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Coach Marc Mroczek foresees two winnable games this weekend, as his varsity girls approach the holiday break.

The Lady Longhorns ran into another two good Class B teams last week, and lost both games. They hope to move off the “0” in their win column after four games so far this month.

On Friday, Chase County hosts former SPVA opponent Garden County. The Eagles are also winless this week at 0-3.

Action starts at 4:30 p.m. with the JV games, followed by the girls’ and boys’ varsity games in the Longhorn gym.

Then on Saturday, the girls’ teams will play host to Southwest near Indianola for JV and girls’ varsity games. No boys’ games are scheduled against Southwest.

Southwest’s varsity has a 3-2 record, and their games with Chase County will be the third of three in a row on their schedule.

“We have two winnable games this week, but we need to get out and compete and show the improvements we’ve made,” Mroczek said.

Action against Southwest starts at 5:30 p.m. with the JVs, followed by varsity, both in the Longhorn gym.

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Sidney game

Mroczek knew his team had their work cut out for them against undefeated Sidney, who tops the NSAA points for Class B this week and most likely moved into the state ratings.

However, a poor third quarter in scoring for Chase County was a deciding factor in the outcome, as Sidney took the 55-35 win.

After halftime, the Lady Longhorns scored only five points in the third as Sidney racked up 17. Their first points on the board that quarter came with just under two minutes left when Nichole Dickey hit a free throw.

“We need to improve on that,” Mroczek said.

To win games, the team can’t come out cold in the second half, he said.

One big positive in the game was holding Sidney’s leading scorer, Brooke Bartosh, to just three points Friday night.

“We matched up well,” with her, Mroczek said.

However, Sidney's Tanasia Uhrig took up the slack and led all scorers that night with 12 points.

Chase County shot 24% from the field (9 of 38), while Sidney hit 15 of 56 (27%).

Both teams were about even on free throw shooting, as Chase county hit 11 of 19 and Sidney was 13 of 23 from the line.

Chase County was bothered by turnovers again, tallying 28 to Sidney's 18.

On rebounds, Molly Strand stepped up and brought down nine of the team's 35.

Morgan Strand led the team in scoring with 11 points, while Dickey dropped in nine. Karlee Palmer hit two treys for Chase County resulting in her six points for the night.

Imperial 35

	2 PT.	3 PT.	FT/		
	FG	FG	FTA	F	TP
Chantal Heathers	0	0	0-0	0	0
Jilanne German	0	0	0-0	2	0
Nichole Dickey	2	0	5-6	2	9
Karlee Palmer	0	2	0-1	0	6
Karlee Kunnemann	0	0	0-0	0	0
Kim Brophy	1	0	1-5	2	3
Shannon Liewer	0	0	0-0	2	0
Molly Strand	1	0	0-0	3	2
Morgan Strand	5	0	1-1	4	11
Lexee Reichert	0	0	4-6	5	4
TOTALS	9	2	11-19	20	35

Sidney 55

T. Uhrig 12, K. Krueger 5, K. McCarville 7, K. Cole 9, M. Keeton 4, B. Bartosh 3, L. Krueger 4, J. Loghry 3, T. Mowery 3, J. Glanz 5.

Sidney's totals: 2 pt. FG—15; 3 pt. FG—4; FT/FTA—13-23; Fouls—19; TP—55.

Points by quarters:

Imperial 7 12 5 11—35

Sidney 11 14 17 13—55

Ogallala game

A couple of hot shooting Ogallala players were tough to contain, as Chase County lost a 60-41 ball game on the road Saturday.

Lisa Havermann scored 29 for Ogallala, and Sydney Schroer added 15 more to a strong offensive effort from the Indians.

However, again, Chase County did a good job containing their big girl inside, as starter Kate Morrell had no points in the game and fouled out.

"We did a good job on Morrell, but they had other shooters," they couldn't contain, Mroczek said.

"We knew it would be a tough game," he said.

Chase County also struggled with the half-court press Ogallala put on in the third quarter. That held the Lady Longhorns to five points that quarter.

However, Mroczek credited his team for continuing to come back and fight in the game. Their shooting suffered, though, as the shots just didn't drop.

The Lady Longhorns hit 10 of 37 from the field (27%), while Ogallala dropped in 22 of 59 (37%).

Chase County outshot them at the free throw line, and also had three treys to Ogallala's two. Dickey hit two and Palmer had one trey for the night.

Turnovers were again troubling, as Chase County had 28 again to Ogallala's 19.

Morgan Strand led Chase County's scoring with 15 and also had 13 rebounds, while Dickey scored nine. Kim Brophy tallied four steals and five assists.

Mroczek said the team is utilizing more of their man-to-man defense and they will continue to mix up their defenses in the coming games.

He said they will have to use more man-to-man against the better teams.

Imperial 41

	2 PT.	3 PT.	FT/		
	FG	FG	FTA	F	TP
Chantal Heathers	0	0	0-0	0	0
Jilanne German	0	0	0-0	0	0
Nichole Dickey	1	2	1-2	1	9
Karlee Palmer	1	1	1-4	3	6
Karlee Kunnemann	0	0	0-0	1	0
Kim Brophy	0	0	2-6	3	2
Shannon Liewer	2	0	0-0	2	4
Molly Strand	2	0	1-2	5	5
Morgan Strand	4	0	7-10	1	15
Lexee Reichert	0	0	0-0	4	0
TOTALS	10	3	12-24	20	41

Ogallala 60

M. Reiss 2, A. Welsh 3, E. Abbott 2, C. Commins 8, L. Havermann 29, S. Schroer 15, K. Zeffel 1.

Ogallala's totals: 2 pt. FG—22; 3 pt. FG—2; FT/FTA—10-20; Fouls—21; TP—60.

Points by quarters:

Imperial 11 □ 10 □ □ 5 □ 15—41

Ogallala 17 □ 18 □ 15 □ 10—60