

Dayville/Monument girls fall to Adrian at district tournament

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The Dayville/Monument girls basketball team fell 39-25 against the Adrian Antelopes on Feb. 20 in the first round of the High Desert League Tournament, but the Tigers valiantly fought against Adrian to the last second.

The game started with low scores from both teams with each side playing offensively and fighting for the ball.

“Adrian is always a physical game so (the Tigers) did a good job at being physical back but keeping their composure,” said Cheyenne Perkins, the Tigers’ head coach.

By the halfway mark of the first quarter, the Antelopes were up 7-0. Senior Denali Twe-



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Dayville/Monument senior Denali Twehues looks for an opening in a game against Adrian on Feb. 20.

hues shifted the tides, scoring 2 points and then following up with a free throw, to make the score 7-3.

Adrian answered back with a 3-pointer from freshman

Lindsey Bertalotto, but then a free throw shot from Twehues and a free throw shot by senior Aubrey Bowlus narrowed the lead to 10-5. Adrian made a free throw to end the

first quarter, 11-5.
In the second quarter, Adrian picked up steam, scoring 12 points in the second, while limiting the Tigers to 6 points for the quarter. Even with Adrian’s lead growing by the end of the first half, the Tigers continued to work together for the second half of the game.
The final quarter started with Adrian in the lead 31-15, but within the first 30 seconds, Twehues scored 3 points to jump start momentum. Dayville/Monument would finish the last quarter scoring 10 points. Even with the momentum, it was not enough, and the game ended, 39-25.
Even though they lost, Perkins was proud of her team’s performance and how they played even with illnesses affecting the teams practice opportunities. The Tigers then went on to play against Four Rivers in the consolation game on Feb. 21 and ended the season on a high note with a victory 48-30.
“It was really fun to coach all of them,” Perkins said.
For Perkins, a rewarding experience this season was witnessing the growth and improvement in the team and being able to coach her sister.
“You don’t judge a good season on if you have wins, you judge it off of if they are learning, and I take our season as a success because the girls really grew and are ready for next year,” Perkins said. “It was a lot of fun, and I really enjoyed the girls. I enjoyed teaching them and them teaching me.”



Contributed photo
From left, 6.5 Creedmoor, .270 Winchester, 7mm Remington Magnum and .30-06 Springfield.

SHOOTING THE BREEZE

Could the .270 be the best of the bunch?

I have used the .270 a fair amount over the years, but have never really given it much thought. I’ve never actually owned one, but have taken deer, elk and coyotes with loaners. Recently one followed me home, so I started doing some load development. From my results, I started asking myself if the pedestrian .270 might just be the perfect everyday hunting rifle? I freely admit that there are a bunch of rounds that work just fine. I also admit that, because the field is so crowded, I am going to have to split a few hairs to make my point. That being said, I ask you to hear me out. Now I’m not talking about specialty rounds like the 6.5 PRC or 28 Nosler because they just aren’t very common, and ammo can be hard to find.

What made me start to wonder was when I started comparing the .270 to the 7mm Remington Magnum that I usually hunt with. As it turns out, I can fling a 140-grain bullet from my .270 just as fast as a 160-grain bullet in my 7 mm. The 7 requires a 2 inch longer barrel, which means more gun weight. It also requires more powder in a bigger case leading to a significant bump in recoil. Are those extra 20 grains worth all that?

Then I started looking at the shiny new toy in town. These days the 6.5 Creedmoor seems to be the man, and I admit, it does pretty well. However, the .270 throws its bullets between 100 and 200 feet per second faster. While bullet weights top out around 140 grains in the 6.5, you can find bullets up to around 160 grains in the .270, which would be a better choice when you are chasing the big stuff. Well, the 6.5 has less recoil, you say? Yep, by about 1.5 foot pounds. You are one sensitive dude if you can notice that difference.

Well then, why not step up to the .30-06 then? After all, you can lob bullets over 200 grains with it. It certainly isn’t a bad choice, but with the heavier bullets, recoil goes up as well and velocity goes down. These days we have a plethora of good bullets to choose from. So while I do believe in heavy-for-caliber bullets, there is no need to overdo it. The .270 deals out bullets that will handle anything we hunt around here. While the good ol’ .30-06 can pretty much keep up with the .270 with comparable bullet weights, the ballistic coefficient of the 30-caliber bullets is pretty poor. That means its trajectory won’t be as good.

As I said, there are lots of calibers out there that will do the job just fine. However, the more I work with the plain old .270, the more I wonder if it might just be the Goldilocks bowl of porridge that is just right.

What rifle is just right for you? Let us know at shootingthebreezebme@gmail.com.

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Suchorski places third at state Hoop Shoot contest



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Weston Suchorski, center, of Humbolt Elementary School placed third in the 10-11-year-old age group at the state level of the Elks National Hoop Shoot Contest in Silverton. State president Mary Williams, left, and local Hoop Shoot chairman Chuck Howe pose for the photo.

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