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It's never fun to lose, but it might hurt a little less that the Lady Longhorns were eliminated from last week's SPVA Tournament by the eventual champions.

Chase County lost their first round game, 25-59, to Hershey, who upended North Platte St. Pat's in the SPVA finals Saturday night, 33-31.

Hershey, now 17-1 on the season, came in as the No. 2 seed in the girls' tournament, behind top-seeded St. Pat's, which has a 13-3 record.

Coach Nancy Sorensen commended her team for staying with the Lady Panthers the first quarter on the Jan. 20 game, which ended in a 9-9 tie.

But then, Hershey let loose with the three, and ended up with a total of nine in the game, compared to Chase County's two, both from Taylin McNair.

Chase County was held to single-digit scoring, as Hershey sported double figures the last three stanzas, including a 21-point third.

Sorensen said her team just couldn't make the points against a strong Hershey defense.

Topping the scoring for Chase County were McNair and Paige Spady, both with 10. McNair had a pair of treys in her night of shooting.

As a team from two-point range, Chase County hit eight of 28 for 29 percent.

Chase County had a 75 percent mark on free throws, but reached the line just four times, making three. Hershey wasn't at the line much either, hitting four of seven.

Individually, Spady finished with seven rebounds and three steals. MaKenna Ketter pulled down six rebounds, while Destiny Reinke stole the ball four times.

Two reinjured players, seniors Kaycee Bubak and Bridget Langin, were back with the team practicing this week and since last week's game, Coach Sorensen said. She's hopeful both will be back in action this week.

Imperial 25

2 PT. 3 PT. FT/

FG FG FTA F TP

Destiny Reinke 0 0 0-0 1 0

Cheyenne Kuhlmann 0 0 0-0 0 0

Makala Bartels 0 0 0-0 3 0

Lady Longhorns lose in SPVA to eventual champs

Taylin McNair 2 2 0-0 0 10

Makenna Wallin 0 0 0-0 0 0

Emma Engbrecht 0 0 0-0 0 0

Paige Spady 4 0 2-2 0 10

Bridget Langin 0 0 0-0 0 0

Emma Bauerle 0 0 1-2 0 1

MaKenna Ketter 0 0 0-0 0 0

Valeria Cervantes 1 0 0-0 1 2

Jodi Koellner 1 0 0-0 1 2

Anna Bauerle 0 0 0-0 0 0

TOTALS 8 2 3-4 6 25

Hershey 59

T. Mustion 6, M. Hiatt 15, T. Baker 14, M. Seamann 5, M. DaMoude 5, H. Johnson 2, R. Trover 12.

Hershey's totals: 2 pt. FG—14; 3 pt. FG—9; FT/FTA—4/7; Fouls—7; TP—59.

Points by quarters:

Imperial 9 5 6 5—25

Hershey 9 15 21 14—59

Wray here Tuesday

After hosting Haxtun, Colo., here Tuesday, another Colorado team will be in town next week.

Wray is on the schedule for a Feb. 4 night of basketball, starting at 4 p.m. with the JV games.

Wray's varsity girls are about .500 on the season.

The next varsity action on the schedule will be Friday, Feb. 7, when the Lady Longhorns will get a look at the SPVA runners-up from North Platte St. Pat's. JV games on Feb. 7 in North Platte start at 3:30 p.m.

A C game was added to the girls' schedule on Monday, Feb. 3, against Wauneta-Palisade in

Wauneta. The game starts at 5:30 p.m.