



HORNETS IN THEIR NEW HIVE—The 2018-19 Elcho Hornets girls basketball team is enjoying the confines of its new gymnasium this season. Elcho battled Florence on the road Friday night, but will be back in its new digs Monday to take on Wakefield-Marenisco.

Team members include from left, Lilly Reinke, Kaitlyn Paulsen, Alexia Ernst, Ericka Manka, Ellie Asbach,, Anna Schilling, Roxanne Russell, Emma Reynolds, and Katie Slowik. The team is coached by Michelle Kincaid.

Asbach and Slowik record double-doubles in Elcho win

The Elcho girls basketball team was a winner on Friday, improving its Northern Lakes Conference record to 2-0 by doubling up Florence on the road, 58-29.

It was a hot shooting night for the Lady Hornets, hitting at a 40 percent first half clip, and increasing that number in the second to the tune of 55 percent.

Ellie Asbach and Katie Slowik had big nights for Elcho, as each recorded a double-double. Asbach scored 16 points and pulled down a big 14 rebounds, while Slowik added 21 points and 10 boards.

"Rebounding was key to this win," head coach Michelle Kincaid said.

"Florence is always a tough rebounding team and I was very proud of all the girls tonight."

Elcho ended the night with a total of 34 rebounds, 28 coming on the defensive end.

Erica Manka added four rebounds, with Anna Schilling grabbing three, and Kaitlyn Paulsen, Emma Reynolds, and Roxanne Russell all had one.

Slowik led in assists with six, with a number of good passes also coming from Asbach.

"Katie read the floor very well with some great full court passing that lead to some fastbreak buckets," Kincaid noted. "Ellie hit the open girls in the half court."

The Hornets also did a good job containing Florence's leading scorer Jenna Springer to just two points.

"I told the girls to keep playing good defense with a few adjustments at halftime which proved to help with the win," Kincaid said. "Almost all the girls put points on the board, it is nice to see three girls in double digits to balance the scoring."

Erica Manka was the third Hornet in double figures with 12 points, Schilling added four, freshman Alexia Ernst and Paulsen chipped in two.

The win moved Elcho's overall record to 5-1, while Florence fell to 1-3, and 0-2 in Northern Lakes play.

The Hornets will now ride a three-game winning streak into Monday's non-conference home game with Wakefield-Marenisco.