

Centralia @ Onaga Recap and United Bank & Trust "Player to Bank On" Feb. 21st
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Girl's Varsity: Michelle Haug (Centralia) 18 points

The offense was stifled from the start of the horn for the home squad, the Onaga Buffaloes and the visiting Centralia Panthers took advantage of that quickly, as the lead at the half was 20-9 in favor of the Panthers. The offensive woes continued in the second half for Onaga as they were outscored 22-3 in the third quarter, allowing Centralia to cruise for their twelfth win over the season, winning 50-23.

Onaga struggled to score in the game, scoring 12 total points the first three quarters of play. Senior, Karley McLaughlin lead the way for Onaga on the night with eight points, in the contest. For Centralia it was senior, Michelle Haug who stepped up her scoring once again notching 18 points on the evening and being active throughout the contest. Fellow senior, Vanessa Burdick for Centralia also scored double digits on the night, with 11 points.

Centralia improved to 12-8 on the season with the win, while Onaga fell to 5-15 with the loss. Centralia with the win set themselves up for the number seed in their sub-state, but still have one more game to finish off the regular season, this Thursday at home against Wamego. Onaga will be the eighth seed in their sub-state and travel to play the number one seed Jeff County North in their first round of sub-state action.

Boy's Varsity: Devin Rempe (Centralia) 4 points (Game winning free throws w/2.9 seconds left)

It was a close game throughout the contest coming down to the final seconds of the game, as both teams hit clutch shots and made runs in throughout the night. After the first half it was a six-point lead for Onaga at home, 22-16. Centralia make out firing in the third quarter outscoring the Buffaloes 15-8 in the third, to take a one-point lead going into the fourth quarter. It was a back and forth fourth quarter, with Onaga having the ball down by three-points with about 20 seconds left to go in the contest. The Buffaloes drew up a play and it end up in a wide open three-point basket for junior, Mitchell Kufahl who tied up the ball game. But with a few seconds left Centralia quickly threw the ball ahead in transition and sophomore, Devin Rempe missed the shot but was fouled with 2.9 seconds left in the game. Rempe, with ice in his veins calmly nailed both free throws to secure the win for Centralia.

Rempe, easily had the biggest free throws of his career at the end of the game and probably the biggest shot of his career, to help secure the win for the Panthers. Two Centralia players finished in double figures as sophomore, Sam Steinlage lead the squad with 17 points and senior, Michael Glatczak notched 13 points. Onaga had all five starters score six or more points, but it just wasn't ultimately enough to get the win. Senoir, Riley Falk was the only Buffalo to finish the night with double figures in 13 points.

Centralia improved to 15-5 on the season and Onaga fell to 15-5 with the loss. The Panthers with the win and the Hanover Wildcats loss to B&B, earned themselves a share of the Twin Valley League title, finishing 10-2 in league play. Centralia closes out the season Thursday at home against Wamego then will be the number two seed in their sub-state, earning a first round bye. Onaga will start up postseason play next week, earning the number two seed in their sub-state, drawing a matchup against Troy in the first round.

