

Varsity Game Summaries

2016-2017 Season

Boys Basketball

December 8th and December 9th

All I can say is, "What an absolutely great 48 hours of basketball!" I am sorry for the late results of Thursday's game but it has been a very busy 8 days with playing 4 game.

The varsity boys basketball team defeated the Isle Huskies by a score of 52 - 32. The defensive effort was steady throughout the game and the boys unselfish play on offense was a thing of beauty. The Gobblers went into halftime with a 36 to 18 lead and maintained the lead to the final horn. The Gobblers were led in scoring by DJ Haasken with 18 and Hunter Moe 13 points. The scrappy defensive effort was led by a whole host of Gobblers but Jeb Sanford, Spencer Jacobs, David Sanbeck, and Caleb Curtiss were definitely game changers most of the night with their efforts.

Tonight, the boys hosted a very big Rush City team and also defeated the Tigers by a score of 73 to 45. The boys played tough defense from the opening tip-off and went into half up 41 to 18. Hunter Moe scored 21 of his team's high 25 points in the first half and the Gobblers never stopped playing unselfish basketball the rest of the way. Also scoring in double figures were David Saneck 13, Spencer Jacobs 12, and Caleb Curtiss 11.

Once again Jeb Sanford and DJ Haasken played tough defense, getting rebounds, turnovers and deflections most of the game. The boys effort has been amazing and we are very excited to play Braham on the road on Tuesday night! Thanks to all the fans who came out to cheer the last two cold Minnesota evenings! It is much appreciated!

Coach Hopperstad

December 6, 2016 Aitkin 45 Pillager 65

Well the Aitkin Gobblers varsity boys basketball team played a tough Pillager team Tuesday night at home and lost by a score of 65 to 45. The Gobblers got off to a slow start and were down by 21 points at halftime.

Despite the deficit, there was no give up and within about 6 minutes the Gobblers had the lead down to 10 and had the momentum but we were unable to maintain. Even though we are winless through 2 games, my team showed up today ready to work to improve and are excited about playing the Isle Huskies tomorrow night at home!

Hope to see the gym full of fans again and please be patient with this team as they have been working hard each and every minute of practice.

Coach Hopperstad

December 2, 2016 Aitkin 66 Pine City 89

Last night the Varsity boys basketball team played their first game of the season against Pine City on the road and came out on the losing end with a 89 to 66 score.

Despite the loss, the boys played extremely well in the first half to a very good Pine City team and trailed by a score of 42 to 37 at halftime. The Dragons of Pine City started the second half on fire from the three point line and built a lead that the Gobblers could not recover from. It was my first game as head coach of the boys basketball team and I couldn't have been more proud of my team's effort. There was never a moment in the game where the boys didn't try their best and that is all I will ever expect from my young men.

I can't wait for our next game which is on Tuesday, December 6th at home against Pillager. Thanks to all the fans that made the long trip to Pine City and I hope to see a lot of fans in their black and red Aitkin colors on Tuesday!!! Thanks Coach