



Amber Engelbert, Norton's 5'8" junior forward, goes inside for a shot during the Lady Jays' 57-43 loss to state ranked Hoxie last Tuesday in Norton. Although Engelbert missed this shot, she hit two three-point baskets, led the Lady Jays in rebounding with 11, had three steals and two assists in the contest.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# Norton Lady Jays derail Ellis Railroaders 68-30 Friday

By DICK BOYD

Coach Kevin Jilka's Norton Community High School girls basketball team rebounded from last Tuesday's loss to Hoxie with an impressive Mid-Continent League win at Ellis by a score of 68-30 on Friday night.

Norton led from start to finish as the Lady Jays scored 24 points in the first quarter to take a 24-8 advantage and scored 18 more in the second quarter for a 42-12 lead at intermission.

After outscoring Ellis 11-6 in the third quarter, Norton was ahead 53-18. The Lady Jays added 15 more points to their total in the fourth period while allowing Ellis 12 points.

Norton scored from all over the floor. Leading scorer was sophomore center Chelsea Cox who poured in 20 points. Sixteen of her points came in the first half. Cox hit 9 of 13 shots from the field for a sizzling 69 percent accuracy and 2 of 5 from the free throw line for 40 percent.

Sophomore guard Karlie Jones contributed to the point barrage in the first half when she hit 11 of her 17 points, nine of them coming from shots beyond the arc. She hit 3 of 6 trey tries for 50 percent, 2 of 3 two-point shots for 67 percent and 5 of 9 overall for 56 percent. She was 4 of 9 from the free throw line for 44 percent.

Senior center Anna Berry was the third Norton player in double scoring figures. She hit 12 points on 5 of 10 from the field for 50 percent and 2 of 4 charity tosses for 50 percent.

Junior forward Amber Engelbert also shot well. She hit 1 of 3 from long range for 33 percent, 3 of 4 two-point shots for 75 percent and 4 of 7 overall for 57 percent and 9 points.

Leading scorer for Ellis was senior Lindsay Gaschler with 8 points.

As a team, the Lady Jays shot lights out. Norton hit 4 of 10 from long range for 40 percent, 21 of 35 two-point shots for 60 percent and 25 of 45 overall for a torrid 56 percent. Meanwhile, Ellis hit 14 of 51 two-point shots for 27 percent and missed their only long range shot. From the free throw line, Norton swished 14 of 30 for 47 percent compared to 2 of 7 by Ellis for 29 percent.

The Lady Jays had 7 offensive rebounds and 21 defensive caroms for 28 total. The Lady Railroaders grabbed 12 offensive and 14 defensive rebounds for 26 total.

Berry and Cox dominated the backboards, each pulling down six caroms. They were followed by Klaire Mann, Nicole Wolf, Jones and Engelbert, 3 each; Whitney Newell, 2; Amber Overlease and Becca Ebert, 1 each.

Norton had great offensive teamwork with 19 total assists.

Newell led with 8, followed by Jones, 6; Engelbert, 2; Cox, Mann, Chelle Donovan, 1 each.

The Lady Jays stole the ball 5 times. Jones led with 2 thefts, followed by Newell, Cox, Berry, 1 each.

Norton had 15 turnovers but caused Ellis to turn the ball over 20 times.

"It was a nice road win for us," said Coach Jilka. "Our girls really came out and executed very well offensively. We had great balance inside and outside all night.

"Defensively, at times we had some lapses but overall we were very pleased with our girls' play. These girls have a knack for coming back after losses and we are very proud of their efforts.

"We need to keep peaking and starting to prepare for sub-state. We have two tough games this week so we need to be ready for them."

With the win, Norton extended their season record to 11-7.

### Junior varsity won

Coach George Rossi's Norton junior varsity girls team edged Ellis 33-31. The Lady Jays held quarter leads of 10-8, 18-15 and 27-22 but were outscored 9-6 in the fourth quarter to make it interesting.

"This was a close game all the way," said Coach Rossi. "We just couldn't get a large lead and maintain it.

"Our bench players gave us some quality minutes.

"We need to finish this week on a good note."

Becca Ebert was leading scorer for Norton with 9 points, followed by Amber Overlease, 6; Dane'e Payne, Klaire Mann, 4 each; Amanda Antrim, Chelle Donovan, 3 each; Jessi Duscher, Stacy Reeves, 2 each.

Whitney Lang led Ellis with 16 points.

### Next action

Norton will host Colby of the Northwest Kansas League in games today, beginning at 4 p.m.

### GAME STATISTICS

**Norton girls 68**  
Cox 9 0 2-5 20, Mann 0 0 3-4 3, Overlease 2 0 0-0 4, Donovan 0 0 1-2 1, Ebert 0 0 1-4 1, Wolf 0 0 1-2 1, Jones 2 3 4-9 17, Engelbert 3 1 0-0 9, Berry 5 0 2-4 12. Totals 21 4 14-30 68.

**Ellis girls 30**  
Bittel 2 0 0-0 4, Gaschler 3 0 2-4 8, Pfeifer 2 0 0-0 4, Jacques 3 0 0-1 6, Beilman 1 0 0-0 2, Rieder 1 2 0 0-2 4, LaBarge 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 14 0 2-7 30.

# Norton boys' second half rally defeats Ellis

By DICK BOYD

Coach Doug Reusink's Norton Community High School boys basketball team survived a cold-shooting first half to pull away from Ellis for a 54-34 Mid-Continent League victory on Friday at Ellis.

Norton held a slim 10-8 lead after one quarter and scored 10 more points in the second quarter but the Railroaders tallied 13 points to take a 21-20 halftime advantage. Heath Vincent, 6'6" sophomore center, came to the rescue for the Blue Jays offensively in the second stanza as he hit 8 of Norton's 10 points on four baskets.

Whatever Coach Reusink told his team at halftime, it really worked in the second half as the Blue Jays came out and scored 20 points in the third quarter while holding Ellis to two points to take a commanding 40-23 lead. Six different players scored for Norton in the third period. A 14-11 fourth quarter in Norton's favor extended the final margin of victory to 20 points.

Junior center Ryan Maddy provided the killer punch in the fourth quarter as he hit 8 points on four baskets and finished with a game high 16 points. Maddy hit 7 of 13 basket attempts for 54 percent accuracy and a perfect 2 of 2 free throws.

Vincent and senior center Jered Sloan each hit 10 points to tie for second high scorer. Vincent hit 5 of 6 from the floor for a red hot 83 percent accuracy and Sloan was 4 of 8 from the field for an excellent 50 percent. Both men hit a perfect 2 of 2 charity tosses.

Leading scorer for Ellis was Cody Honas with 11 points.

As a team, Norton hit 22 of 43

two-point shots for 51 percent but missed all nine shots from beyond the arc to shoot 22 of 52 overall for just 42 percent. Ellis shot worse, however, as the Railroaders hit 1 of 3 trey tries for 33 percent, 11 of 38 two point shots for 29 percent and 12 of 41 overall for only 29 percent accuracy.

Norton players had a pleasant surprise every time they went to the free throw line. The Blue Jays hit every charity they tossed. They connected on a perfect 10 of 10 from the line. Meanwhile, Ellis was hitting a respectable 11 of 14 from the free throw line for 79 percent accuracy.

Norton pulled down 10 offensive and 13 defensive boards for 23 total. Ellis grabbed 4 offensive and 17 defensive caroms for 21 total.

Seven different Norton players grabbed at least three rebounds. Leading the way were Jared Foley and Brian Luft with 4 caroms each, followed by Kyle Kats, Aaron Overlease, Maddy, Sloan and Vincent with 3 each.

Norton blocked eight shots in the game. Sloan and Vincent each rejected 3 shots while Overlease and Luft each blocked 1.

Norton had 15 offensive assists. Overlease was the leader with 5, followed by Charlie Foley, Kats, Luft, Sloan, 2 each; Maddy, Vincent, 1 each.

Norton had 6 steals. Kats, Overlease and Luft had 2 each.

The Blue Jays had 13 turnovers but caused Ellis to turn the ball over 16 times.

"We really struggled shooting the basketball but played solid enough defensively to win this one," said a relieved Coach Reusink. "I thought our players

really battled and kept their composure in the second half and we continued to have some players step up off the bench and that really helped us."

The victory extended Norton's season record to 16-2.

### Junior varsity lost

Coach David Stover's Norton junior varsity boys team lost a 49-32 game to Ellis.

The Railroaders held quarter advantages of 11-6, 28-10 and 40-26.

Leading scorers for Norton were Nathan Morse and Justin Shirk with 7 points each, followed by Heath Vincent, 6; Jason Green, Nick Evans, 4 each; Derek Volgamore, 2.

Adam Augustine and Dylan Lang each scored 9 points to lead Ellis.

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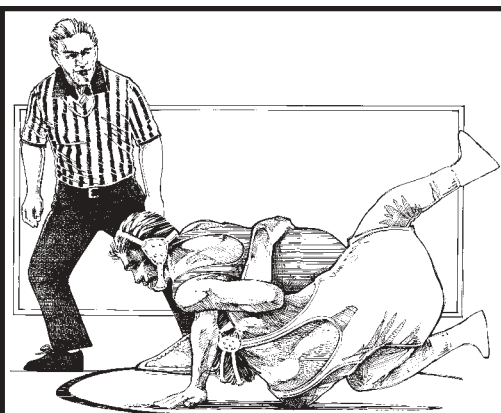
### GAME STATISTICS

**Norton boys 54**  
Kats 1 0 2-2 4, Jared Foley 1 0 4-4 6, Overlease 2 0 0-0 4, Luft 2 0 0-0 4, Maddy 7 0 2-2 16, Sloan 4 0 2-2 10, Vincent 5 0 0-0 10. Totals 22 0 10-10 54.

**Ellis boys 34**  
Suter 1 0 2-2 4, Haas 1 1 0-1 5, Parks 2 0 2-2 6, Gottschalk 2 0 0-1 4, Elder 1 0 2-2 4, Honas 3 0 5-6 11. Totals 10 1 11-14 34.

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versus

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