Last regular season games this week; Parents Night Friday

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The regular season is winding down quickly for high school girls' basketball teams.

Chase County will play its final two games of the regular season Friday and Saturday, followed by the start of the C1-11 subdistrict tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

And as tradition has it, Parents Night is scheduled here Friday during the Lady Longhorns' final home appearance this season.

In next week's C1-11 subdistrict tournament, the Lady Longhorns will likely be the No. 4 seed and will face top-seeded Gothenburg Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. MT in Lexington.

No. 2 and 3 seeds, tentatively Ogallala and Cozad, will play in the other first-round game at 6 p.m. MT. Winners play in the championship game next Thursday, Feb. 7.

Last week was marked by a big win for Chase County on the road to Wray, Colo., followed by a loss to state-ranked North Platte St. Pat's here Friday night.

The Lady Longhorns held a 6-15 record early this week, before traveling to Wauneta-Palisade Tuesday, hosting Bayard Friday and traveling to Hershey Saturday.

Games here Friday start at 4 p.m. with the JV games. C2 Bayard's varsity girls are 4-14 this week.

Action in Hershey Saturday will start at 3:30 p.m. MT. with JV action. Hershey's varsity girls' team is 17-3, holding the No. 3 spot in the Class C2 NSAA point standings, and are on a 10-game winning streak. One of their big wins in the series was their defeat of St. Pat's for the SPVA tournament title.

Wray game

Despite digging themselves into a big hole first quarter, Chase County scored 40 second-half points and came back to take a 58-54 win in Wray, Colo., Jan. 29.

The Lady Longhorns fell behind 14-0 early in the first quarter but scored seven unanswered points to trail 14-7 after the first eight minutes.

Good offense continued for Chase County the rest of the game, as they outscored Wray the next three quarters and made some key free throws in the final minute of the game.

With less than a minute left, Kristen Jussel was fouled and sunk both free throws giving Chase County a 57-53 lead.

On Wray's possession, Morgan Fisher fouled Kasse Swisher on a three-point attempt, but Swisher only made the last attempt from the line, pulling Wray within three.

As the Lady Longhorns took back possession, Bridget Langin was intentionally fouled with 0:17 left, but missed the front end of the one-and-one. Wray rebounded, and attempted a three, but missed. Kaycee Bubak rebounded, but was called for traveling with 0:05 left.

Wray got a shot off in the waning seconds, but missed again, Bubak rebounded and was fouled

with less than a second left. She hit the first of two attempts, and Chase County held on for the 58-54 win.

While Makala Bartels didn't score in the fourth quarter, she was Chase County's scoring leader off the bench with 13 points, including eight in the third quarter when Chase County took its first lead.

Jussel was also in double figures with 11, scoring a crucial trey in the fourth quarter and seven total that quarter. All of her points came second half.

"The bench was huge" in the game, Coach Nancy Sorensen said.

She also said Langin hit a big trey at the third quarter buzzer that put Chase County up by one.

"That wasn't an easy win for us with the back-and forth scoring," Sorensen said.

Chase County had their best night of shooting at 42 percent (19 of 45). They were 2-3 on treys and 14-22 at the free throw line (64 percent).

Wray was 16-42 (38 percent) from the field, 2-12 on treys and 16-27 at the line (59 percent). In fourth quarter alone, Wray was 8-10 on free throws.

Individually, Sorensen had 10 assists and seven rebounds for Chase County, while Bubak also grabbed seven rebounds and Langin had four steals.

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	2 PT. FG	3 PT. FG	FT/ FTA	F	TP
Morgan Fisher	1	0	0-0	1	2
Cheyanne Kuhlmann	0	0	0-0	0	0
Kristen Jussel	2	1	4-4	3	11
Makala Bartels	5	0	3-4	1	13
Bethany Sorensen	3	0	1-2	2	7
Kaycee Bubak	3	0	3-5	4	9
Paige Spady	0	0	1-2	5	1
Bridget Langin	2	1	0-3	2	7
Kelsey Wood	0	0	0-0	0	0
Valeria Cervantes	2	0	0-0	1	4
Anna Bauerle	0	0	0-0	0	0
Jodi Koellner	1	0	2-2	1	4
MaKenna Ketter	0	0	0-0	0	0
TOTALS	19	2	14-22	20	58

Wray, Colo. 54

T. Godsey 1, M. Combs 15, T. Schneider 5, B. Royer 4, K. Swisher 11, M. Peterson 7, B.Lenz 11.

Wray's totals: 2 pt. FG—16; 3 pt. FG—2; FT/FTA—16-27; Fouls—18; TP—54.

Points by quarters:

Imperial	7	11	21	19—58
Wray	14	8	17	16—54

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