

## Lake Holcombe soars over Falcons in intense match

By Ginna Young

It’s always exciting when the Lake Holcombe and Flambeau girls basketball squads meet, and the Dec. 21 East Lakeland game was no exception. The Chieftains struck out for Flambeau, ready to do battle with one of the league’s top teams.

“Both teams were ready to play and it showed on the court,” said coach Jennifer Lechleitner.

The Chieftains topped the Falcons in the first half, 24-22, and continued scoring on Flambeau in the second, but the scorebook doesn’t tell the whole story.

“Lots of action diving the floor for the ball, which ended in one of the girls from each team getting face cuts that stopped the game for a moment, for blood to be cleaned up,” said Lechleitner.

Despite literal blood spilled from both sides, the game went on and Lake Holcombe claimed the win, 71-42. That puts the Chieftains’ record at 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the conference.

Lake Holcombe senior Brooke Lechleitner led all scorers, with 23 points, followed by sophomore Emma Lechleitner, with 17 points, including a couple three-point shots. Junior Justine Kane also knocked down two shots from beyond the arc, ending with 14 points, while junior Karly Kirkman also connected on two shots from long range, finishing with 11 points.

Freshman Abby Jones added 4 points on the night and freshman Emily Kirkman had 2.

“[The] girls have something to be proud of,” said J. Lechleitner.

## Cadott stomps over the Crickets in close game

By Ginna Young

Coming up with yet another win on the season, the Cadott girls basketball program acted as host to the nearby visitors, the Fall Creek Crickets, for a Dec. 21 game.

The Cloverbelt Conference clash started with the Hornets taking a 20-10 lead into halftime, but the Crickets weren’t going down without a fight.

Cadott managed to sneak past Fall Creek by a hair, taking a 40-37 win, with contributions from all around on the Hornets team.

“It was an exciting game,” said coach Dave Hazuga. “This was a really good home conference win for us.”

With the victory, Cadott’s record improves to 7-1 on the season, and 3-1 in the conference.

Junior Lauryn Goettl led with 23 points, three of those coming from long range. Sophomore Emma Kowalczyk ended the night with 7 points, followed by juniors Elly Eiler and Eva Enestvedt, who each added 4 points.

“Win or lose, these Cadott girls understand how to compete hard,” said Hazuga.

## Cornell comes up a little short against Greenwood

By Ginna Young

Greenwood came to call on Cornell, Dec. 20, for some non-conference action before the winter break.

The Chiefs’ offense fell behind Greenwood in the first half, but coach Courtney Yanko wasn’t going to give up the game without a fight. Cornell bounced back in the second half, to outscore Greenwood, 26-23.

However, with the deficit from the first half, the Chiefs ran out of time to take the lead and watched the game go to the visitors, 54-47.

Cornell’s overall record is now 1-8, while they remain at 0-4 in the East Lakeland Conference.

Freshman Bralee Schroeder led for the Chiefs, with 17 points, 10 rebounds and 2 assists, and junior Kelsea Popp ended with 9 points, 1 rebound and 2 assists. Sophomore Makya Hetherington came next, with 6 points, 3 rebounds

and 1 assist, followed by sophomore Teryn Close, with 3 points, 3 rebounds and 1 assist.

Senior Teaira Spaeth and sophomore Grace Harycki each had 6 points, while Harycki finished with 2 rebounds and 2 assists.

Sophomore Marcella Boehm and freshman Alyssa Bowe each had 1 rebound.



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Lake Holcombe junior Justine Kane gets off a shot against New Auburn, as the Chieftains walked away with a 49-27 victory on their home court Dec 17.



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Makya Hetherington, Cornell sophomore, fights for a rebound under her home basket against conference opponent Clayton, with the Dec. 16 game going to the visiting team, 48-27.

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Thur., Jan. 6 @Altoona 5 p.m.

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