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BEA 83, New Ulm 48

Six different Blue Earth Area boys basketball players scored in double figures on their way to an 83-48 victory over the host New Ulm Eagles on Friday, Jan. 22.

Braden Gudahl scored the first three of his team-leading 18 points on the Bucs' second possession to tie the game at 3-3. Cameron Anderson added a basket from behind the arc and then stole the ball for a break-away dunk to put the Bucs up 8-3.

Austin Thielfoldt found Sam Keister for an easy basket the next time down the floor. The 6-foot-5 center was fouled and

made the free throw to complete the traditional 3-point play and give BEA an 11-3 lead.

Following a basket by the Eagles, Thielfoldt connected with Keister again for another score. Anderson added another 3-pointer and the Bucs were up by a score of 16-5.

BEA would maintain their lead throughout the opening half and head into the locker room at half time with a 40-32 lead.

The Bucs scored 43 points in the second half while their defense held the Eagles to only 16 points to give the Maroon and Gold their 83-48 triumph.

BEA shot 55.8 percent from 2-point range and 50 percent from 3-point range, going 8 for 16. The Bucs made 11 of 15 free-throw attempts.

Meanwhile, New Ulm shot 34 percent from 2-point range and 23 percent from outside of the arc.

The Bucs dominated the rebounding statistics with a total of 48 to the Eagles' 27.

In addition to Gudahl's 18 points, Keister tallied 13, An-

derson had 12, Ashton Lloyd and Gavin Storbeck each had 11, Thielfoldt finished with 10, Will Howard added six and Gabe Torres got on the board with two.

Lloyd led the team in rebounds with 11 while Keister pulled down seven.

Thielfoldt led the team with eight assists. He was also the team-leader in steals with three.

Anderson had three blocked shots while Lloyd had two.

The win improves BEA's overall record to 3-0 and 2-0 in the Big South Conference. New Ulm dropped to 1-1 following the loss.



Cameron Anderson



Cameron Anderson joined an elite club of basketball players who have scored at least 1,000 points during their high school career. A sign made by his father, James is shown top left. Anderson dunks the ball, top right. He is shown as he takes aim on the shot which would put him over 1,000 points, middle right. Buccaneer coach Colby Swanson, lower right, presents the senior forward with a basketball in honor of his achievement. Even the cheerleaders, lower left, got in on the celebration and had a banner to celebrate the event.



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