

Lady T-Wolves Open 2026 With A 56-50 Win Over Bureau Valley

The Midland Lady Timberwolves made it four wins in their last five games as they held off the Bureau Valley Storm on Friday by a 56-50 final.

Midland jumped out to an early 14-8 first quarter lead, then stretched that to 27-20 at the half. They led 40-32 heading into the fourth quarter, then hit 6 of 8 free throws in the final quarter, including a 4 for 4 performance from Emma Franks as Midland held on to the 56-50 win.

Jordyn Pyles and Anna McGlasson shared the scoring honors as they tallied 18 points apiece. Emma Franks added double figure scoring with 12.

Midland has a tough week ahead of them. After a Monday game against LaSalle-Peru, they will face Peoria Christian on Friday, they take to the road next Monday, January 12 where they will face Peoria Central.

MIDLAND 56, BUREAU VALLEY 50			
	FG	FT	PTS
Jordyn Pyles.....	7	2-2	18
Anna McGlasson.....	7	4-7	18
Emma Foster.....	2	1-2	6
Isabella Rosa.....	1	0-0	2
Sydney Miller.....	0	0-0	0
Adalynn Stichel.....	0	0-0	0
Emma Franks.....	2	5-6	12
Nora Keinath.....	0	0-0	0
Makenzie Horton.....	0	0-0	0
TOTALS.....	20 (4)	12-17	56
BUREAU VALLEY (8-6)	8	12	18 - 50
MIDLAND (10-5)	14	13	16 - 56



Pictured above is Midland's Emma Franks handing the ball against the Bureau Valley offense. Franks tallied 12 points on the

night, 7 of those coming in the critical fourth quarter where she was a perfect 4 for 4 from the free throw line.

Jenni Williams Recognized As Spotlight Member Of The Month At Thrive Fitness



Spotlight Member Jenni Williams

Jenni's Journey of Strength, Consistency, and Confidence
Jenni began her fitness journey in June of 2024 after reaching a point where she knew something had to change. She was frustrated by ongoing weight gain, feeling sore every day with no clear reason, and trying supplement after supplement and diet after diet without seeing results. After watching friends make incredible physical changes with Thrive Fitness and following along on social media, she decided it was time to give it a try.

Early on, Jenni quickly realized how much strength she had lost in her 40s. "It's been hard work, but I've enjoyed the struggle to get stronger," she said.

One of her biggest accomplishments has been building stamina and endurance. Shin splints and foot pain had always held her back, so she set a small, realistic chal-

lenge for herself. She started by running 50 meters at a steady pace. Over time, that effort grew into 400 meters of running. She's still working towards it, but thinks "It would be amazing to be able to run a mile".

Thrive uses InBody scans to track how much fat members are losing and muscle they are gaining instead of looking at the number on the scale. Jenni knows the real progress goes far beyond numbers on the scale. She has gained strength, balance, confidence, and improved endurance. That confidence has carried over into everyday life, motivating her to take a more active role in her overall health.

Jenni's motivation comes from many places. She wants to stay healthy for herself and her family, and as a teacher and coach, she's mindful of the example she sets for her students. She also genuinely looks forward to her workouts. The routine matters to her, and the encouragement and camaraderie of the women she works out with make the hard days easier. When she can't make it to class, she truly misses it.

Looking ahead, Jenni plans to continue increasing the time she spends in the gym, stay focused on nutrition, strength, and fat loss, and maybe even convince some family members to join her. She's already looking forward to the day she can proudly say, "Guess what I can do now?"

Jenni's story is a reminder that progress isn't instant, confidence is built over time, and the hardest part is often just deciding to start, and then choosing to keep going.

T-Wolves Finish 3rd At Princeville

The Midland Timberwolves captured third place this year at the Princeville Holiday Tournament as they scored a 65-38 win over the host Princes. It was the third meeting of the two teams this year as the Princes downed Midland 39-36 at the Peoria Heights tournament. Midland then turned the tables, winning 53-42 in the regular season, and then the recent 65-38 win in the third place game at the Princeville Tournament.

A total of 10 different Timberwolves hit the scoring column on Monday, led by the 15 points from Dom Rosa. Rosa scored 9 of those 15 points in the first quarter, staking Midland to a 17-13 first quarter lead. Midland began to pull away in second quarter, building up a 37-21 halftime lead and stretched that to 49-28 heading into the fourth quarter before coasting to the 65-38 win.

Besides Rosa's 15 points, sophomore Matthew Bumber added double figure scoring with 10 points.

Midland, back to the .500 mark at 6-6 will be home on Friday when they host Seneca.

MIDLAND 65, PRINCEVILLE 38			
	FG	FT	PTS
Brecken Pyles.....	4	0-1	8
Henry Elsasser.....	3	1-2	7
Jacob Deffenbaugh.....	0	0-0	0
Caleb Corsey.....	1	0-0	3
Landon McFadden.....	1	0-0	2
Matthew Bumber.....	4	2-2	10
Trent Allen.....	1	0-0	2
Dom Rosa.....	7	0-0	15
Ian White.....	3	1-2	7
Hayden Grandsart.....	1	0-0	2
Zach Allen.....	3	3-4	9
TOTALS.....	28 (2)	7-11	65
MIDLAND (6-6)	17	20	12 16 - 65
PRINCEVILLE (6-6)	13	7	19 10 - 38



Senior Dom Rosa goes up for two of his 15 points against Princeville in the third place game on Monday.



The Midland Timberwolves with their third place plaque pictured above from left to right: Brecken Pyles, Zach Allen, Bumber, Henry Elsasser, Hayden Grandsart, Caleb Dorsey and Jacob Deffenbaugh.



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