

# JV Game Summaries

## 2016-2017 Season

### Boys Basketball

#### December 9<sup>th</sup>

The JV boys played an outstanding basketball game against Rush City! Our defensive effort was outstanding throughout the game. We held Rush City to 27 points for the game. Again, the guys were diving on the floor and out of bounds for loose balls, getting steals, taking charges, and blocking shots. We had 26 steals in the game! Zak Peterson had 7 steals, David Curtiss had 5 steals, and Jeremy Blazek had 4 steals. Garrett Westerlund, Brady Taylor, Jake Kukowski, Zak Peterson, Jeremy Blazek, David Curtiss, and Nathan Hagestuen did a phenomenal job of providing ball pressure allowing us to create many turnovers. Dylan Gustin, Garrett Michaletz, and Nick Bruesewitz did a great job battling their big center and fighting for position on both ends of the floor. Offensively, the boys shot the ball well from the floor shooting 46%. We shot 50% from the foul line. We're moving the ball much better on the offensive end and are starting to get easy baskets. We had very balanced scoring for the game too. David Curtiss had 14 points, Zak Peterson had 10 points, Garrett Michaletz had 9 points, and Nathan Hagestuen had 9 points. Zak Peterson led the team with 5 rebounds. Our next game is against the Braham Bombers at Braham.

Final Score:

Aitkin 61

Rush City 27

#### December 8<sup>th</sup>

The JV boys got their first win of the season against the Isle Huskies. The boys played with tremendous heart throughout the game. The guys were taking charges, getting tough rebounds, and diving all over the floor for loose balls. The guys are starting to gel as a team too. We had our worst shooting night of the season shooting 21% from the floor and 25% from the foul line and still found a way to win the game. Our defense was stellar the entire night holding Isle to only 30 points. If we're able to play with this much energy, heart, and hustle, it's going to be a fun season whether we

win or lose. Zak Peterson and David Curtiss were our leading scorers with 9 points each. Jeremy Blazek added 8 points. David Curtiss had 7 rebounds and Garrett Michaeletz had 6 rebounds.

**December 6, 2016    Aitkin    Pillager**

The JV boys lost another hard fought game against the Pillager Huskies. The boys kept it close for most of the game until Pillager pulled away at the end. The effort and hustle in the game was tremendous! This team continues to battle and scrap. We took a number of charges in the game that shows great heart! Our team is struggling shooting the basketball to start the season.

We shot 37% from the floor and only 20% from the foul line. We need to do a better job of reducing our turnovers too. Leading the Gobblers in scoring were Nathan Hagestuen with 9 points and Jeremy Blazek with 8 points. Our leading rebounder was Dylan Gustin with 5 rebounds.

Coach Smith

**December 2, 2016    Aitkin 29    Pine City 61**

The JV boys played with a lot of heart on Friday night, but couldn't overcome the Dragons hot shooting.

When the guys get their chemistry going as a team, this group will be very competitive. I was very proud of their effort. Leading us in scoring against Pine City was David Curtiss with 10. The team had a cold shooting night going 13 for 39 from the floor.

Our next game is Tuesday, December 6th. Please come out early and get a nice warm up game before our Varsity plays against Pillager.

Coach Smith