

After a short turnaround, the Cougars and Lady Cougars traveled to Lefors last Monday for their 5th and 6th games in a five day span.

The girls started us off with a game against Lefors. We dug ourselves into a 0-9 hole to start the game and had to play the rest of the game playing catch up. We made some good defensive adjustments at halftime, and came back out ready to battle some more. We kept closing the gap, but then they would get back up. At one point Lefors led by double-digits. We once again battled back and had a couple of good chances to take the lead (Free throws helped as we went 78% from the line), but ultimately our comeback bid came up short with a final score of 43 to 45. We are extremely proud of the fact that our girls never quit and continued to battle! Had we had another minute or so we probably would have pulled that game out. Dehlilah (after missing time due to injury) showed her leadership and led the team with 19 points. Followed by Yaquilen with 8, Mariana and Ana with 5 each, NJ with 4, and Estefany with 2.

In their second game against Fritch, the girls took an early 12 to 2 lead, and never looked back. Good defense and unselfish play led the girls to a dominant win with a final score of 42 to 10. The girls kept looking to make the next pass and played extremely unselfish. Dehlilah once again led the way with 18 points (and a possible triple-double), followed by NJ with 8, Ana with 7, Estefany with 4, Yaquelin with 3, and Mariana with 2. Lilli also provided some very strong defense in her minutes. This was a solid team win where EVERYONE contributed in some way. Good job girls!

The boys came out and battled back and forth with Lefors for 4 quarters. Early fouls gave us an opportunity to get to the free throw line and we were able to take advantage. After a back and forth first half we went into halftime leading 34 to 32. At one point in the second half we had pushed our lead to double-digits, but had to survive a rally from Lefors. We were able to cling to our lead and able to walk out with a win 63 to 58. Impact players for the boys were Eric (23 points, 8 rebounds, and 7 assists), Queston (19 points, 13 rebounds), and Kevin (18 points, 7 rebounds, 6 steals).

In their second game of the day the boys took on Fritch. In a common trend, cold overall shooting was the difference for us. We had good looks, but could not get them to fall. We were down at half 14 to 32. We were able to get a bit going in the second half, and played Fritch basically even for the last two quarters. However, our early deficit was too much to overcome and we took the loss with a final score of 34 to 54. Impact players were Eric (20 points, 7 rebounds), and Kevin (8 points, 5 assists, 6 steals). I am still proud of the boys for playing hard over the last 5 days. They have been knocked down, but prove we will get back up!

The girls sit at 2-8 on the season while the boys sit at 4-4. Both teams earned the rest of their Thanksgiving break. Hopefully this gave them time to heal and recover. We are proud of the hustle and heart our teams continue to show! Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Cougars and Lady Cougars. We are back in action today 12/1 with JH games in Amarillo followed by HS games in Morse tomorrow 12/2.