

## Shooting troubles

Nicolet girls survive one poor night, fall on another

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Five games into the season, there have been both positives and negatives for the Nicolet girls basketball team.

Included in the positives are a lot of depth, a good defense and a knack for coming back. The biggest negative has been an inability to find the basket.

Through five games, the Knights are shooting just 25 percent on two-point field goals. In the nine years coach John Gustavson has kept the stat, the lowest the Knights have shot has been 33 percent.

"Record-wise, I would've been happy with a 3-2 record," said Gustavson, whose team is 2-3 after a 49-33 loss to Wauwatosa East on Nov. 27 and a 46-29 win over Whitefish Bay on Friday. "We just need to make more baskets. The one saving grace has been free throws."

The Knights are 74 for 125 from the free-throw line in their first five games while their opponents are 32 for 59.

"It means we're getting to the basket, which is what we've been encouraging," said Gustavson.

It was free-throw shooting that helped the Knights seal Friday's win over Bay and win their North Shore Conference opener for the first time in three years. Leading 27-16 after three quarters, the Knights were 17 of 21 from the line in the final quarter.

"Obviously, if we don't make those free

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## Lost NHS student's No. 13 jersey retired

Prior to Nicolet's Nov. 27 game with Wauwatosa East the Knights held a ceremony to honor Brittney Gigl.

The Nicolet student, who died just before the start of the school year, would have been on the varsity for the third year. Nicolet retired her number 13 jersey.

"In August, we lost a friend and a teammate," girls basketball coach John Gustavson said as he started the ceremony, during which each teammate who knew her spoke about what she'll remember most about Gigl. "Although her number will never be worn again, the positive effect she had on the program will resonate forever."

The ceremony ended with the five seniors on the team presenting Gigl's parents with a plaque, Gigl's number 13 jersey, the team's practice t-shirts with 'All for One' on the back and the wristbands with the initials 'B.G.' that the team is wearing this season.

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Ellery Burks (30) of Brown Deer tries to prevent a basket by Dominican's Derrick Wimmer, who was unstoppable much of the time Friday night. Wimmer's 27 points helped Dominican prevail, 73-69.

# Emerald among the diamonds

Novak pours in record 42, Nixon gets 11, but Wimmer keys Knights' win over Falcons

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In the weeks leading up to the Brown Deer-Dominican boys basketball showdown Friday, much of the hype swirled around NCAA Division I recruits Steve Novak and Ray Nixon.

Both lived up to their billing. Brown Deer's

Novak was spectacular, pouring in a school-record 42 points while netting five three-point shots and 17 of 17 free throws. He added a team-high 10 rebounds.

Dominican's Nixon tallied 11 points, including a trio of three-point goals in the first quarter, before leaving the game with a thigh bruise in the third period.

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