



First win still sought

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They continue to play hard and showed improvement over the opening week of games, but the Lady Longhorn basketball team is still looking for their first win of the season.

They will have three chances to do that this week, and all of them will be on the home hardwoods.

After hosting Sutherland Tuesday night, Garden County will be in town Friday, followed by a Saturday night game against Southwest. Friday and Saturday both open with JV games at 4:30 p.m.

Garden County in Oshkosh is 2-2 this week, while Southwest sports a 3-2 record.

Coach Nancy Sorensen said she expects to see a variety of defenses from the Lady Eagles Friday, and they'll have a couple of seniors back who contributed last year when Chase County took the win.

Southwest has a new coach this year, Sorensen noted, so isn't sure what to expect from the Lady Rough Riders. Southwest won by eight last year.

Chase County will also be home next Thursday, Dec. 20, against Dundy County/Stratton before the five-day moratorium, Dec. 21-26. Dundy County/Stratton held a 3-2 record this week.

The Lady Longhorns will close out 2012 at the Cabela's Holiday Shootout in Sidney, Dec. 27-29, with a game each of three days in the eight-team tournament.

Sidney game

Chase County again battled low scoring in the first quarter against Sidney, putting them in a big hole out of which they had to dig.

That didn't happen, and Sidney took a 44-24 win.

Sidney went up quickly, 10-0, before Chase County was on the board with a free throw from Jodi Koellner with 2:20 left in the quarter.

Sidney was a scrappy team, strong on defense and forced Chase County into too many turnovers. After breaking their press, the Lady Longhorns too often then lost the ball on a steal or forced pass.□

That forced several fouls, and Sidney was at the line a lot in the opening quarter, sinking five of their 14 points from there in the first eight minutes.

Overall, Sidney was 14 of 27 on free throws (53 percent), while Chase County was at the line just eight times, and hit just two of them (25 percent).



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