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They played hard, but the Chase County girls just couldn't pull out a win in their last game before the holiday break.

Last Tuesday's trip to Sutherland resulted in a 35-58 loss, and left the Lady Longhorns at 0-5 before the holiday break.

Now, the team is looking forward to the Cabela's Holiday Basketball Shootout, Jan. 2-4 in Sidney.

Their first opponent there will be Cheyenne (Wyo.) South at 2 p.m. on Jan. 2. A win or loss sends them up against Gering or Gothenburg the next day.

Coach Nancy Sorensen said she expects Cheyenne South to have some experience back from last season.

Looking to the competition on the tournament's second day, Class B Gering is 4-4 this week, and Gothenburg is 3-3 after two straight losses last week to North Platte St. Pat's and Holdrege.

Other teams in the holiday tournament include Sidney, Central City, Laramie, Wyo., and Hershey.

Sutherland game

Chase County had a tough time containing Sutherland's Schuster, who finished the night with 23 points, which include three treys.

They also had to contend with another good outside shooter in Simpson, who finished with 14.

Sorensen said they made some halftime adjustments, and held Simpson to just two free throws second half, but Schuster continued to rack up points.

Leading the scoring for Chase County was freshman Destiny Reinke, who came off the bench to score 15 and lead the team.

Makala Bartels had a strong start on offense, scoring eight the first half, but was shut down the last two quarters.

Sorensen said the other seniors and starters on the team need to pick up similar scoring totals, but the team also had to play again without three of its key players—seniors Kaycee Bubak and Bridget Langin, who have back injuries, and junior MaKenna Ketter, who suffered a concussion in the first week of play.

Bubak started practicing last week, and it's hoped she'll see some tournament action at Sidney, Sorensen said.

Langin has done some running and light shooting, and it remains uncertain on her return.

Ketter, who suffered a concussion and neck injury early in the season, had another doctor's appointment last week, and is also uncertain for the holiday tournament, Sorensen said.

In other stats at Sutherland, the team shot 11 of 47 from the field for 23 percent.

They again struggled at the free throw line, hitting just seven of 18 for 39 percent.

Individually, Paige Spady and Reinke each had six rebounds to lead the team.

Reinke also had five steals and Spady three assists in the game.

Imperial 35

2 PT. 3 PT. FT/

FG FG FTA F TP

Destiny Reinke 5 1 2-2 2 15

Sutherland ruins Lady Longhorn chances of getting win before break

Cheyenne Kuhlmann	0	0	1-2	0	1
Shaylee Heathers	0	0	0-0	0	0
Makala Bartels	4	0	0-0	1	8
Taylin McNair	0	0	0-0	0	0
Makenna Wallin	0	0	0-1	2	0
Emma Engbrecht	0	0	0-2	2	0
Paige Spady	2	0	1-4	1	5
Emma Bauerle	0	0	2-2	0	2
Valeria Cervantes	0	0	0-0	5	0
Jodi Koellner	0	0	0-1	3	0
Anna Bauerle	0	1	1-3	0	4
TOTALS	11	2	7-17	16	35

Sutherland 58

K. White 4, K. Hecht 2, K. Bush 2, M. Simpson 14, K. Stokey 9, J. Schuster 23, S. Staggs 4.

Sutherland's totals: 2 pt. FG—17; 3 pt. FG—4; FT/FTA—12/18; Fouls—16; TP—58.

Points by quarters:

Imperial 6 14 8 7—35

Sutherland 16 21 10 11—58