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Wilcox-Hildreth moves on after win over Loomis

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MINDEN — It's hard to win a game hitting just nine shots from the floor.

Wilcox-Hildreth held Loomis to just 9-of-49 field goal attempts Thursday night in a 64-29 win in the Class D-2, Subdistrict 7 championship played at Minden.

For as poor as the Wolves shot, Wilcox-Hildreth shot that well.



The Falcons connected on 48 percent of their shots in the contest, and the bulk of their hot shooting came in the second half.

Wilcox-Hildreth connected on 9-of-23 in the first half, and 16-of-29 in the second half.

"Our offense did come through," said Falcons head coach Blake Fahrenbruch. "We focus ourselves on rebounding and defense and that causes offense. I think our boys played a great game tonight, probably our best all-around game we've had all season. We try to get the ball inside low, and that helps create easy looks from outside when you get a kick-out. It flowed really well tonight."

Fahrenbruch was just as pleased with his defense as his offense, as the Falcons held a 21-5 lead at the end of the first half.

“Our defense I thought was great tonight. Five points at halftime, I was really proud. The guys knew they had some pretty good scores; we wanted to make sure we did a good job of playing solid team defense and helping one another out,” Fahrenbruch said. “I thought the guys did a great job with that.”

Three players scored in double-figures for the Falcons, all doing so efficiently.

Lantz Grauerholz scored a game-high 17 points on 8-of-11 shooting, and did all of his work inside of the paint. Caleb Springer scored a season-average 13 points on 42 percent from the floor and Garrett Ortgiesen chipped in 12. All three players controlled the glass as well.

Loomis shot just 2-of-19 from deep and no player scored in double-figures. Aaron Dow led the Wolves in scoring with six points on 2-of-7 shooting from the floor

“Here at the end of the season is when you want to play your best basketball and tonight I feel we did that. That’s a great stepping stone to continue onto next week and hopefully we can continue to play our best basketball,” Fahrenbruch said.

While the Falcons did control the game from start to finish, they struggled holding onto the ball in the first half.

They actually lost the turnover battle, committing 14 turnovers to the Wolves’ seven in the game. Fahrenbruch feels that his team needs to clean a few things up moving forward.

“There are a couple of things (to work on). One, we need to slow ourselves down,” he said. “We were playing a little fast, and it causes us to get out of control every once in a while. And then, also, we kind of reiterated what we

want to do offensively to break that press, which caused us some problems. Once we got kind of slowed down and set up, I thought that really helped them out.”

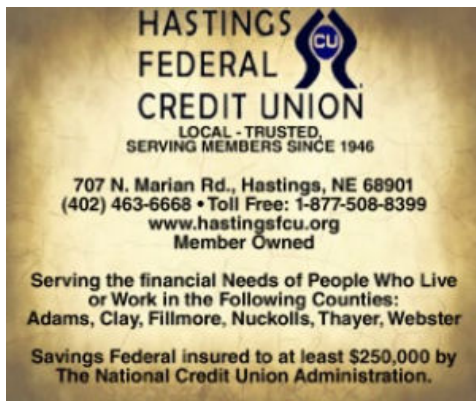
Wilcox-Hildreth (64)

Sidney Gruwell 1-3 0-0 2, Aaron Jenkins 1-2 2-2 4, Garrett Ortgiesen 5-11 2-2 13, Caleb Springer 5-12 3-5 14, Lance Aspregren 3-6 0-0 8, Jackson VanLangingham 0-4 0-0 0, Michael Douglass 2-2 0-0 4, Lantz Gruaerholz 8-11 1-4 17

Loomis (29)

Brian Hemmele 1-5 0-1 2, Isaac Wahls 1-3 0-2 2, Aaron Dow 2-7 1-2 6, Anthony Young 1-2 0-0 2, Payton Schultz 0-2 0-0 0, Austin Hahn 1-1 0-0 2, Andrew Lauby 0-12 4-5 4, Joshua Marcy 1-5 3-6 5, Hunter Banzhaf 1-4 1-2 3, Andrew Dennis 0-0 0-0 0, Isaac Dunn 1-5 0-0 2.

Three-point field goals— Wilcox-Hildreth 4-9 (Ortgiesen 1-2, Springer 1-3, Aspergren 2-3, Vanlaningham 0-1). Loomis 2-19 (Hemmele 0-2, Dow 1-4, Young 1-2, Lauby 0-7, Dennis 0-1, Dunn 0-3).



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