



Girls go 1-2 in first appearance at Cabela's Holiday Shootout

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Lady Longhorn Coach Nancy Sorensen said Chase County's first appearance at the Holiday Basketball Shootout in Sidney last weekend offered some good, tough competition for her team.

But that has come to be expected with Chase County's basketball schedule, which starts strong against competitive teams in early December and doesn't let up.

The girls finished 1-2 at the three-day event last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They defeated Denver Love Christian Saturday, after losing to Douglas, Wyo., in the opening and to Gering on Friday.

Coach Sorensen said she liked the fact they faced several teams, for the most part, they don't see on a regular basis during the season.

This was Chase County's first year at this tournament, after playing in the Perkins County Holiday Tourney the past few years.

Douglas, Wyo., was the tournament champion on the girls' side, defeating Sidney 52-31 in the finals.



Douglas, Wyo. game

Chase County lost to a fast-paced team from Douglas in their opener last Thursday, 65-21.

Coach Sorensen said Douglas, now 10-0, put on a full court press early, forcing a lot of turnovers from the Lady Longhorns.

Chase County was held to just two points in the first quarter, and continued with just single digits on offense in the other three.

Douglas' offense was helped with six treys, compared to just one from Chase County from Morgan Fisher. The Wyoming team also capitalized on free throws, hitting 15 of 26 (58 percent). The Lady Longhorns weren't at the line much, hitting just two of six.

From two-point range, Chase County shot eight of 26 (31 percent), while Douglas was 16 of 28 (57 percent).

Kaycee Bubak and Jodi Koellner led Chase County's scoring with four each. Fisher was credited with three assists and two steals, Kelsey Wood had two steals, while Koellner scored a pair of blocked shots.

Douglas' post player Kassidy Scott led all scorers with 21 points, all but four coming in the first half.

Sorensen said she "was a player" who could hit inside and out.

Imperial 21

	2 PT.	3 PT.	FT/		
FG	FG	FTA	F	TP	
Morgan Fisher	0	1	0-0	3	3
Cheyenne Kuhlmann	1	0	0-0	0	2
Kristen Jussel	0	0	0-1	2	0
Makala Bartels	0	0	0-0	3	0
Bethany Sorensen	1	0	0-1	3	2
Kaycee Bubak	2	0	0-0	2	4
Paige Spady	1	0	0-0	0	2
Bridget Langin	0	0	1-2	1	1
Kelsey Wood	0	0	0-0	1	0
Anna Bauerle	1	0	1-2	1	3
Jodi Koellner	2	0	0-0	2	4
TOTALS	8	1	2-6	18	21

Douglas, Wyo. 65

B. Marcus 1, J. Espeland 4, K. Scott 21, K. Steele 6, H. Townsend 9, M. Kreycik 9, L. Hiser 6, C. Cecil 7, J. Underburg 2.

Douglas's totals: 2 pt. FG—16; 3 pt. FG—6; FT/FTA—15-26; Fouls—13; TP—65.

Points by quarters:

Imperial 2 7 5 7—21

Douglas 19 21 20 5—65

Gering game

After their loss to Hershey, Gering moved into the consolation bracket Friday to face Chase County, when the Lady Longhorns came up on the short end of the 48-29 game.

Class B Gering used a full court man press against Chase County, again forcing too many turnovers (31), Sorensen said.

The coach noted the disparity again at the free throw line, where her team hit six of 15 (40 percent) while Gering dropped in 19 of 29 (66 percent).

Fouls also haunted Chase County's offense, with Bethany Sorensen and Kaycee Bubak both fouling out. Early fouls on Sorensen kept her out of about half the game.

Chase County had a spark in the offense at the end of the second quarter when Fisher hit a trey, pulling the team within four at the half.

Bubak led the scoring with 10, while Fisher added six.

Chase County hit 10 of 32 from two-point range (31 percent) Gering was 13 of 37 (35 percent). Both teams hit one three-pointer.

Bubak had five rebounds, Fisher three steals and Sorensen two assists in the game.

Imperial 29

	2 PT.	3 PT.	FT/			
FG	FG	FTA	F	TP		
Morgan Fisher	1	1	1-4	4	6	
Cheyenne Kuhlmann	0	0	0-0	0	0	
Kristen Jussel	1	0	2-2	1	4	
Makala Bartels	1	0	0-0	0	2	
Bethany Sorensen	1	0	0-0	5	2	
Kaycee Bubak	4	0	2-4	5	10	
Paige Spady	1	0	0-0	0	2	
Bridget Langin	0	0	0-1	3	0	
Kelsey Wood	0	0	0-2	2	0	
Mindy Castle	0	0	0-0	0	0	
Anna Bauerle	1	0	0-0	1	2	
Jodi Koellner	0	0	1-2	2	1	
TOTALS	10	1	6-15	23	29	

Gering 48

A. Schultz 4, A. Vacha 4, M. Upp 4, J. Rogers 9, A. Anderson 12, S. Mitchell 2, D. Gellner 4, K. Spreier 4, K. O'Boyle 5.

Gering's totals: 2 pt. FG—13; 3 pt. FG—1; FT/FTA—19-29; Fouls—20; TP—48.

Points by quarters:

Imperial 4 11 6 8—29

Gering 10 9 15 14—48

Love Christian game

Chase County went up against a young, inexperienced team Saturday with no seniors and even an eighth grader playing, and defeated Denver's Love Christian 59-8.

The game provided an opportunity for a lot of subs to see action as early as the first quarter.

Chase County had three in double figures, led by Kristen Jussel with 14. Makala Bartels added 12 and Bubak, 11.

From two-point range, the Lady Longhorns were 26 of 67 (39 percent). Love Christian hit three of 28 (11 percent).

On free throws, Chase County was 7-13 while Love Christian hit two of six.

Individually, Fisher had five steals, Bridget Langin and Anna Bauerle four assists each, while Bubak led in rebounds with 12.

Imperial 59

	2 PT.	3 PT.	FT/			
FG	FG	FTA	F	TP		
Morgan Fisher	1	0	0-0	1	2	
Cheyenne Kuhlmann	0	0	0-0	0	0	
Kristen Jussel	7	0	0-3	0	14	
Makala Bartels	4	0	4-4	0	12	
Bethany Sorensen	1	0	0-0	0	2	
Kaycee Bubak	4	0	3-3	0	11	
Paige Spady	4	0	0-1	2	8	
Bridget Langin	1	0	0-0	1	2	
Kelsey Wood	2	0	0-2	1	4	
Mindy Castle	0	0	0-0	0	0	

Anna Bauerle 1 0 0-0 0 2
Jodi Koellner 1 0 0-0 0 2
TOTALS 26 0 7-13 5 59

Love Christian 8

K. Brown 2, A. White 6.

Love Christian's totals: 2 pt. FG—3; 3 pt. FG—0; FT/FTA—2-6; Fouls—13; TP—8.

Points by quarters:

Imperial 18 6 21 14—59

Love Christian 2 2 0 4—8

Coach Sorensen said her team again worked hard in all three tournament games, and were back on the hardwoods practicing Monday for this week's contests.

Busy week up as 2013

half of schedule starts

Chase County will take its 3-7 record into the 2013 portion of its season with games Friday, Saturday and Tuesday this coming week.

Holyoke, Colo., with a 2-2 record, is first on the schedule for the new year. Chase County travels there Friday for games starting at 4 p.m. with the JVs. Sorensen said the Lady Dragons have some height and several returners from the team last year.

On Saturday, Chase County will host Dundy County/Stratton for a make-up game postponed Dec. 20 due to weather.

The varsity Lady Tigers have a 5-3 record this week. Sorensen expects full court pressure and a good-shooting team inside and out that starts a couple of freshmen. Games start at 4 p.m. with the JVs.

Then on Tuesday, it's back on the road to Southern Valley for games starting at 3:15 p.m. MT with the JVs. SV is 8-2 this week and hurt Chase County badly last year with nine treys.

Coach Sorensen said Makenna Ketter started back to practice with the team early this week and is hoping she'll see action this weekend.