

Baxter boys take undefeated record into break



Photo by Andrea Berg

Baxter senior Carson Scroggins, left, throws down a dunk against GMG on Dec. 20. Scroggins registered 19 points and 10 rebounds in the conference home win over the Wolverines.

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BAXTER — The Bolts had no issues scoring points in their first five games this season.

But in the last four contests, the offense got even better for Baxter's boys basketball team.

The Bolts improved to 9-0 on Dec. 20 with a 93-35 home win over GMG during Iowa Star Conference South Division play.

Baxter averaged 72.6 points per tilt through its first five games but put in an average of 87 points over the past four.

Baxter scored at least 19 points in each quarter against the Wolverines.

The Bolts led 27-13 after one quarter and went up 52-22 at halftime. They outscored GMG 22-6 in the third.

Four Baxter players scored in double-figures and Carson Scroggins and Cody Damman led the way with double-doubles.

Scroggins had 19 points, 10 rebounds, two steals and two blocks and Damman added 17 points, 10 assists and two rebounds.

Trice Clapper also put in 16 points and grabbed six boards, Treyton Travis finished with

14 points, two rebounds, three assists and six steals and Perrin Sulzle chipped in five points, eight rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Cael Shepley contributed eight points, four rebounds and three assists, Eli Dee scored a career-high seven points and Cainan Travis put in four points. Stadan Vansice scored three points and Jake Travis had three steals.

The Bolts (9-0 overall, 6-0 in the conference) shot 62 percent from the floor despite making only 3-of-12 from 3-point range. They were 18-of-30 from the free-throw line, out-rebounded GMG 34-22 and turned the ball over 11 times.

Jabari Woodbury led GMG with 10 points, four rebounds and four assists.

GMG (3-5, 2-3) shot 31.4 percent from the floor, made 1-of-13 from 3 and connected on 2-of-4 from the line. The Wolverines committed 23 turnovers.

Baxter 84, Ankeny Christian 54

BAXTER — In a matchup of unbeaten teams, Baxter pulled away in the second half for an 84-54 non-conference

home win on Dec. 19.

The Bolts led by eight after one but only held a three-point advantage at halftime. They outscored ACA 53-26 in the second half.

Baxter shot 54 percent from the floor, made 6-of-9 from 3 and connected on 10-of-17 from the line. The Bolts had 10 turnovers and contributed 29 assists on their 34 field goals.

Scroggins led the Bolts with 24 points, five rebounds and three blocks and Clapper collected 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Damman's double-double included 14 points, 11 assists, three rebounds and two steals, Treyton Travis added 13 points, five rebounds, eight assists and six steals and Shepley added four points, three rebounds, six assists and three steals.

Sulzle put in four points, grabbed five boards and dished out two assists and Cainan Travis scored four points.

ACA was led by Cade Wierck's 20 points and 10 rebounds.

The Eagles (7-1) shot 36 percent from the floor, connected on only 4-of-16 from 3 and buried 12-of-16 from the charity stripe.

Baxter girls get back on track against GMG

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BAXTER — A strong start and a career-night from Bree Buswell propelled Baxter's girls basketball team to a 54-24 win over GMG on Dec. 20.

The Bolts led 20-2 after one quarter, dominated on the glass and remained unbeaten in the Iowa Star Conference South Division.

The two teams played even in the second and fourth quarters, but the Bolts also fared significantly better in the third with an 18-6 advantage.

Buswell put in a career-high 18 points and added seven rebounds, two assists and four steals and Mandee Selover collected 13 points, six rebounds and two steals.

Emie Tuhn and Emma Ziesman also reached double-figures. Tuhn had 11 points, four rebounds and two assists and Ziesman tallied 10 points, eight boards and two steals.

Kendyl Stevenson grabbed a career-high nine rebounds, dished out four assists and swiped four steals and Abby McReynolds pulled down a pair of rebounds.

The Bolts (7-1 overall, 6-0 in the conference) shot 37.3 percent from the floor, made 4-of-18 from 3-point range and connected on 12-of-18 from the free-throw line.

Baxter out-rebounded GMG 38-16.

GMG (6-2, 4-2) shot 27 percent from the floor, connected on only 1-of-12 from 3 and made 3-of-8 from the line. The Wolverines committed 22 turnovers.



Photo by Andrea Berg

Baxter senior Kendyl Stevenson grabs one of her career-high nine rebounds and also dished out four assists and swiped four steals during the Bolts' home win over GMG on Dec. 20.

Ankeny Christian 49, Baxter 44

BAXTER — Playing without one starter, the Bolts couldn't quite finish off Ankeny Christian Academy on Dec. 19.

In a back-and-forth game, the Eagles pulled out a 49-44 non-conference road win.

The visitors trailed by eight after three quarters but outscored the Bolts 21-8 in the fourth.

Abbie Meyer did not play against GMG and missed this game, too, because of an illness.

Baxter trailed 18-9 after one but a 9-3 surplus in the second trimmed the margin to three at halftime. The Bolts

outscored the Eagles 18-7 in the third but struggled in the final frame.

Tuhn led the Bolts with 17 points, three rebounds and two assists and Selover contributed 11 points, seven rebounds, two assists, four steals and two blocks.

Buswell added 10 points, six rebounds, three assists and two steals and Stevenson tallied three points, two rebounds and two assists in her first career start.

Ziesman grabbed four rebounds and Karlee Koehler scored three points.

The Bolts shot 41 percent from the floor, buried 5-of-13 from 3 and connected on 7-of-18 from the charity

stripe. They committed 22 turnovers.

Riese Gjerde led all scorers with 18 points and grabbed four boards.

The Eagles (8-2) shot 44 percent from the floor, hit 2-of-10 from 3 and connected on 9-of-12 from the line. They committed 21 turnovers.

Baxter 45, North Tama 27

TRAER — The Bolts dominated the second quarter and a massive game from Meyer resulted in a 45-27 road win over North Tama during Iowa Star Conference South Division play on Dec. 16.

Baxter led 15-13 after one but outscored the Redhawks 12-1 in the second and won the second half by five.

Meyer's night included a career-high 17 points, a career-high 11 rebounds and a career-best five steals.

Tuhn also reached double figures with 12 points and chipped in seven rebounds, three assists and five steals.

Selover finished with seven points, five rebounds and six assists, Buswell registered three points, four rebounds, two assists and three steals and Stevenson scored five points and dished out three assists. Ziesman also grabbed three boards and swiped five steals.

The Bolts committed 21 turnovers but collected 23 steals. They shot 28 percent from the floor, connected on 3-of-20 from long range and sank 14-of-28 from the line. Baxter grabbed 17 offensive rebounds.

North Tama fell to 2-6 and 2-4 in the conference.

Baxter wrestling wins twice in road triangular

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ELDORA — Finishing 10-6 in contested matches, Baxter's wrestling team picked up a pair of dual wins on Dec. 20.



Smith

The Bolts went on the road for a triangular and came home with a 36-25 win over BCLUW-South Hardin and a 48-26 victory over Sumner-Fredricksburg.

Against BCLUW-SH, there were two double forfeits and the hosts had a 2-1 advantage in forfeits. The Bolts were 6-3 in contested matches with four falls.

Alex Dille (113), Ruger Kincaid (120), Jack Anderson (145) and Callyn Bishop (170) all won by fall, Cole Smith (132) scored an 11-7 win by decision and Skyler Stoll (138) won 4-1.

Jacob Hiemstra (152) accepted a forfeit.

Bishop's match that ended in a fall lasted just 20 seconds and Kincaid had a 46-second pin.

The Bolts were 4-3 in contested matches against Sumner-Fredricksburg and held a 4-2 advantage in forfeits.

There was one double forfeit.

Kincaid, Smith (126), Anderson and Maddox Peters (120) all won by fall, while Stoll, Bishop, Koltin Hird (138) and Aiden McFadden (285) won by forfeit.

Kincaid (10-4) and Anderson (11-5) were 2-0 with two pins, while Smith (13-3), Stoll (11-3) and Bishop (11-5) also finished 2-0.

McFadden is now 13-2 after going 1-1 with a 2-1 loss. His only other defeat came by a 3-2 decision.

Baxter inducts latest Hall of Fame class

Photo by Andrea Berg

Baxter High School inducted its latest Athletic Hall of Fame class during the Bolts' varsity home games against GMG on Dec. 20. The latest class includes (from left) Lexi Breon, Jeff Hoskins, Heather Jessen and Clayton Weltha.

