Cougars Battle Bobcats

Sandy Creek loses hard fought game

By: *Kirstyn Sherbeck*

On Friday, January 24, Sandy Creek girl’s varsity team competed against Blue Hill. Starters were Kennedi Tripe, Caileigh Tripe, Caitlin Rempe, Leah Hatch, and Jaden Claycamp.

To start off, Claycamp jumped for Sandy Creek. Sandy Creek won first possession. The girls were making sure to be patient and not rush into making a shot. Kennedi Tripe put up the first shot in the paint but ended up missing. Luckily, Caitlin Rempe was there at the block, boxing out her girl, and got the rebound and put it back up, but missed. Leah Hatch got Caitlin’s rebound and shot it from the other block and missed. Caileigh Tripe got the rebound and got fouled on the floor.

 After that, the girls were still being patient and moving the ball to get an open shot. After a little while of passing the ball around, Caileigh drove in and shot the ball and got fouled. She got to shoot two free throws. She made both of her free throws, making it Blue Hill’s ball. Sandy Creek was playing good defense but, Blue Hill ended up making a 3-pointer. The first quarter’s ending score was 9-13, Bobcats ahead.

 For the second quarter, Head Coach Borer put starters in. First possession went to Blue Hill. Sandy Creek was struggling a little bit with letting Blue Hill drive-in and make a layup and then turning it over the next possession. The Cougars were doing better with defense until the Bobcats drove in again and Caitlin Rempe got her first foul. Teagan Jarosik subbed in for Caitlin. Blue Hill got to shoot two free throws, missing both. Jaden got the rebound on the second missed shot. The girls were doing better on defense and Blue Hill didn’t score for a while. But, Blue Hill drove in and shot again and Jaden got her first foul. The second quarter’s ending score was 9-24, Bobcats ahead.

 During halftime, the team went into the locker and talked about the first two quarters and what they can do to compete with Blue Hill. For the third quarter, Borer put starters out but put Makenzie Dane in for Caitlin since she was in foul trouble. The whole first minute Blue Hill had possession and the girls were playing great defense. The Bobcats ended up not scoring. Caileigh stole the ball, made a layup, then got fouled and got to shoot a free throw.

Junior, Caileigh Tripe said, “Although the game didn’t turn out the way we wanted it to, it pushed us to work harder for the rest of the season.”

She missed her shot but Makenzie put it back up and got fouled. She missed her first free throw but made the second. The Cougars were playing very good defense, not letting the Bobcats shoot shots like they were the first half. The third quarter’s ending score was 22-35, Bobcats ahead.

 The fourth quarter started out with starters in but Makenzie Dane was in for Leah. Caileigh got the ball and passed it into Jaden who was posting up at the block. She made a post move and made the shot. After a couple of minutes of no one scoring, Caileigh fouled Blue Hill. Teagan subbed in for her, ready to play hard.

Freshman Teagan Jarosik said, “I thought we worked well as a team and took a step forward.”

A little time went by and it was Blue Hill’s ball. Jaden stole it from the top of the key and went in and made a layup. The girl worked hard but couldn’t pull ahead. The final score of the game was 37-50.