EAGLES SOAR OVER NEWBERRY

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The Eagle’s Cry

ENGADINE – Pedro Pardo played a lively game, tying Drake DeWyse’s school record with eight 3-pointers.

Pardo’s effort helped Engadine power past Newberry, 75-54, on January 21.

Pardo tried his hardest to beat the record, but sadly he was one short. Pardo led all scorers with 27 points.

“It was a pretty nice game,” Pardo said. “The teammates had good spacing there so I could throw those good shots and they went in so we’re fine. I was feeling it. The whole team was on fire. We were all playing there.”

Pardo was upset that he did not beat the record.

“I wanted it, but it’s fine,” he said.

In the third quarter, Newberry started catching up. But the Eagles piled on the points to hold a 54-39 lead at the end of the quarter.

Engadine continued to play strong to stay in the lead. The Indians were outmatched from the start of the game, putting up eight points in the first quarter.

From then on, the Eagles didn’t look back. They were unstoppable with every possession and with every rebound. Through the second quarter, Engadine kept its 10-point lead, matching Newberry with 12 points.

Coach Hanson was surprised about how his team played throughout the game.

“We switched our strategy a little bit,” Hanson said. “Instead of grinding out at half court, we noticed a pattern. The last two minutes we were down by ten and we kept pressing and we closed the gap. So why don’t we just press the whole game?"

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Or kind of go back to the way we used to do. So, we put a little bit in on Friday and the kids start to like it, so that’s what we started doing. So, we got the energy going.”

With the offense stalling in the fourth quarter, Michal Vigas provided the spark the Eagles needed to maintain their lead.

Vigas scored 13 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter.

The team was in sync the whole game, and they didn’t lose connection.

“Yeah, I don’t have any explanation for that,” Hanson said. “We have been trying to do that all year. So maybe it finally clicked. The boys did a really good job at moving around, that’s for sure. That felt good and was one of the first things they said in the locker room, our offense is finally moving up. Pedro, that kid was on fire. Kudos to him. We see this in practice sometimes and you see him shoot sometimes 65%. It’s nice to see him finally put together. So, I was really impressed with that.”

NEWBERRY 54
Logan Depew 6 7-10 21, Luke Jordan 2 2-2 8, Marco Juarez 2 3-4 7, Jared Wallace 0 0-0, Ephram Evans 3 0-0 8, Mazz Carroll 2 0-0 5, Aidan McPherson 0 0-0, Tristan Skidmore 1 1-2 3, Braxton Taylor 0 2-2. Totals 15 15-20 54.

ENGADINE 75
Ian McArthur 3 1-4 7, Kyle Gould 2 0-0 4, Hunter Dennis 1 1-1 3, Michal Vigas 7 0-0 17, Charlie Snider 3 1-1 5, Wyatt Pratt 0 0-0, Dustin Hanselman 0 0-0, Pedro Pardo 8 3-5 27, Caleb Gehrett 2 2-2, Hunter Sapp 2 4-4 8, Nick Nance 1 0-0 2, Austin Ruperd 0 0-0. Totals 26 12-20 75.

NEWBERRY     8     12     19     15     –     54
ENGADINE     18     12     24     21     –     75

Engadine Girls Basketball have won three of its past four games. The Lady Eagles posted wins over Brimley, Inland Lakes and Munising. Engadine dropped a nail biter to Cedarville.

The Eagles took it to Brimley, outlasting the Bays in a game that has been the most exciting game of the year for girls basketball.

Sophia Vaughn led Engadine with 23 points, and Kearra Paquin added 11.

Engadine trounced Inland Lakes and Munising, allowing just 49 points combined in the two games.

Izzy Kopsi led the Eagles in scoring against Munising with 18 points. Vaughn and Leah French led Engadine against Inland Lakes. Vaughn has 12 and French had nine.

Against the Trojans, the Eagles’ lone blemish in an otherwise stellar time, Vaughn and French again paced Engadine in scoring. Vaughn scored 22 and French added 14.

On the boys side, Engadine dropped games to Cedarville and Munising after dazzling against Newberry. The Eagles lost to Cedarville, 75-63, and to Munising, 57-39.

The Courtwarming game with Pickford was postponed due to illness.

With illness abound, the Newberry wrestling did very little wrestling over the past two weeks. Having wrestled Pellston, St. Ignace, Cheboygan and Rudyard, the Indians forfeit more matches than they wrestled.

Travis O’Neil won his match at 125 pounds against Cheboygan.

By winning three of its final four team bouts, Newberry set itself up in a three-way tie for the Straits Area Conference championship. The Indians are tied with Rudyard and St. Ignace for the conference title.

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Hunter Dennis, right, shoots the ball over the hands of Logan Depew.