



**By Jan Schultz**

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Chase County's girls picked up their fifth win of the season Saturday with a 44-30 victory at Haxtun, Colo.

Coach Nancy Sorensen said her team played well on the road against the 3-3 Haxtun Lady Bulldogs.

The win came after a full week off following the consolation finals of the SPVA Conference tournament on Jan. 19.

But things get back to being busy this week with a pair of JV/varsity games and two dates for 9-10 contests.

The regular season concludes next week with a trio of games Feb. 5, 8 and 9.

After traveling to Wray, Colo., Tuesday, the Lady Longhorns will host North Platte St. Pat's (16-2) for games here Friday night.

Coach Sorensen said St. Pat's has two dominant players in 6'4" Brittany Lawrence and Shelby Allberry, also over the six-foot mark.

Their only two losses of the season were to Hershey, which is No. 1 in the C-2 point standings, in the SPVA finals and to Kearney Catholic, another 16-2 team.

JV games in two gyms start the action at 4 p.m., followed by varsity girls and boys in the Longhorn gym.

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, the team travels to Wauneta-Palisade to face the 11-6 Lady Broncos, who have won four of their last five games. Their loss in that string was to Dundy County/Stratton, 49-48, in last week's RPAC tournament.

Games at Wauneta start at 3 p.m. with the JVs.

The Lady Longhorns round out their regular season Feb. 8 at home against Bayard and in Hershey Feb. 9.

Haxtun win is fifth

Haxtun managed just 11 points through the third quarter, including no points in the third, as Chase County took the 44-30 win.

Coach Sorensen said it was good to see her team out of the 20-percent range for shooting, with a 33 percent mark Saturday night (16 of 49).

Sorensen commended her team for their play Saturday night.

"We reversed the ball well against their zone and passed the ball well," she said.

It was a team effort for the Lady Longhorns, as everyone got into the game, and nine scored.

Haxtun had a fourth-quarter spurt in their offense with 19 points to Chase County's seven, but it

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wasn't enough to make up the deficit.

Leading the Chase County scoring was Bethany Sorensen with 10 and Kristen Jussel, who added nine.

Coach Sorensen also liked the rebound numbers, as Chase County pulled down 45 to Haxtun's 27. Kaycee Bubak and Bethany Sorensen each had 10.

In other stats, Bridget Langin had four steals and Sorensen, four assists.

Haxtun's numbers from the floor were eight of 30 from two-point range (27%), and five of 11 on free throws (45%).



In addition to Chase County's 33 percent from the field, they hit nine of 22 free throws (41%).

Haxtun hit three treys compared to Chase County's one from Jussel.

Imperial 44

|                   | 2 PT. | 3 PT. | FT/  | F  | TP |
|-------------------|-------|-------|------|----|----|
|                   | FG    | FG    | FTA  |    |    |
| Morgan Fisher     | 3     | 0     | 0-0  | 3  | 6  |
| Cheyenne Kuhlmann | 0     | 0     | 0-0  | 1  | 0  |
| Kristen Jussel    | 3     | 1     | 0-4  | 2  | 9  |
| Makala Bartels    | 3     | 0     | 0-0  | 1  | 6  |
| Bethany Sorensen  | 5     | 0     | 0-0  | 2  | 10 |
| Kaycee Bubak      | 0     | 0     | 4-6  | 1  | 4  |
| Paige Spady       | 1     | 0     | 0-0  | 1  | 2  |
| Bridget Langin    | 0     | 0     | 2-4  | 3  | 2  |
| Kelsey Wood       | 0     | 0     | 0-0  | 1  | 0  |
| Valeria Cervantes | 1     | 0     | 2-4  | 1  | 4  |
| Anna Bauerle      | 0     | 0     | 0-0  | 0  | 0  |
| Jodi Koellner     | 0     | 0     | 1-4  | 1  | 1  |
| TOTALS            | 16    | 1     | 9-22 | 17 | 44 |

Haxtun, Colo. 30

Dickerson 1, L. Wilkening 1, Dishman 5, M. Hadeen 6, N. Wilkening 2, Gerk 5, Allen 10.

Haxtun's totals: 2 pt. FG—8; 3 pt. FG—3; FT/FTA—5-11; Fouls—14; TP—30.

Points by quarters:

Imperial 10 12 15 7—44

Haxtun 4 7 0 19—30