a 9-3 run by the Chargers had them up 23-13 with 2:50 left before the break.

After a Wilson 3 made it 26-15, Cathedral finished strong to be down 26-19 at halftime. A conversation from Biedenbender about MVL's shooting struggles and inability to get offensive rebounds had some effect, though, and the Chargers opened up the second half with a trey by Tarah Schoof and a layup from Bailey lange to go up 31-19.

Val Lux returned the scoring fire for the Greyhounds with a 3 and two free throws to make it 31-24, but then the Chargers took control. Three 3-pointers, two from Wilson and one from Andrea Biedenbender, helped MVL outscore the Greyhounds 12-2 and the Chargers widened the lead to 43-26.

Later, MVL got consecutive 3's from Wilson and Katie Barrer to make the lead insurmountable at 51-29 with 3:45 left in the game.

The Greyhounds didn't lay down, though, as Savoy had consecutive blocked shots and Lisa Helget fought to get a hoop underneath on an offensive board. Hayley Hornick and Kari Berg scored a couple of 3's in the final minute of the game that helped the Greyhounds reach the 40-point mark.

Wilson led all scorers with 19 points, while Savoy led the Greyhounds with eight. The win puts the Chargers record at 6-5 overall, 5-0 in the conference, while Cathedral drops to 3-7, 1-4.

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Cathedral girls top Sleepy Eye

By Dave Clark, Journal Sports Writer

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NEW ULM - A high school basketball game is supposed to have two 18-minute halves.



Tuesday night's girls contest between the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds and Sleepy Eye Indians boiled down to about five minutes.

Down 32-31 at halftime, the Greyhounds opened the second half with a 16-0 run en route to a 66-51 Tomahawk Conference win.

"It was an ugly first half," Cathedral coach Jeremy Drexler said. "We came out really rusty. We had good shots in the first half, but we took them too fast. But we had an excellent second half. We were more patient on offense and Kari Berg and Hayley Hornick gave us a lot of good minutes in the game."

For Sleepy Eye coach Jon Hamre, there was no mystery to the loss.

"When you score four points in the first nine minutes and have poor free throw shooting (7-for-20) bad things happen. When they go to the free throw line 41 times, it means we have to play better

defense. Its a tough loss."

The opening minutes looked like two teams that hadn't played in a while. Turnovers dominated points, with Cathedral's Caitie Savoy nailing two blocked shots to help the defensive effort and getting a three-point play to give the Greyhounds a 9-6 lead.

The Indians' Erica Jensen responded with a layup on an offensive board and a 3-pointer to put Sleepy Eye up 13-9, followed by a Jessica Busch hoop that gave the Indians a six-point lead.

With four minutes left in the half, a pair of Melissa Falk free throws extended the Indians lead to eight, 23-15, right after traveling had been called on the Greyhounds for their 11th turnover.

Up to that point, Cathedral had been 6-for-15 from the free throw line, but Val Lux was about to improve that percentage and start the turnaround for the Greyhounds. Lux shot six freebies in a row, with Berg adding two long jumpers, and the Greyhounds cut the Indians margin to 32-31 at the break.

Lux started off the second half scoring with a nifty turnaround layup under the basket, followed by a layup on a fast break. Hornick then scored on a steal and layup, followed by another fastbreak that ended with a Molly Macho bucket. Lux stole the ball and went in for an easy hoop and the Greyhounds had a 43-32 lead with 13:57 left in the game.

Baskets by Savoy and Lux ended the run and essentially ended the Indians hope for victory. At the midway mark of the half, Cathedral held a 54-36 lead. The closest the Indians got to seeing the lead was after a Claire Krumbach score that cut the Greyhounds margin to 56-45.

The win ups Cathedral's record to 3-6, 1-3 in the conference, while Sleepy Eye drops to 1-8, 0-4.

In B-squad action, the Greyhounds won 38-18, led by Lisa Helget and Karlee Pfaff's 10 points each.

16-0 run lands Indians in loss column

By Shari Hittesdorf, Sports Writer
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Sleepy Eye, Minn. - The Sleepy Eye girls basketball squad played well in the first half but a 16-0 run to start the second half gave New Ulm Cathedral all the momentum they would need to score a 66-51 win.

The Indians led by as many as eight in the first half. They took a 32-31 advantage into the locker room. But the Greyhounds came out on fire while Sleepy Eye was as cold as the recent arctic front that rolled through the state.

The Indians struggled from the charity stripe hitting just 7-20. New Ulm Cathedral went to the line 41 times. The loss drops Sleepy Eye's record to 1-8 on the year, 0-4 in Tomahawk Conference play.

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Cathedral girls fall to Springfield

By Dave Clark, Journal Sports Writer

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NEW ULM - One might call the defense of the Springfield Tigers girls basketball team a stalking stuffer.

The Tigers smothering swarm held the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds to just 18 points in the second half and turned a seven-point halftime deficit into a 60-52 win.

"We have not been very good defensively, so the defense in the second half is something we really have to build on," Springfield coach Paul Arnoldi said. "At halftime, we talked about getting our shots down the floor and playing solid defense. We worked really hard on the press in practice."



Staff photo by Mary Roufs

New Ulm Cathedral's Kasey Bode (23) drives to the basket during the game against Springfield on Tuesday night at CHS. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

For the Greyhounds, it's the fifth game in a row coach Jeremy Drexler says the team has struggled. "The girls were just losing focus a little bit," Drexler said.

"We let them dictate the pressure," Drexler said. "We let them back in it the last two minutes of the first half and we knew they were going to come out pressing in the second half, because that's what good teams do. There was a stretch in the first half that was as good as we've played all year. We just have to keep working and get better."

The Tigers press was certainly working in the early stages of the game, as it was the main cause of eight Cathedral turnovers in the first five minutes. Add in four buckets by the Tigers Tiana Runck and it looked like Springfield's 13-7 lead might be the beginning of a rout.

Down 15-11, the Greyhounds suddenly began to take advantage of Katie Savoy's height advantage inside, and the 6-foot senior was responsible for the next nine Cathedral points as the Greyhounds reversed fortunes and took a 20-15 lead.

Cathedral also turned the tables on the Tigers by playing some fine defense of their own, causing Springfield to miss most of the shots it was able to take. Savoy then passed the offensive torch to Kasey Bode, who scored nine of the Greyhounds next 11 points to give them a 31-19 lead with halftime

approaching.

While Springfield rebounded with a 9-3 run of their own, Cathedral still went into halftime up 34-27 while shooting 12-for-17 at the free throw line as the Tigers went just 4-for-8.

The opening of the second half looked like a replay of the first, as Springfield scored a quick five points, four by Elizabeth Roiger, off three forced Greyhounds turnovers.

A layup by Runck would knot the game at 36-36, the first of four ties that were interspersed by Cathedral leads of three and Tigers leads of one and two points.

With the scoreboard showing 48-48, Springfield tightened the vise and would cause eight more Cathedral turnovers. After a Carli Arnoldi steal and layup put the Tigers up 50-48, Runck would score four and make it 54-48.

After Val Lux hit two freebies to cut that lead to 54-50, another Arnoldi steal and a lay-up by Runck with less than two minutes left in the game sealed the fate for the Greyhounds.

Runck led all scorers with 22 points, while Roiger had 13 and Emily Scholtz scored 10. Lux led Cathedral with 19 points, while Bode scored 13 and Savoy had 11.

The win ups the Tigers record to 4-1, 3-1 in the Tomahawk Conference, while the Greyhounds drop to 2-5.

GFW 51, NUC 36

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FAIRFAX - Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop defeated New Ulm Cathedral in Tomahawk Conference action Friday.

Kelsey Faurenbaugh and Jackie Thorson each had 14 points and Kayla Schuette had 10 points.

For the Greyhounds, Val Lux and Caitie Savoy each had 13 points.

Mustangs shut down Cathedral

By Michael Gasset, Journal Sports Writer

POSTED: December 16, 2009

NEW ULM - At 5-0 Buffalo Lake-Hector is off to its best start in school history.

And if the Mustangs continue to play defense like they did in the second half Tuesday against New Ulm Cathedral, the wins just might pile up.

BLH held Cathedral to just one field goal in the second half - a 3-pointer barely over a minute into play - as the Mustangs stayed perfect with a 51-27 Tomahawk Conference win.

"We are pretty excited," BLH coach Josh Tjosaas said. "It's also the first time we've started 2-0 in the conference. Our girls understand that we are only as good as the game we are playing. So we just look at it one game at a time."

Even though BLH led the duration, the game started much closer than it ended.

Cathedral cut a six-point lead to two on a Val Lux basket with 3:55 to play in the half. That's when Karlee Ilgen took over.



The BLH junior scored eight of the Mustangs' final 10 points as BLH took a 27-15 lead into the break.

"We told the girls, 'if you move the ball well enough you can get the shots you want,'" Tjosaas said. "You just have to be patient and take the shots when they are there."

The Greyhounds opened the second half with a free throw by Caitie Savoy and a 3 by Lux to make it 27-19 with 16:50 to play. That was the last field goal in the game for Cathedral.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs went on a 15-3 run over the next eight minutes to build the lead to 42-22. BLH kept the lead above 20 points the rest of the way.

"The nice thing about us is when we play good defense we are going to be in every game and we are going to stay in games," Tjosaas said. "We struggled offensively at times but it was our defense that kept us in the game."

Cathedral coach Jeremy Drexler said the problem Tuesday was the Greyhounds need to become more confident with their shots.

"We just didn't want to shoot," he said. "We would pass to the post, make a post move and kick it back out. We would drive the lane and nobody wants to pull up and shoot the jumper. We are playing one of the best teams in the conference and for 16 minutes of the first half we were playing with them and we can play with them. In the second half, nobody played with any confidence on offense and we aren't going to win many games that way."

Cathedral was led by Lux with 14 points. Savoy had six rebounds and Marissa Waibel had seven rebounds.

The Greyhounds (2-4, 0-1) play Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop Friday in Fairfax.

"We just have to get in to the girls that they can play for the whole 36 minutes," Drexler said. "They got it in them, the potential is there. That's my job to get them to play the whole game and not get lapses like that, that put us in holes that are to hard to dig themselves out of."

Ilgem led the Mustangs with 19 points, Emily Kubesh scored 10 points and Maija Mikkola added nine. In all 10 different players scored for the team.

St. Clair girls 52, Cathedral 44

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ST. CLAIR - St. Clair defeated New Ulm Cathedral in nonconference girls basketball action Monday.

For Cathedral, Val Lux had 21 points, four rebounds, four assists and three steals. Caitie Savoy had 15 points and 12 rebounds and teammate Lisa Helget had five points and eight rebounds.

St. Clair shakes slow start to beat Cathedral

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ST. CLAIR — The game started out cold for both teams. Nothing was falling at first for St. Clair or New Ulm Cathedral in a nonconference girls basketball game Monday.

"It took both teams a little while to feel things out," said Cyclones coach Brian Noyes, whose team won 52-44. "Both teams came out with good game plans."

Cathedral coach Jeremy Drexler agreed: "We didn't make any layups tonight and we couldn't make free throws in the first half. Those were the biggest things that killed us."

It took more than 10 minutes for both teams to reach double digits in points and the Greyhounds held a 14-12 lead at the 11-minute mark.

But seven minutes before halftime, St. Clair went on a 15-1 run, sparked by senior guard Katelyn Pierson's six points. The Cyclones led 27-15 at the half.

"It helps going into halftime with the lead," said Pierson, who finished with nine points. "When you have the lead, it builds energy for the second half."

Nicole Dorn scored seven second-half points and finished with a dozen to lead the Cyclones. Ashley Thooft finished the game with 10 rebounds.

The teams opened the second half with more offense than they did to open the game. They traded baskets for nine minutes before Cathedral went on a run of its own.



St. Clair's Katelyn Pierson (35) shoots over New Ulm Cathedral's Kylie Waltermann (43) during Monday's game in St. Clair. Wright Braudt / The Free Press

Trailing by 14 with eight minutes left, the Greyhounds scored nine straight points, including a 3-pointer and four free throws.

"The girls play with a lot of heart," said Drexler, whose team hosts Tomahawk Conference opponent Buffalo Lake-Hector at 7:30 tonight.

"We need to take more chances, apply more pressure and get more aggressive. In the second half our offense was doing well but our defense kind of went to crap when we could've really cut into the lead."

The Greyhounds (2-2) came within five points but St. Clair hit five of six free throws in the last four minutes. The Cyclones did a good job controlling the ball, keeping the Greyhounds from continuing its comeback effort.

Cathedral junior point guard Val Lux led all scorers with 21 points and Caitie Savoy added 15.

"You're always nervous when a team makes a run like that, especially when you have as many freshmen as we do on the floor," Noyes said. "Our young kids really did a good job of stepping up and icing the clock."

Cathedral falls to Knights

By Michael Gassett, Journal Sports Writer

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Staff photo by Steve Muscatello

New Ulm Cathedral's Marisa Waibel and LCWM's Chelsey Hoeft (left) battle for a rebound during the second half the the Greyhounds' loss Thursday at CHS in New Ulm. For more photos of this event, go to <http://cu.nujournal.com>

NEW ULM - Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial's full-court press gave New Ulm Cathedral fits all night long.

The Knights forced 18 Cathedral turnovers and had 16 steals, mostly off that press.

When the Greyhounds finally did break through they couldn't get the shots to fall.

That was a lethal combination for Cathedral as LCWM won the nonconference girls basketball game 62-40 Thursday.

"We just looked like we haven't practiced in two days," Cathedral coach Jeremy Drexler said. "We hadn't had any troubles with the press in the first three games. Today we just were missing open people, then we would break the press and instead of taking a good shot we would just fire them up and away."

LCWM went on a 20-6 run to start the game. The Knights held Cathedral to just four field goals in the first half with Caitie Savoy accounting for three of them. LCWM took a 32-13 lead at the half.

"I knew they were a good team coming in," Drexler said. "They knocked down a bunch of shots in the first half and we missed a bunch of shots."

Erica Roelfs scored nine of LCWM's first 12 points to start the second half and the Knights led by 20 points the rest of the game.



Roelfs led all scorers with 21 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Elliott Lenz scored 13 points and had five steals. Karina Schroeder added nine points. Jordan Nelson grabbed nine rebounds as LCWM outrebounded Cathedral 44-18.

Savoy scored 16 points, had four blocks and nine rebounds to lead Cathedral. She also had a 3-pointer.

"She has been playing really well all year," Drexler said. "She can knock down the outside shot, she can get in there and rebound. She does the job and she works hard."

Hayley Hornick added nine points, all off 3-pointers. Kasey Bode scored seven points.

The Greyhounds weren't just cold from the field, they also struggled from the line shooting just 11-for-23.

"We had a bunch of shots that went three quarters down and came back up," Drexler said. "When nothing goes right in the first half, then nothing goes right in the second. But what can you do?"


"I am pretty confident with where we are at and how we are," Drexler said. "There are just a couple of things we need to do. We need to clean up the press breaker, we didn't knock down any shots and we shot poorly on the free throws. We just need to get back to work and keep improving."

Hounds top Le Center

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LE CENTER - Val Lux scored 23 points and Caity Savoy scored 13 and grabbed 11 rebounds as New Ulm Cathedral topped Le Center 62-40 Saturday in the Le Center Tournament.

Le Center Girls' Invitational Tournament

VARSITY TOURNAMENT				
		New Ulm Cathedral 42		
		Thurs. 12/3 6:00 Varsity Gym		
	NU Cathedral 62		W-E-M 46	
		Waterville-Elysian-Morristown 47		
NUC	Sat. 12/5		Sat. 12/5	BLH
Third Place	1:30 Varsity Gym	Buffalo Lake - Hector 67	3:00 Varsity Gym	Championship
		Thurs. 12/3 7:30 Varsity Gym		
	LeCenter 40		Buff L-Hector 60	
		Le Center 52		
B SQUAD TOURNAMENT				
	Buffalo Lake - Hector 44		New Ulm Cathedral 18	
	Thurs. 12/3 6:00 MS Gym		Thurs. 12/3 7:30 MS Gym	
	Le Center 10		W E M 34	
On Saturday the B-Squads will play at the opposite time of their varsity teams				
	W-E-M 21		NU Cathedral 37	
	Sat. 12/5		Sat. 12/5	
	1:30 MS Gym	Championship	3:00 MS Gym	3rd Place
	Buff L-Hector 51		LeCenter 23	

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Cathedral Girls Lose to W-E-M 47-42

LE CENTER - New Ulm Cathedral fell to Waterville-Elysian-Morristown in girls basketball Thursday 47-42 at the Le Center Tournament.

Caitie Savoy scored 14 points, had 13 rebounds and three blocks for the Greyhounds. Hayley Hornick had 11 points and five assists and Val Lux had 13 points, eight steals, five rebounds and four assists for Cathedral.

W-E-M was led by Amanda Barton, who had 18 points.

Cathedral girls win in overtime

By Dave Clark, Journal Sports Writer
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NEW ULM - In the battle of the big dogs, it was New Ulm Cathedral's Val Lux that showed the most bite.

The Greyhounds frittered away a 14-point lead in the final eight minutes of regulation against the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Bulldogs, but Lux scored 10 of Cathedral's 11 points in overtime to hoist the Greyhounds to a 64-60 win in the girls basketball season opener.

While it may not been the kind of thrills Cathedral coach Jeremy Drexler wishes to have all the time, it's going to be part of the process the Greyhounds go through this year with a new squad.

"We have to learn how to win," Drexler said. "We're still getting used to each other and tonight was the first night of varsity for some of the players. When we had the lead, we kept running at a rush pace and missed some easy shots and free throws. But give JWP some credit, they knocked down a lot of shots in the second half."

The first half was typical of a season opener, with 28 turnovers between the teams and some sloppy shooting as they worked out first-game jitters. Cathedral found themselves down 13-10 before the offense came to life and went on an 8-0 run behind free throws from Caitie Savoy, Amber Wesselmann and Lux to take a 18-13 lead.

Free throw shooting was the key in the Greyhounds first half offense as they went 11-for-15 from the line, while the Bulldogs hit one of two freebies. JWP had cut Cathedral's lead to 25-24 before layups by Savoy and Lisa Helget let the Greyhounds take a 29-24 lead into halftime.

The Greyhounds stormed out in the second half with quick hoops from Hayley Hornick and Savoy, followed by a steal and easy layup from Hornick that gave Cathedral its first double digit lead at 35-24.

Later in the half, the Bulldogs would offer turnovers on three straight possessions, with Marisa Waibel scoring on a fast break and Molly Macho hitting a short jumper that gave the Greyhounds a 49-35 cushion with 8:32 remaining in the game.

That's when things became interesting.

Between three 3-pointers by JWP's Salena Gahler and six Greyhounds turnovers the Bulldogs had cut the Greyhounds margin to 51-50 with 1:50 left.

A Waibel layup made it 53-50, but Cathedral missed two free throws and watched as Nakita Coonrod hit a short jumper and Gahler made one of two free throws to send the game into overtime with the score tied at 53-53.

Lux opened the extra four minutes with a drive, hoop and foul which gave the Greyhounds a 56-53 lead after Lux converted the free throw.

Then it became a game of free throw shooting, with JWP sending Lux to the line four straight times, once after a shot to her jaw was ruled a technical foul.

The Bulldogs came within three, 63-60, but Lux hit her final free throw to give the Greyhounds the 64-60 victory.

Lux had 26 points to lead all scorers, with Savoy adding 13. JWP was led by Gahler's 19, followed by 14 from Sam Gruis.

The Greyhounds resume action Thursday night against Waterville-Elysian-Morristown in the LeCenter tournament.

Cathedral builds on past success

By Michael Gassett — Journal Sports Writer
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NEW ULM - Graduation is a way of life in high school sports.

And probably no team in the area knows that better than the New Ulm Cathedral girls basketball team.

The Greyhounds had one of the most successful seasons in school history last year as they finished second in the Tomahawk Conference with a 14-4 record and were 21-6 overall.

But gone are five senior starters that accounted for nearly 75 percent of Cathedral's offense.

"We had five really good seniors last year so this year is going to be really different," senior Amber Wesselmann said. "We have to put 100 percent effort into practice. We can't expect to be like them. We can't expect to do what they did."

Three players with significant experience are back including Wesselmann, who averaged 2 points and 2 rebounds a game last season.

Joining her is senior Caitie Savoy, who averaged 5.4 points and 6 rebounds a game last season.

"Me and Amber have been playing together for a while," Savoy said. "We have really good knowledge of what each other can do. We are going to get a lot of help from the underclassmen, they are going to be a really big part of the team."

Also back is junior Val Lux, who averaged 7.9 points and was second on the team with 32 steals.

Wesselmann and Savoy will each be looked to be a presence in the paint.

Savoy, at 6-feet, may be the taller of the two but she says not to discount the 5-10 Wesselmann.

"Me and Amber will do really well together," Savoy said. "We will really complement each other. I may be taller but she has a presence down there. She can hold her ground and will be a threat for us."

They will also get some scoring help from some juniors.

"We have brought a lot up to varsity," Savoy said. "Val is going to be a huge deal for us. She is going to be a big scorer. [Junior] Hayley Hornick knows what she is doing. She can drive really well. I think it will be the same as last year just with different faces."

That means a lot of running. With coach Jeremy Drexler at the helm, the Greyhounds have been an up-tempo team, that doesn't look to change this season.

"I think we are going to have a lot of fast players and we are going to run," Savoy said. "I am just looking for a good season, have fun and enjoy it because it's my senior year. We just want to work really hard and appreciate the time we have with each other."

With so many new faces on the team, it wouldn't be a surprise for the Greyhounds to take a while to get used to playing together but Savoy says it's not an issue.

"There hasn't been a lot of problems, we work together really well," she said. "We feel that we can tell each other things that we are doing wrong and no one will take it personally."

Cathedral opens the season Dec. 1 at home with Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton and Wesselmann can't wait to get the season started.

"We are excited," she said. "It's maximum level of excitement. We can't wait to get everyone going and really have a good season together, to see all of the steps we make during the season to make us a better team."