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A pair of wins on the road last weekend lifted the Lady Longhorn record to 3-3 as they prepare for a new holiday tournament on the schedule for Monday and Tuesday.

The Lady Longhorns won a lopsided victory at Garden County Friday, then pulled out a four-point win on Saturday against Southwest Consolidated.

Coach Marc Mroczek said defense played a key role in both wins, and was happy to be at .500 after facing a lot of tough opponents the first three weeks of the season.

After the NSAA-mandated five-day moratorium that started Wednesday, the Lady Longhorns will compete in a new holiday tournament hosted by Perkins County next week that also includes teams from Kimball and Maxwell.

Chase County girls will meet Perkins County in their opener Monday at 5:30 p.m. Their game will be followed by the boys' Chase County/Perkins County matchup at 7:15 p.m.

On Tuesday, the third place girls' game is set for 3:45 p.m., while the championship girls' contest will get underway at 5:30 p.m., followed by the boys' final.

Mroczek said it will be good to play closer to home for the holiday tourney. Perkins County is 2-4 this week and despite losing their leading scorer to graduation, they have some returning experience and a couple tall, younger players.

"We'll have to adjust to their height and take away their inside game," he said.

This week, practice was held for the girls' team Monday and Tuesday. School gyms cannot be open for organized school activities this week from Wednesday through Sunday.

Garden County game

Despite Chase County's one-sided 44-19 win at Garden County, Mroczek said the Lady Eagles did some good things against them on defense forcing a lot of turnovers.

"We didn't handle the ball well due to their pressure," he said.

Both teams had trouble with turnovers. Chase County had 24 while the Lady Eagles tallied 23. But on the other end of the court, he commended his team for their defense. A significant lead in the second quarter and for the rest of the game allowed the Lady Longhorns to work on their press and gain some needed experience, he said.

Lexee Reichert had her biggest scoring night of the season Friday, racking up 27 points against Garden County. Eighteen points came from the field, with another nine at the free throw line.

