

# Blue Jay boys defeat Stockton in league play

By DICK BOYD

It took one half for the Norton Community High School boys basketball team to get rolling but, once they did, there was no stopping them as they defeated Stockton 62-36 in Mid-Continent League play last night in the NCHS Memorial Gym.

"We had trouble getting the ball in the basket in the first half," said Norton Coach Doug Reusink.

"We shot much better the second half and also made adjustments on defense that helped us."

With the win, Norton extended their season record to 4-2.

The first quarter ended with Norton leading 9-8. Center Nic Lewis hit three baskets, forward Wes Georgeson swished a two-pointer and guard Logan Kats dinked a free throw in the period.

The Blue Jays put in 14 points compared to 5 for the Tigers in the second quarter to take a 23-13 halftime lead. Lewis hit another basket and two free throws, center Heath Vincent swished a basket and two charities, Georgeson hit another basket and a free throw and Kats buried a three-point shot.

It was all over but the shouting after Norton's 24-point third quarter. The pressure Norton defense limited Stockton to just 10 points in the period to make it a 47-23 contest with one quarter remaining. Norton shot no free throws in the period but hit 11 field goals.

Vincent hit three baskets, Lewis and Georgeson each hit two, Nathan Morse hit a two-point and a three-point basket, Jared Engelbert buried a three-point shot and Brian Juenemann hit a two-point basket.

Norton edged Stockton 15-13 in the final stanza. Jared Cox hit two baskets, Vincent hit a basket and free throw, Kats connected on two free throws, Georgeson hit another field goal, Lewis swished a free throw and Morse buried another shot from beyond the arc.

Three Norton players scored in double figures. Lewis was leading scorer with 15 points. He hit 6 of 10 shots from the field for 60 per-



Norton's senior center Heath Vincent, No.44, and junior guard Jared Engelbert pull down a rebound during the Blue Jays' Mid-Continent League win over Stockton here last night. Vincent was leading rebounder in the

cent accuracy and was 3 of 7 from the free throw line for 43 percent. Vincent hit 13 points on 5 of 10 from the field for 50 percent and 3 of 4 charities for 75 percent.

Georgeson had a perfect night shooting. He hit 5 of 5 from the field and 1 of 1 free throws for 11 points.

Leneal Weiser and Mathieu Beougher led Stockton in scoring with 7 points each.

As a team, Norton hit 4 of 12 shots from long range for 33 percent, 20 of 41 two-point tries for 49 percent and 24 of 53 overall for 45 percent.

Stockton connected on 3 of 12

game for Norton with 10 caroms. Other Norton players are, from left, junior center Nic Lewis and senior guard Nathan Morse. Lewis grabbed 9 boards in the contest.

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from beyond the arc for 25 percent, 8 of 43 two-point attempts for 19 percent and 11 of 55 overall for 20 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton swished 10 of 19 for 53 percent compared to the Tigers' 11 of 16 for 69 percent.

Norton outrebounded Stockton

29-23. The Blue Jays grabbed 8 offensive and 21 defensive caroms and the Tigers pulled down 8 offensive and 15 defensive boards.

Leading rebounder for Norton was Vincent with 10, followed by Lewis, 9; Engelbert, Georgeson, Logan Keiswetter, 2 each; Kats,

Juenemann, Blake Wolf, Matt Stanley, 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 10 steals in the game. Kats and Juenemann led with 3 thefts each, followed by Engelbert, 2; Lewis, Vincent, 1 each.

Norton had 8 assists. Kats led with 3, followed by Georgeson, 2; Engelbert, Wolf, Stanley, 1 each.

Norton turned the ball over 14 times but caused Stockton to have 22 turnovers.

The Blue Jays blocked 4 shots. Vincent rejected 3 and Morse 1.

There was no junior varsity contest. The varsity game was postponed from December due to inclement weather.

### Next action

Norton will play Osborne today in regularly scheduled Mid-Continent League games. The junior varsity boys game will begin at 5 p.m. and will be played in the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym on East Campus.

The junior varsity girls contest will begin at the same time in the NCHS Memorial Gym and will be followed by the varsity girls and varsity boys games.

### GAME STATISTICS

	FGs		FTs		TP
	2s	3s	M-A	M-A	
Nathan Morse	1	2	0-0	8	8
Logan Kats	0	1	3-4	6	6
Jared Engelbert	0	1	0-0	3	3
Brian Juenemann	1	0	0-2	2	2
Jared Cox	2	0	0-0	4	4
Wes Georgeson	5	0	1-1	11	11
Matt Stanley	0	0	0-1	0	0
Nic Lewis	6	0	3-7	15	15
Heath Vincent	5	0	3-4	13	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10-19</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>
Stockton boys	36				
	FGs		FTs		TP
	2s	3s	M-A	M-A	
Tyson LeSage	1	1	1-2	6	6
Shane Morgan	0	0	1-2	1	1
Kyle Weiser	2	0	1-2	5	5
Leneal Weiser	2	1	0-0	7	7
Luke Kriley	0	1	3-4	6	6
Mathieu Beougher					
	2	0	3-4	7	7
Marcus Moll	0	0	2-2	2	2
John Barnedt	1	0	0-0	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11-16</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>

# Norton Lady Jays remain unbeaten with win over Stockton

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Lady Jays extended their perfect basketball record to 6-0 last night with a 66-37 Mid-Continent League victory over Stockton in the NCHS Memorial Gym.

Coach Kevin Jilka's quintet started with a bang by scoring 23 first quarter points, then came out of the locker room after intermission to put 25 more on the board.

"We got after them from the start," said Coach Jilka.

"We were more efficient offensively tonight and shot better than against Oberlin on Tuesday."

The Lady Jays hit 50 percent from the field, compared to 31 percent on Tuesday. Stockton shot even better, swishing 52 percent of their shots, but took half as many.

Norton shot successfully from anywhere on the court, hitting about half their shots in the paint and half from the perimeter.

Six different Norton girls scored in the 23 point first quarter. Karlie Jones was red hot from beyond the arc as she buried four three-point baskets in the first stanza.

Klaire Mann hit a basket and free throw and Whitney Newell, Chelsea Cox, Laura Lee Baird and Becca Ebert each swished a two-point basket.

The Norton defense was also equal to the occasion, limiting Stockton to just 9 points in the period.

The second quarter was a little closer but Norton still outscored the Lady Tigers 14-10 to take a commanding 37-19 halftime lead. Most of the Lady Jays' points came inside the paint as center Cox hit a field goal and two free throws and center Ebert swished two field goals. Laura Lee Baird hit a three-point shot and Whitney Newell connected on a two-point shot from the perimeter as well as a free throw.

The Lady Jays outscored the Lady Tigers 25-7 in the third quarter to extend their advantage to 62-26. Cox was unstoppable underneath as she poured in seven baskets and added a free throw. Ebert also hit two baskets in the paint. Jones hit her fifth trey of the game

and Newell added a basket and charity toss.

Norton reserves played the fourth quarter and Stockton outscored them 11-4. Norton's points came on baskets by Baird and Megan Kats.

"With another game on Friday, it was nice to be able to play some of our bench and rest the starters," said Coach Jilka. "However, it's also good to play three games in four days since that's what we'll have to do in the upcoming Mid-Continent League Tournament."

Coach Jilka said Amber Overlease did not play against Stockton due to illness.

Cox sizzled the nets as she hit 9 of 10 field goals for a net-smoking 90 percent accuracy and added 3 of 8 free throws for 38 percent and finished with 21 points.

Jones buried 5 of 9 shots from beyond the arc for 56 percent accuracy, missed her only two-point try and ended 5 of 10 for 50 percent and 15 points.

Ebert was also in double figures. She hit 5 of 8 shots for 63 percent and 10 points.

Savannah Lowry led Stockton in scoring with 13 points; Renee Berkley added 12.

As a team, Norton connected on 6 of 18 three-point tries for 33 percent, 21 of 36 two-point attempts for 58 percent and 27 of 54 overall for 50 percent. Stockton swished 1 of 3 from long range for 33 percent, 13 of 24 two-pointers for 54 percent and 14 of 27 overall for 52 percent.

Norton hit just 6 of 16 free throws for 38 percent compared to Stockton's 8 of 17 for 48 percent.

The Lady Jays outrebounded the Lady Tigers 28-15. Norton had 14 offensive and 14 defensive caroms. Stockton pulled down 5 offensive and 10 defensive boards.

Cox was leading rebounder for Norton with 9, followed by Ebert, 8; Newell, 4; Klaire Mann, Chantille Campbell and Jones, 2 each; Maggie Nielsen, 1.

Norton's nielsen defense caused Stockton to turn the ball

over a whopping 27 times. The Lady Jays had just 13 turnovers.

Norton had 12 steals compared to just 4 for Stockton. Newell was the thefts leader with 5, followed by Cox, 3; Mann, Ebert, Campbell, Jones, 1 each.

The Lady Jays had 21 offensive assists. Newell was the leader with 11, followed by Baird, 3; Kats, 2; Cox, Mann, Ebert, Amber Waggoner, Jones, 1 each.

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	FGs		FTs		TP
	2s	3s	M-A	M-A	
Whitney Newell	3	0	2-4	8	8
Chelsea Cox	9	0	3-8	21	21
Laura Lee Baird	2	1	0-1	7	7
Klaire Mann	1	0	1-2	3	3
Becca Ebert	5	0	0-0	10	10
Megan Kats	1	0	0-0	2	2
Karlie Jones	0	5	0-1	15	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6-16</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>
Norton girls	66				
	FGs		FTs		TP
	2s	3s	M-A	M-A	
Renee Berkley	3	0	6-8	12	12
Kaley Wieden	1	0	0-2	2	2
Kristen Lingg	1	0	0-0	2	2
Kayla Damrow	1	0	0-2	2	2
Charley Campbell	1	0	1-3	3	3
Savannah Lowry	5	1	0-0	13	13
Jana Conger	1	0	0-0	2	2
Heather Murchie	0	0	1-2	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8-17</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>

Stockton girls 37



The Lady Jays' senior guard Karlie Jones buries a three-point basket during Norton's Mid-Continent League win over Stockton here last night. Jones hit 5 of 9 bas-

kets from beyond the arc to score 15 points. At left for Norton is freshman guard Laura Lee Baird.

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