

TONIGHT'S GAME: Dike-New Hartford (21-3, 15-1) vs. Cascade (21-2, 16-1)		COVERAGE:
IN A NUTSHELL:	Cascade chases a fourth straight state tournament berth, while D-NH looks for its second in four years. The winner plays Monday or Tuesday at state in Des Moines (at Wells Fargo Arena).	RADIO: 98.9 KQCR-FM, Parkersburg ONLINE: RadioOnTheGo.com PxP: Austin Draude (f austin.draude / t @radiodraude)
QUOTABLE:	"They've got a couple of kids who shoot the ball pretty good percentage-wise. It's about being able to stop that dribble penetration." – Dike-New Hartford head coach Greg Moore	
NUMBER OF THE NIGHT:	21-0 – Cascade/Camanche/Northeast's record in River Valley out-of-division play.	



**DIKE-NEW HARTFORD
WOLVERINES**

21-3, 15-1 NICL East
Head Coach: Greg Moore
RANKINGS: RV AP (2A)

School Information:

School Colors: Royal Blue & White
Nickname: Wolverines
School County: Grundy
School Conference: North Iowa Cedar League East
Superintendent: Larry Hunt
Principal: Irv Laube
Athletic Director: Cody Eichmeier

Recent History:

Dike-New Hartford never got comfortable in its district final victory against Jesup on Tuesday night, but the Wolverines' final push in the fourth quarter was plenty to send them to a win in their fifth straight district final appearance. The Wolverines were down 32-30 going to the fourth quarter and 37-36 with less than six minutes to go in the ballgame, but rolled up an 11-2 run over the next four minutes, pushing the lead to 47-39 with just 1:42 remaining. Three Wolverines finished the night in double figures, led by Connor Blough's 14 points, while Ben Latusek led on the glass with seven boards. D-NH has counted its perimeter shooting and rebounding as strengths throughout the course of the season, but not on this night – D-NH shot just 3-of-15 from downtown and collected just five offensive boards. They did, however, hit their first 17 free throws (and 19-of-22 for the night).

What to Watch For:

It's the third time this Dike-New Hartford team has been in the substate round, but with a lot of experienced players exiting the program after last year, the returning six seniors from last year may have to guide their younger players through tonight's game a bit. If the way the sophomores played in the fourth quarter against Jesup is any indication, though, even the younger set will keep D-NH in good hands – Cade Fuller stepped up to the line and knocked down five of his six fourth-quarter free throws. As the second post on the floor, tonight's game will also be an important one for Colton Harberts – he'll have the twin tasks of playing in his first substate game, and getting offensive boards against the Cougars.

Impact Player:

Royce Weber will have some tall tasks of his own tonight – namely, guarding a smart group of Cascade guards and giving the Wolverines a needed presence on the perimeter.

Keys to the Game:

With so much scoring out of the starting five, going on the attack and putting Cascade in foul trouble will be a solid strategy for the Wolverines in this one.

Tops On The Team:

Points Ben Latusek (293; 12.2/game)
Field Goal Percentage Ben Latusek (59.5)
3-pt FG Percentage Royce Weber (42.4)
Free Throw Percentage Connor Blough (82.1)
Rebounds Ben Latusek (169; 43 off. rebounds)
Assists Royce Weber (71)
Steals Connor Blough (39)
Blocks Ben Latusek (23)

**CASCADE
COUGARS**

21-2, 9-1 River Valley
Head Coach: Jacob Brindle
RANKINGS: #3 AP (2A)



School Information:

School Colors: Navy Blue & Gold
Nickname: Cougars
School County: Dubuque
School Conference: River Valley
Superintendent: Richard Colpitts
Principal: Greg Vander Lugt
Athletic Director: Adam Kedley

Recent History:

Conditioning certainly won't be a question mark with this Cascade team...at least, not after Tuesday night's district final against Dyersville Beckman. After taking a 36-18 lead in the third quarter, and a 39-26 lead to the final period, the Blazers made a full-court defensive push to tie the game at 42 with 1:28 to go. After a pair of extra periods, Brock Simon drilled a three early in the third overtime that put the Cougars ahead 51-48, and ahead to stay. Cascade only played six players in the contest – junior Johnny Supple led the way with 21 points and an 8-of-14 night from the field, while junior Brock Simon followed up with 11 points and Haris Hoffman had a near-double-double (nine points, 10 boards). Almost all of the Cougars' points came on the first try, though – only three of the team's 32 rebounds came at the offensive end of the floor.

What to Watch For:

Jacob Brindle's team is one that will be a favorite to win the state title next year, and will already be a team to watch this year should they make it past D-NH and on to Des Moines. Cascade only plays seven players regularly, but four of them average in the 11-to-12-point-per-game range, making it impossible for opposing teams to key on any one player. It's not a group that has been all that dominant on the offensive glass, but their specialties are defense and disruption – the Cougars are extremely talented at taking opposing teams out of their strategy and what they want to do. It's the seventh substate game in a row for the Cougars, with their last substate losses coming in 2012 and 2013.

Impact Player:

Johnny Supple may be the player to watch for Cascade tonight, with his ability to get to the basket and battle inside – he's certainly no slouch on the perimeter either, though.

Keys to the Game:

The Cougars will need to get a few extra touches inside – second chances haven't been a strength for them this year, but they'll need to be tonight.

Tops On The Team:

Points Haris Hoffman (261; 11.3/game)
Field Goal Percentage Johnny Supple (51.8)
3-pt FG Percentage Brock Simon (43.1)
Free Throw Percentage Gannon O'Brien (86.8)
Rebounds Haris Hoffman (150; 16 off. rebounds)
Assists Brock Simon (78)
Steals Brock Simon (47)
Blocks Johnny Supple (22)

DIKE-NEW HARTFORD ROSTER

2/2	Tim Koop	SO	5-07
3/3	Broden Coulter	SR	6-01
4/4	Ryan Moore	SO	5-09
5/5	Royce Weber	SR	6-01
10/10	Jaxson Foster	SR	5-10
11/11	Isaac Jorgensen	SO	5-10
12/12	Cade Fuller	SO	5-10
21/21	Connor Blough	SR	6-01
22/22	Ben Latusek	SR	6-05
23/23	Ethan Weichers	SR	6-02
24/24	Ely Sohn	SO	6-03
33/33	Jake Landphair	SO	6-02
42/42	Colton Harberts	SO	6-06
44/44	Owen Goos	SO	6-03

DIKE-NEW HARTFORD STATISTICS

Scoring

Athlete	Pts	Pts/G	FGM	FGA	FG %	3PTM	3PTA	3 %	FTM	FTA	FT %
Ben Latusek - 22/22	293	12.2	113	190	59.5	0	1	0.0	67	109	61.5
Connor Blough - 21/21	282	11.8	113	207	54.6	10	37	27.0	46	56	82.1
Broden Coulter - 3/3	255	10.6	92	190	48.4	34	101	33.7	37	48	77.1
Royce Weber - 5/5	217	9.0	79	137	57.7	28	66	42.4	31	44	70.5
Colton Harberts - 42/42	183	7.6	79	142	55.6	3	12	25.0	22	36	61.1
Cade Fuller - 12/12	137	6.0	37	76	48.7	15	37	40.5	48	67	71.6
Jaxson Foster - 10/10	79	3.3	33	76	43.4	0	7	0.0	13	27	48.1
Isaac Jorgensen - 11/11	43	2.2	12	30	40.0	5	12	41.7	14	14	100.0
Ethan Weichers - 23/23	41	2.3	18	24	75.0	0	1	0.0	5	13	38.5
Owen Goos - 44/44	22	1.8	9	17	52.9	0	0	0.0	4	11	36.4
Jake Landphair - 33/33	13	1.2	5	8	62.5	0	0	0.0	3	5	60.0
Ryan Moore - 4/4	11	0.6	4	20	20.0	2	8	25.0	1	2	50.0
Tim Koop - 2/2	8	0.6	3	8	37.5	0	2	0.0	2	4	50.0
Ely Sohn - 24/24	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Totals	1584	66.0	597	1125	53.1	97	284	34.2	293	436	67.2

Other

Athlete	Off Reb	Def Reb	Reb	Assts	TOs	Steals	Blocks	Fouls
Ben Latusek - 22/22	43	126	169	65	76	21	23	62
Colton Harberts - 42/42	33	91	124	14	26	18	13	23
Broden Coulter - 3/3	27	81	108	60	44	31	8	57
Royce Weber - 5/5	20	66	86	71	39	38	6	49
Connor Blough - 21/21	25	47	72	53	29	39	11	54
Jaxson Foster - 10/10	10	43	53	52	36	32	0	40
Cade Fuller - 12/12	8	25	33	29	24	14	0	34
Ethan Weichers - 23/23	9	16	25	11	7	4	7	10
Ryan Moore - 4/4	3	16	19	10	11	7	1	4
Isaac Jorgensen - 11/11	2	8	10	10	6	5	3	13
Owen Goos - 44/44	7	3	10	2	2	0	1	5
Tim Koop - 2/2	1	8	9	5	3	5	1	0
Jake Landphair - 33/33	0	5	5	2	2	2	0	3
Ely Sohn - 24/24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	205	562	767	384	305	216	74	354

CASCADE ROSTER

10/10 Brock Simon	JR	6-03
12/12 Dilan Simon	SR	5-10
14/14 Preston Geerts	SR	5-08
20/20 Derek Koppes	JR	5-10
22/22 Bryce Simon	SR	6-02
23/23 Johnny Supple	JR	6-02
24/24 Evan Knipper	JR	5-10
30/30 Reid Rausch	SO	6-01
32/32 Nick Welter	JR	6-03
33/33 Gannon O'Brien	JR	6-00
34/34 Cole Gel	SR	6-05
34/34 Tom Knepper	SO	6-02
40/40 Travis Trumm	JR	6-01
42/42 Haris Hoffman	SO	6-00
44/44 Luke Bertling	JR	6-00
50/50 Carter Holmes	SR	6-00
54/54 Race Cuckler	JR	5-10
55/55 John Larkin	SR	6-01

CASCADE STATISTICS

Scoring

Athlete	Pts	Pts/G	FGM	FGA	FG %	3PTM	3PTA	3 %	FTM	FTA	FT %
Haris Hoffman - 42/42	261	11.3	98	217	45.2	21	75	28.0	44	70	62.9
Gannon O'Brien - 33/33	259	11.3	89	203	43.8	48	117	41.0	33	38	86.8
Johnny Supple - 23/23	255	12.1	99	191	51.8	12	34	35.3	45	63	71.4
Brock Simon - 10/10	252	11.0	87	193	45.1	31	72	43.1	47	80	58.8
Derek Koppes - 20/20	87	4.0	28	70	40.0	21	57	36.8	10	13	76.9
Dilan Simon - 12/12	72	3.3	24	68	35.3	9	39	23.1	15	25	60.0
Bryce Simon - 22/22	52	2.6	22	36	61.1	0	0	0.0	8	13	61.5
Reid Rausch - 30/30	13	1.0	4	16	25.0	2	10	20.0	3	4	75.0
Carter Holmes - 50/50	13	1.9	6	7	85.7	0	0	0.0	1	2	50.0
Evan Knipper - 24/24	6	0.9	2	3	66.7	1	1	100.0	1	2	50.0
Tom Knepper - 34/34	4	0.8	2	4	50.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
John Larkin - 55/55	4	0.7	2	4	50.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Nick Welter - 32/32	3	0.4	1	3	33.3	0	1	0.0	1	2	50.0
Cole Gel - 34/34	2	0.5	1	5	20.0	0	1	0.0	0	0	0.0
Preston Geerts - 14/14	0	0.0	0	1	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Travis Trumm - 40/40	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Luke Bertling - 44/44	0	0.0	0	2	0.0	0	1	0.0	0	0	0.0
Race Cuckler - 54/54	0	0.0	0	1	0.0	0	1	0.0	0	0	0.0
Totals	1283	55.8	465	1024	45.4	145	409	35.5	208	312	66.7

Other

Athlete	Off Reb	Def Reb	Reb	Assts	TOs	Steals	Blocks	Fouls
Haris Hoffman - 42/42	16	134	150	55	43	25	1	40
Gannon O'Brien - 33/33	20	116	136	75	31	40	2	56
Johnny Supple - 23/23	26	64	90	17	26	30	22	40
Brock Simon - 10/10	38	50	88	78	36	47	9	59
Bryce Simon - 22/22	4	35	39	4	8	5	1	20
Dilan Simon - 12/12	5	32	37	47	27	29	5	33
Derek Koppes - 20/20	5	13	18	28	12	12	0	18
Reid Rausch - 30/30	3	7	10	3	7	3	0	6
Carter Holmes - 50/50	4	2	6	0	1	1	1	0
Tom Knepper - 34/34	1	4	5	0	1	0	0	1
John Larkin - 55/55	1	4	5	2	1	0	0	1
Luke Bertling - 44/44	2	2	4	1	2	0	0	0
Nick Welter - 32/32	1	2	3	2	4	1	0	0
Travis Trumm - 40/40	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Evan Knipper - 24/24	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0
Cole Gel - 34/34	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	6
Preston Geerts - 14/14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Race Cuckler - 54/54	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	129	486	615	316	200	193	41	281

DIKE-NEW HARTFORD SCHEDULE (21-3, 15-1)

11/29/2016 - Tue	@West Marshall, State Center	W	50-44
12/01/2016 - Thu	@Charles City	L	45-59
12/06/2016 - Tue	@Aplington-Parkersburg	W	55-50
12/09/2016 - Fri	Hudson	W	63-40
12/13/2016 - Tue	@Jesup	L	60-63
12/20/2016 - Tue	Denver	W	68-38
12/22/2016 - Thu	@Grundy Center	W	69-45
01/03/2017 - Tue	@Sumner-Fredricksburg	W	74-25
01/06/2017 - Fri	Union, LaPorte City	W	69-41
01/09/2017 - Mon	Wapsie Valley, Fairbank	W	68-54
01/13/2017 - Fri	@Waverly-Shell Rock	L	59-61
01/14/2017 - Sat	@Columbus Catholic, Waterloo	W	62-38
01/20/2017 - Fri	@Hudson	W	79-59
01/23/2017 - Mon	@BCLUW, Conrad	W	79-31
01/24/2017 - Tue	Jesup	W	59-45
01/27/2017 - Fri	@Wapsie Valley, Fairbank	W	71-60
01/28/2017 - Sat	Aplington-Parkersburg	W	61-49
01/30/2017 - Mon	@Denver	W	69-37
02/02/2017 - Thu	Sumner-Fredricksburg	W	89-29
02/03/2017 - Fri	@Union, LaPorte City	W	72-38
02/07/2017 - Tue	Columbus Catholic, Waterloo	W	52-40
02/09/2017 - Thu	South Hardin, Eldora	W	70-35
02/16/2017 - Thu	Columbus Catholic, Waterloo	W	83-47
02/21/2017 - Tue	Jesup	W	58-54
02/25/2017 - Sat	Cascade, Western Dubuque		7:00p

CASCADE SCHEDULE (21-2, 16-1)

11/29/2016 - Tue	North Cedar, Stanwood	W	44-20
12/02/2016 - Fri	@Wilton	W	71-21
12/06/2016 - Tue	@Bellevue	W	62-43
12/09/2016 - Fri	@Camanche	W	66-58
12/13/2016 - Tue	West Branch	W	45-41
12/16/2016 - Fri	@Monticello	W	42-33
12/20/2016 - Tue	Anamosa	W	45-20
01/03/2017 - Tue	@Marquette Catholic, Bellevue	W	69-39
01/06/2017 - Fri	Tipton	W	49-36
01/13/2017 - Fri	@North Cedar, Stanwood	W	62-39
01/14/2017 - Sat	@Regina, Iowa City	W	59-44
01/19/2017 - Thu	@Northeast, Goose Lake	W	59-49
01/20/2017 - Fri	@Durant	W	51-32
01/21/2017 - Sat	@Beckman Catholic, Dyersville	L	45-54
01/24/2017 - Tue	Camanche	W	60-54
01/27/2017 - Fri	West Liberty	W	67-42
01/28/2017 - Sat	Bellevue	W	72-46
01/31/2017 - Tue	Monticello	W	49-47
02/03/2017 - Fri	Mid-Prairie, Wellman	W	55-29
02/04/2017 - Sat	@Maquoketa	W	56-41
02/07/2017 - Tue	Northeast, Goose Lake	L	42-49
02/16/2017 - Thu	Monticello	W	57-46
02/21/2017 - Tue	Beckman Catholic, Dyersville	W	56-50
02/25/2017 - Sat	Dike-New Hartford		7:00p

Stat Leaders:

TEAM

Field Goals Made	Dike-NH	597	9 th , 2A
Field Goal Pct.	Dike-NH	53.1	5 th , Iowa
Free Throws Made	Jesup	293	8 th , 2A
Assists	Dike-NH	384	8 th , 2A

INDIVIDUAL

Free Throw Pct.	Gannon O'Brien	Cascade	86.8	4 th , 2A
	Connor Blough	Dike-NH	82.1	10 th , 2A

TEAM COMPARISON

DIKE-N.H.		CASCADE
66.0	Points Per Game	55.8
+21.0	Scoring Margin/Game	+15.0
53.1	Field Goal Pct.	45.4
34.2	3-pt Field Goal Pct.	35.5
67.2	Free Throw Pct.	66.7
32.0	Rebounds Per Game	26.7
205/562	Off/Def Rebounds	129/486
74	Blocks	41
216	Steals	193
384	Assists	316
1.259	Assist/Turnover Ratio	1.580

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

North IA Cedar League West		River Valley Conf. - North	
Dike-New Hartford	15-1	Cascade	16-1
Aplington-Parkersburg	12-4	Camanche	15-2
Jesup	12-4	Northeast, Goose Lake	14-3
Wapsie Valley, Fairbank	9-7	Monticello	8-9
Union, La Porte City	7-9	North Cedar	6-11
Denver	6-10	Bellevue	2-15
Hudson	6-10		
Waterloo Columbus	3-13		
Sumner-Fredricksburg	2-14		

Tonight In the North Iowa Cedar League:

Wapsie Valley, Fairbank (18-7) vs. Gladbrook-Reinbeck (23-2)	7:00 p.m.
1A Substate at Cedar Falls	
East Marshall (17-5) vs. South Hamilton (21-2)	7:00 p.m.
2A Substate at Nevada	

Tonight In the River Valley Conference:

Camanche (21-2) vs. West Branch (18-5)	7:00 p.m.
2A Substate at Muscatine	

DIKE-NEW HARTFORD GAME-BY-GAME (21-3, 15-1)

Date	Opponent	Result	High Points	High Rebounds	Highlights
11/29/2016 - Tue	@West Marshall, State Center	W 50-44	Ben Latusek (12)	Colton Harberts (9)	Wolverines open second half on 10-2 run, shoot 0-for-9 on 3-pt FGs in game
12/01/2016 - Thu	@Charles City	L 45-59	Connor Blough (9) Colton Harberts (9)	Ben Latusek (8)	Comets open game on 13-0 run; D-NH cuts lead to 6 points w/ 4:00 left in game
12/06/2016 - Tue	@Aplington-Parkersburg	W 55-50	Connor Blough (13)	Connor Blough (6) Ben Latusek (6)	Falcons lead by up to 10 pts; 3 D-NH scorers in dbl-figs (Latusek: 11; Weber: 10)
12/09/2016 - Fri	Hudson	W 63-40	Connor Blough (13)	Ben Latusek (5) Royce Weber (5)	D-NH racks up 17-4 run over final 4:00 of first half, shoots 25-48 from field in win
12/13/2016 - Tue	@Jesup	L 60-63	Ben Latusek (17)	Ben Latusek (14)	J-Hawks lead by as many as 21 in third quarter (lead cut to 1 w/ :44 remaining)
12/20/2016 - Tue	Denver	W 68-38	Connor Blough (19)	Ben Latusek (15)	Latusek ties career rebounding high; Wolverines outrebounded on offense 10-3
12/22/2016 - Thu	@Grundy Center	W 69-45	Ben Latusek (18)	Brodan Coulter (9)	Wolverines open game w/ 19-2 first qtr (first 12 pts of game); Latusek: 8 rebs
01/03/2017 - Tue	@Sumner-Fredricksburg	W 74-25	Colton Harberts (14)	Colton Harberts (4)	S-F held to maximum of 8 points in any quarter (1 st , 4 th); D-NH: 32-48 from field
01/06/2017 - Fri	Union, LaPorte City	W 69-41	Ben Latusek (21)	Ben Latusek (9)	Union trails 34-17 at halftime; Broden Coulter: 17 pts, 6 rebs (3-of-4 from outside)
01/09/2017 - Mon	Wapsie Valley, Fairbank	W 68-54	Royce Weber (16)	Brodan Coulter (12)	Career scoring high for Weber, career rebounding high for Coulter (13 pts)
01/13/2017 - Fri	@Waverly-Shell Rock	L 59-61	Brodan Coulter (14)	Royce Weber (7)	Double-overtime; Austin Phye (W-SR): 27 pts, scored game-winning putback
01/14/2017 - Sat	@Columbus Catholic, Waterloo	W 62-38	Colton Harberts (13)	Ben Latusek (7) Brodan Coulter (7)	Wolverines open up 22-6 lead after first quarter; three D-NH players in dbl-figs
01/20/2017 - Fri	@Hudson	W 79-59	Connor Blough (21)	Colton Harberts (7)	D-NH opens game on 15-1 run, shoots 51% from field; Blough: 13 2 nd -half points
01/23/2017 - Mon	@BCLUW, Conrad	W 79-31	Connor Blough (17)	Ben Latusek (5)	Comets trail 53-12 at halftime; Wolverines shoot 67% from field, tally 24 assists
01/24/2017 - Tue	Jesup	W 59-45	Connor Blough (17)	Ben Latusek (6) Colton Harberts (6)	Jesup held to 4 pts in 2 nd qtr, trails 26-16 at halftime; D-NH: 10-14 FTs in 4 th qtr
01/27/2017 - Fri	@Wapsie Valley, Fairbank	W 71-60	Brodan Coulter (20)	Ben Latusek (9) Connor Blough (9)	Coulter: career scoring high; Latusek, Coulter each shoot 7-of-10 from field
01/28/2017 - Sat	Aplington-Parkersburg	W 61-49	Ben Latusek (22)	Ben Latusek (15)	Latusek ties career rebounding high, sets new career scoring high
01/30/2017 - Mon	@Denver	W 69-37	Connor Blough (14)	Colton Harberts (10)	D-NH opens game on 17-4 run; Denver outrebounded 47-23, held to 11 FGs
02/02/2017 - Thu	Sumner-Fredricksburg	W 89-29	Brodan Coulter (21)	Colton Harberts (8)	Wolverines clinch 3 rd straight NICKL-E title, lead 52-15 at halftime, shoot 66% FG
02/03/2017 - Fri	@Union, LaPorte City	W 72-38	Brodan Coulter (18)	Brodan Coulter (7)	Union trails 25-3 after first qtr, D-NH shoots 60% from floor for game
02/07/2017 - Tue	Columbus Catholic, Waterloo	W 52-40	Ben Latusek (13)	Royce Weber (8)	Weber: career rebounding high; Wolverines push conf win streak to 13 gms
02/09/2017 - Thu	South Hardin, Eldora	W 70-35	Brodan Coulter (16)	Ryan Moore (5)	Tigers trail 30-24 at halftime (D-NH: 21-1 run in 3 rd qtr); Latusek: 14 pts, 5 asst
02/16/2017 - Thu	Columbus Catholic, Waterloo	W 83-47	Ben Latusek (25)	Ben Latusek (9)	Wolverines lead 34-30 at halftime, end game on 25-5 run; 46 team rebs (36 def.)
02/21/2017 - Tue	Jesup	W 58-54	Connor Blough (14)	Ben Latusek (7)	Jesup leads 32-30 going to 4 th ; D-NH hits first 17 FTs of game (game: 19-of-22)
02/25/2017 - Sat	Cascade, Western Dubuque				