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2014 brought good news to the Lady Longhorn basketball team.

At last week's holiday tournament in Sidney, the Chase County girls picked up their first win of the season Friday against Gothenburg.

It came on the second day of the three-day tournament after Chase County led the whole game, winning by nine, 41-32.

One big factor in the win, said Coach Nancy Sorensen, was taking a lot of shots that got them to the free throw line, where they shot better than 60 percent in the game.

Also, two were in double figures—Paige Spady and Taylin McNair—and the team played the best defense this season.

Having starter Kaycee Bubak back in action was another big plus in their defensive effort, Sorensen said, but all of the team's posts did their jobs against the Lady Swedes.

Chase County outscored Gothenburg, which is 3-6 this week, in every quarter. Ten of their 12 points in the fourth came on free throws as Chase County hit 10-14 in those eight minutes.

Scoring in double figures for the Lady Longhorns were Spady with 13 and McNair, who scored 10, six points coming on a pair of treys.

From two-point range, Chase County was nine of 34 (26 percent) and finished 14 of 22 at the stripe for 64 percent, their best this season.

On treys, they hit three of nine attempts.

Bubak's return was evident on the boards as she grabbed 12 to lead the team, and also had five steals.

Destiny Reinke contributed with four assists.

The Lady Longhorns lost their other two games in the tournament to Cheyenne South last Thursday and to Hershey on Saturday.

Gothenburg lost all three of their holiday tournament games, but two of them against Gering and Sidney were by slim three-point margins, and Gering's was in O.T.

Gering eventually made it all the way to the finals, beating Laramie, Wyo., 51-42 in another overtime game to win the girls' championship.

Imperial 41

	2 PT.	3 PT.	FT/		
	FG	FG	FTA	F	TP
Destiny Reinke	0	0	2-4	0	2
Cheyenne Kuhlmann	0	0	0-0	0	0
Shaylee Heathers	0	0	0-0	0	0
Makala Bartels	0	0	2-4	4	2

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Taylin McNair	2	2	0-0	1	10
Kaycee Bubak	0	0	1-2	2	1
Makenna Wallin	0	1	0-0	4	3
Emma Engbrecht	0	0	0-0	0	0
Paige Spady	3	0	7-8	4	13
Emma Bauerle	0	0	0-0	0	0
Sarah Allen	0	0	0-0	0	0
Valeria Cervantes	1	0	0-2	0	2
Jodi Koellner	2	0	2-4	2	6
Anna Bauerle	1	0	0-0	0	2
TOTALS	9	3	14-24	17	41

Gothenburg 32

A. Meisinger 2, A. Kowajewski 2, R. Geiken 15, M. Vogel 5, E. Franzen 7, K. Holmes 1.
Gothenburg's totals: 2 pt. FG—10; 3 pt. FG—0; FT/FTA—12/20; Fouls—17; TP—32.

Points by quarters:

Imperial 12 9 8 12—41

Gothenburg 7 8 6 11—32



Cheyenne South

In their tournament opener, last Thursday, Chase County had a good start against Cheyenne South but, despite a big run in the fourth, lost the game, 31-43.

Coach Sorensen said the last two and a half minutes of this game were the best her team has played all season, but their first half defense also kept the score at a two-point halftime difference.

Chase County finished with 15 in that final quarter but Cheyenne also put up 17 to maintain a comfortable lead for the win.

Earlier in the game, the Lady Longhorns held Cheyenne scoreless in the second quarter, as they battled back from a 10-4 deficit after one and then trailed by just two at the half.

But, a momentum switch went to Cheyenne in the third as they outscored Chase County 16-8.

In her first game back, Bubak led the scoring for Chase County with seven. Makala Bartels and Paige Spady each added six points.

As a team, they hit just eight of 53 from two-point range (15 percent), but had a good day at the free throw line with a 71 percent finish (12-17).

Chase County hit one of six three-point attempts on the effort of Anna Bauerle.

In other stats, Valeria Cervantes led the rebounders with five, Bubak and Spady had three steals each, and Bubak was also credited with two assists.

Imperial 31

	2 PT.	3 PT.	FT/		
	FG	FG	FTA	F	TP
Destiny Reinke	1	0	0-0	1	2
Cheyenne Kuhlmann	0	0	0-1	0	0
Shaylee Heathers	0	0	0-0	0	0

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Makala Bartels	2	0	2-2	1	6
Taylin McNair	2	0	0-0	0	4
Kaycee Bubak	1	0	5-6	2	7
Makenna Wallin	0	0	0-0	1	0
Emma Engbrecht	0	0	0-0	1	0
Paige Spady	2	0	2-2	1	6
Emma Bauerle	0	0	0-0	0	0
Sarah Allen	0	0	0-0	0	0
Valeria Cervantes	0	0	2-4	4	2
Jodi Koellner	0	0	0-0	3	0
Anna Bauerle	0	1	1-2	2	4
TOTALS	8	1	12-17	16	31

Cheyenne South 43

Amen 4, Sanchez 2, Clarke 6, Noble 20, Apodaca 2, Waters 9.

Cheyenne S.'s totals: 2 pt. FG—12; 3 pt. FG—2; FT/FTA—13/23; Fouls—20; TP—43.

Points by quarters:

Imperial 4 4 8 15—31

Cheyenne S 10 0 16 17—43

Hershey game

After Hershey suffered its first loss of the season to Laramie in their tournament opener, Chase County met them on Saturday, losing 17-31.

Again, the Lady Longhorns had a great first half against a strong Hershey team, trailing by just four points at the half.

Coach Sorensen said her team rotated its defense well in the first half, preventing any Hershey three-pointers.

But, then Chase County's defense broke down in the third quarter, as Hershey's Tayler Baker hit three back-to-back treys and the momentum shifted.

Hershey put up 14 in the third to Chase County's five, and they couldn't recover. Hershey's quicker pace that quarter put their defense out of sync, Sorensen said.

Leading the scoring for Chase County was Bartels, who had six. Bauerle added five.

Chase County didn't get to the line as much as the previous tournament games, and hit just two of eight. From two-point range, they were six of 30 (20 percent). Bauerle had the team's only three-pointer.

Bubak grabbed six rebounds, while Spady had four steals in the contest.

Imperial 17

	2 PT.	3 PT.	FT/		
	FG	FG	FTA	F	TP
Destiny Reinke	0	0	1-2	1	1
Cheyenne Kuhlmann	0	0	0-0	0	0
Shaylee Heathers	0	0	0-0	0	0
Makala Bartels	3	0	0-0	3	6
Taylin McNair	1	0	0-2	1	2
Kaycee Bubak	1	0	0-2	0	2
Emma Engbrecht	0	0	0-0	0	0
Paige Spady	0	0	1-3	2	1
Emma Bauerle	0	0	0-0	0	0

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Sarah Allen	0	0	0-0	0	0
Valeria Cervantes	0	0	0-0	0	0
Jodi Koellner	0	0	0-0	3	0
Anna Bauerle	1	1	0-0	0	5
TOTALS	6	1	2-9	10	17

Hershey 31

Mustion 3, Munson 4, Hiatt 2, Baker 11, Seamann 7, Brannan 2, DaMoude 2.

Hershey's totals: 2 pt. FG—9; 3 pt. FG—3; FT/FTA—4/7; Fouls—10; TP—31.

Points by quarters:

Imperial 4 5 5 3—17

Hershey 7 6 14 4—31

Games ahead

After traveling to Dundy County/Stratton Tuesday, the Lady Longhorns will be back at home this Friday, when they host Holyoke, Colo.

Coach Sorensen expects some height on the Holyoke team when they visit Friday. The Lady Dragons were 2-3 at the Christmas break.

Games start Friday at 4 p.m. with the JVs, followed by varsity action in the Longhorn gym.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, Chase County will also be home when they entertain Southern Valley, who was 6-5 this week.

The coach expects So. Valley to push the ball and will come with full court pressure.

"They'll be a good team, ready to play," Sorensen said.

Action Tuesday starts at 3:30 p.m. with JV action, followed by varsity games.

Next Thursday, Jan. 16, Chase County teams will be in Grant to face Perkins County. The night will feature the annual Pink-Out games between the varsity boys' and girls' teams, a breast cancer fundraiser by the two schools' FFA chapters.