

Norton girls beat Oberlin with tough defense

By DICK BOYD

Coach Kevin Jilka's Norton Community High School girls varsity basketball team didn't shoot very well last night but played good enough defense to remain undefeated and hand a visiting Oberlin quintet their second loss of the young season.

Despite shooting only 31 percent from the field, the aggressive Lady Jays' defense limited the Lady Red Devils to just 24 percent accuracy in fashioning a 42-31 win in the friendly confines of the NCHS Memorial Gym.

Amber Overlease and Becca Ebert each hit two baskets for Norton in the first quarter and Chelsea Cox and Klaire Mann each swished one as the Lady Jays took a 12-4 lead. Tricia Dorshorst hit two baskets for the visitors.

Both teams scored just 9 points in the second quarter to make it a 21-13 game at halftime. Karlie Jones buried a three-point shot and Cox hit two baskets and two free throws for Norton in the period. Heather Williams scored on two baskets, Lacey Ream hit a basket and free throw and Lauren Fortin and Sarah Murray each hit a free throw in the quarter for Oberlin.

The third quarter was a low-scoring one with Norton outpointing Oberlin 7-4 to take a 28-17 lead. Jones found the range on another shot from beyond the arc, Mann hit her second basket of the night and Laura Lee Baird swished her first basket of the game. Fortin scored all of Oberlin's points on two field goals.

The offense picked up for both teams in the fourth quarter but, for Oberlin, it was too little, too late.

Both quintets tallied 14 points in the final stanza. Cox swished two baskets and five free throws, Whitney Newell hit a basket and two charities and Jones added a free toss.

Fortin tallied for Oberlin on two baskets and two free throws, Courtney Gillespie hit a field goal and three charities, Dorshorst hit two charities and Ream hit one.

Norton extended their perfect season record to 5-0 and Oberlin dropped to 5-2. Their only loss had been to unbeaten Golden Plains.

"Despite only shooting 31 percent, we found a way to win," said Coach Jilka.

"We won't always shoot 50 percent as we have been in our early games.

"Our defense played well all night long, holding them to 24 percent shooting.

"On offense, we didn't attack their zone very well but became more aggressive in the second half when we were trying to get to the basket.

"It was a typical after-Christmas game."

Cox led Norton in scoring and rebounding. She had 17 points and 13 rebounds. She hit 5 of 11 shots from the field for 45 percent accuracy. From the free throw line, she was 7 of 11 for 64 percent.

Fortin was leading scorer for Oberlin with 11 points.

As a team, Norton hit 2 of 14 from long range for 14 percent, 13 of 34 two-point shots for 38 percent and 15 of 48 overall for 31 percent.

Oberlin missed all six trey tries, hit 10 of 35 two-point shots for 26 percent and 10 of 41 overall for just 24 percent.

From the free throw line, the Lady Jays connected on 10 of 21 for 48 percent and the Lady Red Devils swished 10 of 18 for 56 percent.

Norton outrebounded Oberlin 30-28. The Lady Jays pulled down 17 offensive and 13 defensive caroms while the Lady Red Devils grabbed 8 offensive and 20 defensive caroms. In addition to the 13 rebounds by Cox, Ebert had 7, Mann, 3; Newell and Jones, 2 each; Baird, Overlease, Chantille Campbell, 1 each

Norton had 9 steals compared to 6 for Oberlin. Newell led with 3, followed by Overlease, Jones, 2 each; Mann, Ebert, 1 each.

The Lady Jays suffered just 9 turnovers compared to 13 for the Lady Red Devils.

Norton had 10 offensive assists and Oberlin had just 7. Newell was assists leader with 4, followed by Mann, Ebert, 2 each; Baird, Overlease, 1 each.

Junior varsity

The Norton junior varsity girls lost 39-35.

Noton led 8-4 after one quarter and 18-16 at halftime. Norton was outscored 17-7 in the third quarter and fell behind 33-25. The Lady Jays outscored the Lady Red Devils 10-6 in the final stanza.

Leading scorer for Norton was Hayli Bozarth with 8, followed by KaraJo Jones, 5; Chantille Campbell, Maggie Nielsen, Kylie Morel, 4 each; Katharine Roy, Megan Kats, 3 each; Laura Lee Baird, Courtney Cox, 2 each.

"We looked as if we were still on Christmas break," said Coach George Rossi.

"We played flat all night. We really need to put heart into prac-



Norton's Amber Overlease drives inside the paint to shoot during last night's win over Oberlin in Norton. Overlease hit 4 points and had 2 steals in the contest. In the background for Norton is Laura Lee Baird.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton's Chelsea Cox and Oberlin's Tricia Dorshorst, No. 25, and Lauren Fortin, No. 12, fight for the basketball during last night's Lady Jay victory over the visiting Lady Red Devils. Cox scored 17 points and pulled down 13 rebounds in the game.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton girls basketball coach honored for his 400th victory

By DICK BOYD

Following last night's Norton girls' basketball victory over Oberlin, the large crowd's attention was directed toward the Lady Jay bench for a special recognition and presentation to Norton girls coach Kevin Jilka.

Bruce Poage, the "Voice of the Blue Jays", pointed out over the loudspeaker that the Lady Jays' victory over Burlington, Colo. in the Topside Tipoff Basketball Tournament in Goodland on December 9 was Kevin Jilka's 400th victory as coach of the Lady Jays.

"Those 400 wins loom big

against only 127 losses," said Poage. "Four hundred victories is a major milestone in the career of any basketball coach.

"The members of the team who helped you achieve that 400th win would like to present a basketball autographed by them and a jar of 400 yellow and blue M&Ms to you in honor of your 400 wins.

"Congratulations to you, Coach



Coach K. Jilka

Jilka. We look forward to a lot more wins!"

Norton Athletic Director Larry Mills made the presentation for the team.

Poage told the crowd that Coach Jilka is in his 24th year as head coach of the Lady Jays. During the past 23 seasons, Coach Jilka's teams have made six state tournament appearances where they won a championship, were runner-up three times and won fourth place, won the Mid-Continent League Tournament championship 10 times and won the Mid-Continent league or were co-champions 12 times.

...tice sessions.

"We have a tough game coming up and really need to put some effort forth to win."

C-Team

The Norton C-Team girls defeated Oberlin 40-6 in a three-quarter game.

KaraJo Jones led Norton in scoring with 8 points, followed by Katharine Roy, Kylie Morel, Hayli Bozarth, 6 each; Ashley Colip, 5; Wiyanna Paxton, 4; Taylor Rossi, 3; Amanda Delimont, 2.

Annamarie Larue led Oberlin with 5 points.

"We started out a little rusty on offense, hitting just three baskets in the first quarter," said Norton Coach Joan Bolt.

"In the second quarter, we came on strong offensively and drained 19 points. The third quarter was much the same.

"Defensively, we were pretty strong and held Oberlin to just three field goals. We had lots of

hustle.

"Our timing on offense will be worked on this week; however, all eight girls took good shots and all eight scored.

Next action

Norton will play Stockton here on Thursday in games re-scheduled from December.

There will be no junior varsity games. The varsity girls game will begin at 6 p.m. in the NCHS Memorial Gym.

Norton will also play Osborne here on Friday. The junior varsity boys game will be played in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym, beginning at 5 p.m. The junior varsity girls game will begin at 5 p.m. in the NCHS Memorial Gym.

The Norton C-Team will play in a C-Team Tournament in Phillipsburg on Saturday. Norton

will play Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays at 10 a.m. in their first tourney game.

GAME STATISTICS

Norton girls 42

	FGs	FTs	TP
	2s	3s	M-A
Whitney Newell	1	0	2-5
Chelsea Cox	5	0	7-11
Laura Lee Baird	1	0	0-0
Klaire Mann	2	0	0-2
Amber Overlease			
	2	0	0-0
Becca Ebert	2	0	0-0
Karlie Jones	0	2	1-3
TOTAL	13	2	10-21

Oberlin girls 31

	FGs	FTs	TP
	2s	3s	M-A
Lauren Fortin	4	0	3-3
Sarah Murray	0	0	1-4
Courtney Gillespie			
	1	0	3-3
Lacey Ream	1	0	2-4
Heather Williams	2	0	0-0
Tricia Dorshorst	2	0	2-4
TOTAL	10	0	10-18

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