

Imperials Fall In Dist. Game

In their first Dist. 2 game of the season, the Napoleon/Gackle-Streeter Imperials lost to the Kidder County Wolves 43-53.



Imperial **Hope Gross** (left) goes for loose ball while KC's **Ella Witt** and Imperial **Brooklyn Schneider** are in on the action.

In action in Steele last Mon., Jan. 5, the contest was filled with much enthusiasm by both teams. In the first quarter of play, the visiting Imperials held an early 3-2 lead, before the Wolves took the lead to close out the first quarter out in front 10-13.

The second quarter had KC double their lead to hold a 14-20 lead with 4:50 to play in the first half. NGS head coach Paul Erbele and his squad continued to fight their way back into the contest as freshman Brooklyn Schneider hit a trey followed up by a baseline drive to pull NGS to within 2, 22-24 with

1:22 to play in second quarter. Late in this quarter freshman Dawson Erbele picked up her third personal foul as did KC's

Ava Schmidt. Another driving force for NGS was freshman Hope Gross who went 5-6 in this quarter from the charity stripe, as the quarter closed with the Imperials trailing 24-29.

The third quarter the KC full court pressure defense caused numerous Imperial turnovers which turned into layups for KC. However, the Imperials continued to hang with the Wolves as they trailed 33-37 about mid-way through the quarter. It was also late in this quarter where NGS leading rebounder Dawson Erbele picked up her fourth foul, but remained in the game. The third quarter closed with NGS trailing 34-41.

The start of the fourth quarter had the Imperials still offering a threat as they pulled to within 4, 37-41 after a Schneider trey at the 7:40 mark of the fourth. A couple NGS turnovers led to four quick points for KC as NGS found themselves trailing 37-45 with 6:13 to go. About a minute later Erbele picked up her fifth foul after pulling down a baker's



Imperial #4 **Dawson Erbele** (left) posts up inside against **Ella Witt** while **Breannah Pfaff** is also in on the backside defense while Imperial **Aliyah Schwarzenberger** (right) attempts to pass the ball inside, but KC's **Taylor Zimmerman** kicks the ball.

dozen rebounds. The teams continued to exchange baskets as junior Aliyah Schwarzenberger dropped a triple with 2:00 minutes to go and eighth grader Deziray Zenker hit a triple as well as the Imperials didn't go down without putting up a fight and losing 43-53.

Hope Gross led the Imperials with 18 (including going 9-12 from the line and getting 5 steals). Other Imperials scoring were: Brooklyn Schneider 13 (3-3's), Deziray Zenker 7 (1-3, 4 assists), Aliyah Schwarzenberger 3 (1-3) and Dawson Erbele 2. Seeing action but not scoring was Alaina Nenow.

Wolves scoring were: Taylor Zimmerman 16, Breannah Pfaff 9 (1-3), Riley Sayler 8, Ava Schmidt 8 (2-3's), Ella Witt 7 and Alea Kramlich 5.

From the field NGS shot 7-33 (21%) and KC was 18-33 (55%). From beyond the arch NGS shot 6-16 (38%) while KC was

3-16 (19%). The Wolves held a slight advantage on the boards as they pulled down 36, compared to NGS pulling down 33. The Wolves came away with 15 steals compared to 9 for NGS. In the turnover department NGS had 18 compared to 13 for KC.

From the charity stripe NGS shot 11-14 (79%) while KC was 8-18 (44%). Erbele fouled out for NGS as did Witt for KC.

NGS fall to 5-4 while Kidder County improves to 6-2.



The referee calls a jump ball as Imperials **Hope Gross** (left) and **Alaina Nenow** look for the referee's call while **Alea Kramlich** hangs on to the ball.

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and sophomore in the middle, Owen Woodrow had a deuce, as NGS held a 39-20 lead with eight minutes to play.

In the final frame the Vikings offered their best quarter of the day by spreading out the scoring, as seven players scored 24 points. The Imperials were sent to the line often in this final frame, where they converted on 8-15 free tosses, Zenker added a field goal and Piatz a pair of field goals as the Imperials hung on to win 53-44.

Imperials scoring enroute to the win were: Brenden Zenker 20 (5-3's), Jackson Piatz 13, Bradley Hottman 9 (1-3), Chase Martin 6, Steyn DuPreez 3 and Owen Woodrow 2. Seeing action but not scoring were Hunter Schumacher and Carson Piatz.



A trio of Imperials (l-r: #11 **Chase Martin**, #2 **Bradley Hottman** & #21 **Steyn Du Preez**) scramble to get open during a play in Jamestown last weekend.
Photos courtesy of Bridget Piatz

Vikings scoring line: Jackson Schlieman 8 (2-3's), Clayton Althoff 8 (1-3), Graham Hesse 7, Hudson Kasowski 7, Tyler Gronwold 5 (1-3), Jack Sauvageau 5, Carter Gronwald 2 and Trey Te-

berg 2.

From the charity stripe NGS was 13-16 (81%) on 19 fouls including a technical. The Vikings shot 5-9 (56%) from the line on 14 Imperial fouls. Viking

Schleimen fouled out of the contest.

With the win NGS is now 2-7 on the year.

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Logan County Auditor