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Western Nebraska didn't fare too well at the Nebraska State High School Girls' Basketball tournament last weekend.

Of the five area teams that qualified, only Hershey made it past their first round game last Thursday.

Hershey was pitted against fellow SPVA Conference team member North Platte St. Pat's in last Thursday's first round C2 game.

Hershey had little trouble winning a 53-34 contest over St. Pat's, advancing them to the semi-finals on Friday, where they lost to Hastings St. Cecilia, 52-42.

In Saturday's consolation game, Hershey finished third with a 64-59 win over Homer, concluding their season with a 22-5 record.

Wauneta-Palisade lost its first round game in Class D2 to Lindsay Holy Family, 69-39. The Lady Broncos finished the season with an 18-7 record.

Sutherland, another SPVA team in the tournament, lost its first round game to St. Mary's, 52-34, eliminating them from the D1 tourney.

McCook, competing in Class B, lost to Grand Island Northwest, 61-34. Northwest went on to win the Class B title, beating Norris Saturday, 62-51, in double overtime.

Chadron, which represented the west in the Class C1 tourney, defeated Lincoln Christian in the first game, but lost in the semi-finals to Pierce. Pierce went on to win the C1 title, defeating Kearney Catholics, 51-34.

This week, Thursday through Saturday, it's the boys' turn for state high school basketball in Lincoln.