

# Blue Jay boys defeat Oberlin Red Devils 59-24

By DICK BOYD

Coach Doug Reusink's Norton Community High School varsity boys basketball team returned from Christmas break much sharper than the Oberlin Red Devils and the result was a 59-24 win for Norton Tuesday night in the NCHS Memorial Gym in Norton. The Blue Jays extended their season record to 3-2. Oberlin has won only one game this season. Norton outshot Oberlin from the field 47 percent to 27 percent and outrebounded the visiting Red Devils 35-20.

In the first quarter, Norton outscored Oberlin 17-3. Nic Lewis led the way for the Blue Jays with two baskets and a free throw. Wes Georgeson hit a basket and two charities. Heath Vincent scored one basket. Nathan Morse and Jared Engelbert each hit a long range shot in the period.

Andy Inman hit Oberlin's only basket in the quarter and Teryn Grafel added a free throw.

A 13-6 second quarter in favor of Norton made it a 30-9 game at intermission. Morse buried two more treys, Lewis hit a basket and free throw, Vincent hit two charities and Georgeson swished another two point basket in the period.

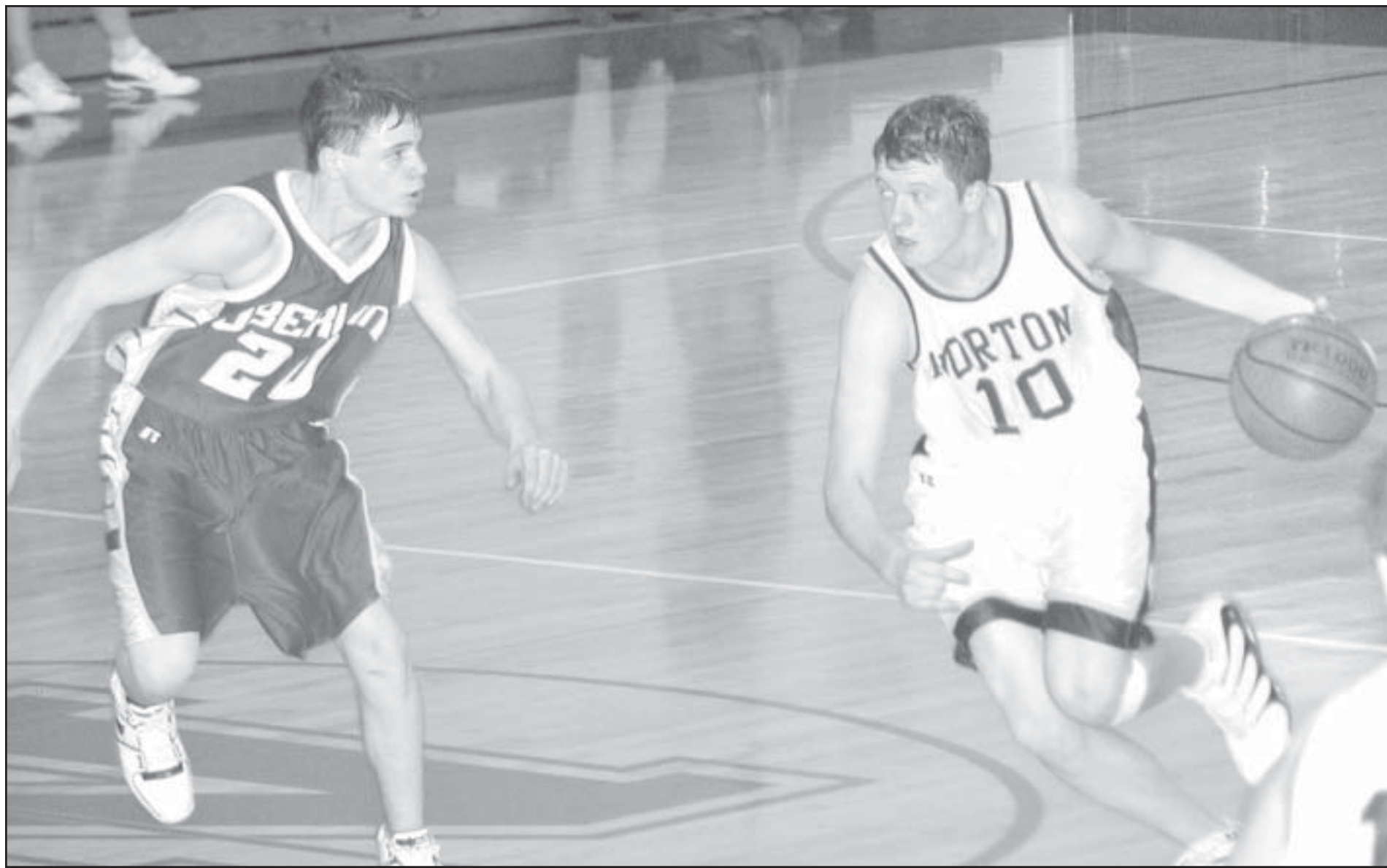
Logan Fortin hit a three point shot for Oberlin's only basket of the quarter and also added a free throw. Oberlin's other two points came on free throws from Inman. Norton really pulled away in the third quarter when the Blue Jays

outscored the Red Devils 18-1 to stretch their advantage to 48-10. Morse hit his fourth three-point shot of the game and Engelbert swished his second trey. Lewis and Vincent each hit two baskets and Georgeson hit another. Logan Kats hit two charities.

Oberlin's only point in the third quarter came on a free throw by Jesse Juenemann.

The Red Devils outscored the Blue Jays 14-11 in the final quarter when reserves were playing mostly for Norton. Vincent hit another basket and free throw, Logan Keiswetter, Lewis and Georgeson each hit a basket, Vincent swished a basket and free throw and Engelbert and Kats each drained a charity in the final stanza.

Lucas Juenemann hit his only two baskets of the game, Jobey Black hit a trey and two charities



Norton's senior point guard Nathan Morse drives down court during the Jays' win over Oberlin here last night. Morse had a dead-

eye night from three-point range as he buried four shots from beyond the arc. He also had three rebounds, three steals and two assists. Guard-

ing him for Oberlin was Logan Fortin, No. 20.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

for his only points; Jace Robinson hit his only basket of the game, Grafel hit his only basket of the contest and Inman connected on a free throw.

"We did a nice job tonight," said Coach Reusink.

"We played good defense and hit some shots. All three of our post players, Vincent, Lewis and Georgeson, can score. Jared Engelbert came off the bench and scored for us. It was nice to see Nathan Morse shooting like we know he can.

"We need to keep improving. We still make a lot of unforced errors.

"Oberlin has only won one game so they are struggling and not playing with much confidence."

Four different Norton players scored in double figures. Lewis

was the leader with 14 points on 6 of 10 from the field for 60 percent accuracy and 2 of 4 free throws for 50 percent. Morse hit 12 points on 4 of 7 from beyond the arc for 57 percent shooting. Vincent added 11 points on 4 of 5 from the field for 80 percent and 3 of 8 free throws for 38 percent. Georgeson tallied 10 points on 4 of 5 from the field for 80 percent and a perfect 2 of 2 free throws.

Leading scorers for Oberlin were Inman and Black with 5 points each.

As a team, Norton connected on 6 of 14 long range shots for 43 percent, 15 of 31 two-point tries for 48 percent and 21 of 45 overall for 47 percent.

Meanwhile, Oberlin hit just 2 of 6 treys for 33 percent, 5 of 20 two-point attempts for 25 percent and 7 of 26 overall for 27 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton connected on 11 of 26 for 42 percent and Oberlin swished 8 of 20 tries for 40 percent.

Norton pulled down 17 offensive and 18 defensive rebounds for 35 total. Oberlin grabbed only 2 offensive and 18 defensive caroms for 20 total.

Lewis was leading rebounder for Norton with 8, followed by Vincent, 7; Georgeson, 6; Morse, Brian Juenemann, Jared Cox, 3 each; Kats, 2; Engelbert, Blake Wolf, Matt Stanley, 1 each.

Norton had 13 steals in the game. Georgeson led with 4 thefts, followed by Engelbert, Morse, 3 each; Kats, Lewis, Vincent, 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 9 offensive assists. Kats led with 3, followed by Morse, 2; Engelbert, Cox, Georgeson, Lewis, 1 each.

Norton had just 8 turnovers in the game while causing the Red Devils to give up the ball a whopping 25 times

### Junior varsity

Norton's junior varsity boys team lost a 51-48 heartbreaker to Oberlin in overtime.

Norton led 9-8 after one quarter and trailed 19-18 at halftime. The Jays outscored the Devils 16-6 in the third quarter to take a 34-25 advantage but Oberlin outscored Norton 18-9 in the final stanza to tie the game at 43-all. Oberlin outscored Norton 8-5 in the overtime to win 51-48.

Logan Keiswetter was leading scorer for Norton with 17 points, followed by Preston Herman, 13; Zac Dreher, 8; Matt Stanley, 5; Jared Cox, 3; Logan Runnion, 2.

Nolan May was leading scorer for Oberlin with 11 points.

### Next action

On Thursday, Norton will entertain Stockton in Mid-Continent League action re-scheduled from December. There will be no junior varsity games. The varsity girls game begins at 6 p.m. in the NCHS Memorial Gym and will be followed by the varsity boys contest.

On Friday, Norton will host Osborne in Mid-Continent League play. The junior varsity boys game will begin at 5 p.m. in

the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym and the junior varsity girls game will begin the same time in the NCHS Memorial Gym. It will be followed by the varsity girls and varsity boys contests.

### GAME STATISTICS

Norton boys 59

	FGs	FTs	TP
	2s	3s	M-A
Nathan Morse	0 4	0-0	12
Logan Kats	0 0	3-7	3
Jared Engelbert	0 2	1-2	7
Preston Herman	0 0	0-2	0
Wes Georgeson	4 0	2-2	10
Nic Lewis	6 0	2-4	14
Heath Vincent	4 0	3-8	11
Logan Keiswetter	1 0	0-1	2
TOTAL	15 6	11-16	59

Oberlin boys 24

	FGs	FTs	TP
	2s	3s	M-A
Logan Fortin	0 1	1-2	4
Teryn Grafel	1 0	1-4	3
Jesse Juenemann	0 0	1-2	1
Andy Inman	1 0	3-6	5
Jace Robinson	1 0	0-0	2
Jobey Black	0 1	2-2	5
Lucas Juenemann	2 0	0-2	4
Brent Stallman	0 0	0-2	0
TOTAL	5 2	8-20	24

## Norton C-team places fourth in Hill City basketball tourney

By DICK BOYD

Five players on the Norton Community High School boys C-Team basketball team played every single minute of the Blue Jays' games in the Joe Green Tournament last week in Hill City and placed fourth out of eight competing teams.

Norton won their opener by a 46-33 score over Osborne, then lost to Quinter 60-39 in the semi-finals and lost the third place game 55-33 to Oberlin.

### Osborne

In their opening win on Thursday, Norton trailed 11-10 after one quarter and the score was tied 24-all at halftime. The Blue Jays outscored the Bulldogs 11-8 in the third quarter to take a 35-32 lead and limited Osborne to just one point in the final stanza while scoring 11 points to win by 13.

Preston Herman was leading scorer for Norton with 18 points, followed by Logan Runnion, 10; Matt Stanley, Zac Dreher, 9 each. Zach Dole did not score.

Nathan Mick led Osborne with 11 points.

"I was proud of our players' efforts," said Norton Coach Todd Fulton.

"We suited up only five players and they played with heart the entire game.

"We have improved on our game since the break and are learning to do it our way."

### Quinter

In the semi-finals game with Quinter, Norton was outscored by just 13-11 in the first quarter; however, the Bulldogs outpointed the Blue Jays 20-5 in the second period to take a commanding 33-16

halftime lead. Norton was outscored by just 15-14 in the third quarter and by just 12-9 in the final stanza.

Stanley led Norton scoring with 12 points, followed by Herman, Runnion, 10 each; Dreher, 7. Dole did not score.

Edward Machen led scoring for Quinter with 21 points. Luke Ochs added 20.

"Our guys played with great effort again," said Coach Fulton.

"Playing only five makes you mentally tougher. We are learning to play through tired.

"Quinter's pressure in the second quarter hurt us and we dug a hole but came out in the third quarter and played well."

### Oberlin

In the consolation championship game, Norton trailed by just 10-9 after one quarter but was outscored 12-6 in the second quarter to make the tally 22-15 at intermission. A 16-8 score in favor of Oberlin in the third quarter made it 38-23. Norton was also outscored 17-10 in the final stanza.

Herman was leading scorer for Norton with 12 points, followed by Dreher, 10; Runnion, 8;

Stanley, 3. Dole did not score.

"The game with Oberlin was a tough one," said Coach Fulton.

"We were close early and missed some easy shots during the second quarter that would have kept us close. Fatigue caught up with us.

"I was really proud of our efforts throughout the tournament. We played only Zach Dole, Zac Dreher, Preston Herman, Logan Runnion and Matt Stanley and these five gave all they had and did improve their game each day."

Quinter defeated Hill City in the championship game. Northern Valley lost to Hill City in the first round, then defeated Plainville and Phillipsburg to place fifth.

Osborne placed seventh by defeating Plainville.

Matt Stanley of Norton and Tanner Jessup of Northern Valley were named to the ten-player All-Tournament Team.

Others on the All-Tournament Team were: Edward Machen, Luke Ochs, Lance Thielen, all of Quinter; Dylan Vap, Chris Miller, Alex VanLoenen, all of Hill City; Chance Keiswetter, Phillipsburg; Logan Fortin, Oberlin.

## Norton, Northern Valley, Logan players receive volleyball honors

By DICK BOYD

Norton's Chelsea Cox, Northern Valley's Kelli Cole and Logan's Shelley Kemper were among area players receiving honorable mention on *The Salina Journal's* 2005 All-Area Volleyball Team.

Members of the first team were Lydia Karnopp, Oberlin; Lissa Mazanec, Colby; Shannon Bechard, Sacred Heart; JuliAnne Chisholm, Hillsboro; Lauren Russell, Ashley Sweat, both of McPherson.

Danielle Pratt, Hoxie, was named to the second team. Tricia Dorshorst, Oberlin; Caitlan Rush, Brewster and Megan Weaver, Wheatland, were members of the third team.

Receiving honorable mention,

in addition to Cox, Cole and Kemper, were: Valerie Broeckelman, Golden Plains; Rebekah Burgess, Smith Center; Megan Dennis, Oakley; Justin Koehler, Goodland; Chelsea Kramer, Atwood; Brandi Lundgren, Wheatland; Rishonna Martin, Colby; Kendra Matteson,

Eastern Heights; Stacy Rachow, Phillipsburg; Allison Reichart, St. Francis; Kelsey Robben, Victoria; Rexanne Schilowsky, Phillipsburg; Jannica Schultze, Osborne; Brittny Trexler, Hill City; Talisa Voorhies, St. Francis.

Named "Coach of the Year" was Lesley Wagoner, Colby.

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Norton vs. Osborne (Here)	.....	5 p.m., Friday
Northern Valley vs. Eastern Heights (In Agra)	.....	4:30 p.m., Friday
Northern Valley in Cheyenne Conf. Tourney (In Phillipsburg)	.....	Jan. 9-14
Logan vs. Golden Plains (Here)	.....	4:30 p.m., Friday
Logan in Cheyenne Conference Tourney (In Phillipsburg)	.....	Jan. 9-14

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