

NLS cagers (2-3) fall to Melrose, Morris/Chokio-Alberta



Photo by Brett Blocker

Mason Toutges leaps into the Tigers' bench on an attempt to maintain possession. Toutges and Christian Lessman would lead the Wildcats in scoring during their Dec. 17 home game with 11 points each against Morris Area-Chokio/Alberta.

BOYS BASKETBALL

By Bruce Strand
Sports reporter

New London-Spicer dropped a pair of home basketball games this past week, to Melrose 79-60 on Thursday and Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta 74-47 on Tuesday. Against Melrose, Christian Wessman sank 16 points and Nick Hubbard 10 for the Wildcats. Grant Moschko netted

20 points for Melrose (3-1), sinking four of six 3-pointers. Rowan Nelson added 18 points. Melrose had a big edge on 3-pointers, hitting 10 of 17 while the Wildcats were 7-for-28.

Morris/CA's sophomore Jackson Loge had a monster game against NLS. The 6-7 center poured in 44 points, shooting 18-for-22, and pulled down 17 rebounds, as the Tigers (1-3) picked up their first win.

The Wildcats shot just 32 percent and got outrebounded 39-18. Top scorers were Less-

man and Mason Toutges with 11 points each.

The Wildcats (2-3) played at Glencoe-Silver Lake on Thursday evening. On Saturday, NLS has a double-header at Mound-Westonka, the boys tipping off at 12:30 p.m. and the girls to follow.

**Dec. 17
MACA 74, NLS 47**

New London-Spicer — 20-62 FG, 5-17 3FG, 2-4 FT, 18 rebounds, 8 turnovers, 20 fouls ... Scoring: Payton Coahran 15 (3 reb), Tyler Danielson 0 (1 reb, 2 ast, 2 stl), Wol-

zen Holland 0 (1 reb, 1 ast), Nick Hubbard 1 (1 stl), Christian Lessman 11 (2 reb, 1 stl), Jack Novak 0 (1 reb, 1 ast), Matt Radabaugh 0 (1 reb), Levi Streich 7 (5 ast), Mason Toutges 11 (3 reb, 2 ast, 3 sta), Jaden Zylstra 2 (1 reb, 1 ast) ... Fouled out: Hubbard.

Morris/CA — 30-51 FG, 2-12 3FG, 12-22 FT, 39 rebounds, 12 turnovers, 8 fouls ... Scoring: Durgin Decker 7, Toby Gonnerman 9, Brendon Jergenson 2, Cameron Kobernick 6, Jackson Loge 44, Jaden Maanum 4, Bradley

Rohloff 2.

**Dec. 12
Melrose 79, NLS 60**

New London-Spicer — 21-57 FG (7-28 3FG), 13-18 FT, 26 rebounds, 13 turnovers, 18 fouls ... Scoring: Peyton Coahran 8 (1 reb, 2 ast, 1 stl), Tyler Danielson 7 (5 reb, 3 ast, 2 stl), Wolzen Holland 2 (2 reb, 2 ast), Nick Hubbard 10 (3 reb, 1 ast), Christian Lessman 16 (4 reb), Jaryn Ommodt 3 (3 reb, 2 ast, 1 blk), Levi Streich 5 (1 reb, 2 ast, 1 stl), Nathan Theben 3 (2 reb, 1 ast, 1 stl), Mason Toutges 6 (3 reb),

Jaden Zylstra 0 (2 reb, 1 ast) ... Fouled out: Toutges.

Melrose — 28-47 FG (10-17 3FG), 13-18 FT, 29 rebounds, 14 turnovers, 15 fouls ... Scoring: Aaron Arnhalt 3, Trevor Braegelmann 3, Brett Engelmeyer 11, Ethan Ettel 5, Dylan Gertken 3, Mason Heidergerken 5, Grant Moscho 20, Rowan Nelson 18, Drew Ostendorf 2, Tyler Rademacher 4, Sam Rieland 2, Gavin Sawyer 3.

Wrestlers close week with one win, one loss

WRESTLING

By Bruce Strand
Sports reporter

The New London-Spicer wrestlers beat Norwood Young America 40-30 and lost to Kimball Area 54-20 on Tuesday evening at Norwood Young America.

NYA had to forfeit at four weights, and NLS got a pin by Luke Knudsen and decisions by Everett Halvorson, Tim Thein and Everett Halvorson.

Against Kimball, the Wildcats got pinned in five matches. For NLS, Ty Bisek and Blake Vagle won by pin, Knudsen by technical fall and Nick McKenzie by decision.

The Wildcats (3-4) had a tournament Friday and Saturday at Redwood Valley. Their next matches will be Jan. 3 at Eden Valley-Watkins.

**Dec. 17
NLS 40, NYA 30**

106 — Luke Knudsen, NLS, pinned Gabriel Michels 1:12
113 — Ty Bisek, NLS, won by forfeit
120 — Everett Halvorson, NLS, maj dec Carter Storms 10-0
126 — Reese Lentsch, NYA, dec Carson McCain
132 — Jace Neal, NLS, won by forfeit
138 — Blake Vagle, NLS, won by forfeit
145 — Riley Lentsch, NYA, pinned Brody Lien 3:19
152 — Blake Kimpling, NYA, pinned Grant Hubbard 1:02
160 — double forfeit
170 — Tim Thein, NLS, dec Sean Weckman 6-4
182 — Lucas Urness, NYA, pinned Lucas Tuchtnehagen 1:36
195 — Jake Thimsen, NYA, won by forfeit
220 — Nick McKenzie, NLS, won by forfeit
285 — Sean Franck, NYA, pinned Marshel Johnson 2:50.

NLS 40, NYA 30

106 — Luke Knudsen, NLS, tecfall Jack Bollman 19-2, 4:00
113 — Ty Bisek, NLS, pinned William Serbus 1:40
120 — Blake Brutger, Kim, dec Adam Sandau 8-4
126 — Gavin Winter, Kim, won by forfeit
132 — Alex Nelson, Kim, pinned Jace Neal :12
138 — Blake Vagle, NLS, pinned Brett Schiefelbein 1:52
145 — Cody Leither, Kim, pinned Brody Lien :13
152 — Haden Rosenow, Kim, dec Reid Holmquist 8-5
160 — Zack Holtz, Kim, pinned Tim Thein :10
170 — Ashton Hanan, Kim, pinned Lucas Tuchtenhagen :54
182 — Brandon Guggisberg, Kim, won by forfeit
195 — Austin Donnay, Kim, won by forfeit
220 — Nick McKenzie, NLS, dec Carter Holtz 10-3
220 — Ace Meyer, Kim, pinned Marshel Johnson 2:56

Wildcat girls (6-0) shut down Montevideo, EV-W

GIRLS BASKETBALL

By Bruce Strand
Sports reporter

Continuing to miss a lot of shots but grab most of the rebounds, the New London-Spicer girls rolled past two more opponents last week.

The Wildcats (6-0) beat Montevideo 62-27 at home Friday and Eden Valley-Watkins 41-26 there Tuesday.

NLS has not shot well this young season, especially on three-pointers, where they're hitting just 19%, but have won by an average of 29 points, with stifling defense and powerful rebounding.

The Wildcats are ranked No. 4 in Class 2A and faced their first big test Thursday evening at No. 1 Sauk Centre.

Against Montevideo (1-3), the Wildcats shot 24-for-70 overall and 8-for-33 on 3-pointers, but out-rebounded the Hawks 47-28.

Emma Hanson logged 16 points and nine rebounds. Mackenzie Rich scored 12 points, including three 3-pointers. Erin Knisley logged nine points and 10 rebounds, and

Ava Kraemer six points and 11 rebounds.

Against EVW (4-2), the Wildcats shot 15-for-57 overall and 2-for-17 on three's, while again ruling the rims, 48-19. And they held the Eagles to 10 field goals.

Knisley led with 12 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Hanson snagged 15 rebounds while scoring eight points and making five assists. Kraemer added nine points and 11 rebounds.

Ranked No. 4 in Class 2A, the Wildcats have a double-header at Mound-Westonka with the boys tipping off at 12:30 p.m. and the girls to follow at around 2 p.m. Next action after that is the annual Wild-Card tournament, Dec. 26-27. They'll face Albany in the first round in Willmar.

**Dec. 17
NLS 41, EVW 26**

NLS 18 • 23 — 41
EVW 13 • 13 — 26

New London-Spicer — 15-57 FG, 2-17 3FG, 9-16 FT, 48 rebounds, 11 turnovers, 10 fouls ... Scoring: Jady Coahran 0 (1 reb, 2 ast), Avery Rich 2 (1 reb, 1 ast, 1 stl), Mackenzie Rich 3 (2 reb, 2 stl), Emma Hanson 8 (15 reb, 5 ast, 1 stl),

Payton Mages 2 (1 reb, 2 ast, 1 stl, 1 ast), Grace DeSchepper 4 (4 reb, 1 stl), Ava Kraemer 9 (11 reb, 1 ast), Erin Knisley 12 (13 reb).

Eden Valley-Watkins — 10-42 FG, 3-19 3FG, 3-6 FT, 19 rebounds, 11 turnovers, 16 fouls ... Scoring: Meryle Kuechle 3, Brielle Kuechle 7, Whitney Jensen 2, Halle Jansen 5, Sawyer Kuechle 7, Liva Langer 2.

**Dec. 13
NLS 62, Montevideo 27**

NLS 33 • 29 — 62
Monte 16 • 11 — 27

New London-Spicer — 24-70 FG, 8-33 3FG, 6-7 FT, 47 rebounds, 9 turnovers, 8 fouls ... Scoring: Nyla Johnson 3, Jady Coahran 0 (3 reb, 1 stl, 1 ast), Avery Rich 6 (1 reb, 6 ast), Izzy Schmiesing 0 (1 reb, 1 ast), Mackenzie Rich 12 (5 reb, 2 ast, 2 stl), Emma Hanson 16 (9 reb, 2 ast, 1 stl), Payton Mages 0 (3 ast, 1 stl), Ellie Hanson 0 (1 blk), Emily Giere 0 (3 reb), Grace DeSchepper 8 (1 reb, 2 ast, 1 stl), Ava Kraemer 6 (11 reb, 1 ast, 1 blk), Isa Ommodt 2 (3 reb, 1 blk), Erin Knisley 9 (10 reb, 1 ast, 2 blk).



Photo by Macklin Caruso

Erin Knisley signals an opening to teammate Grace DeSchepper during the Wildcats' Dec. 13 home game against Montevideo. By the end of the night, Kraemer would amass a total of six points, 11 rebounds, one assist and one block.