

Norton boys outscore Oberlin 56-37 on Tuesday

By DICK BOYD

In a repeat performance, Coach Doug Reusink's Norton Community High School boys basketball team defeated Oberlin 56-37 on Tuesday evening in Oberlin.

The Blue Jays beat the Red Devils 59-24 in Norton on January 3. This time, the score was a little closer because Oberlin shot a little better and Norton not quite as well. Just as in the previous meeting, however, the Blue Jays dominated the backboards.

"We didn't play with a lot of intensity and their young men played better than the first time we played them," said Coach Reusink. "We did some good things but just didn't play with the intensity I like to see. It was a good road win for us."

With the victory, Norton extended their season record to 10-5 and Oberlin fell to 4-13.

Norton's two returning lettermen got the game off to a good start. Senior center Heath Vincent hit two straight field goals, followed by a driving bank shot by senior guard Nathan Morse. With Vincent hitting another basket and free throw, Morse burying a shot from beyond the arc, junior center Nic Lewis tallying two baskets and sophomore forward Wes Georgeson hitting a bank shot at the buzzer, the Blue Jays forged an 18-12 first quarter lead.

Oberlin's first quarter points came on two three-point baskets by senior Jesse Juenemann, a cousin of Norton junior Brian Juenemann; a basket by senior Andy Inman, a former resident of Norton with relatives here; a basket by freshman Logan Fortin and two free throws by junior Andy Gilliam.

Norton tallied from both the perimeter and the paint in the second quarter to outscore the Red Devils 18-9 and pull away for a 36-21 halftime advantage. Junior guard Jared Engelbert hit two bas-

kets from beyond the arc and Morse connected on another long range basket. Inside, Vincent hit two more baskets and Lewis and Georgeson each hit another basket. Sophomore guard Logan Kats added a free throw just before intermission.

Inman scored 6 of Oberlin's 9 second quarter points on a three-point basket, two-point basket and free throw. The Red Devils' other points came on a trey by junior Jobey Black.

The third quarter turned out to be a defensive struggle, with Oberlin outscoring Norton 8-7 but the Blue Jays still had a comfortable 43-29 lead at the end of the period. Norton's points came on baskets by Georgeson, Lewis and Vincent and a free throw by Juenemann.

Oberlin got two more baskets by Inman and a basket each by Juenemann and Black.

The Blue Jays outscored the Red Devils 13-8 in the last quarter to extend their final margin of victory to 19 points. Most of Norton's points came at the free throw line as Oberlin fouled in an attempt to get the ball. Vincent hit another basket and two charities. Lewis and sophomore forward Preston Herman each hit baskets, Morse and sophomore guard-center Jared Cox each hit two free tosses and Kats hit another charity.

Oberlin's final points came on baskets by senior Teryn Grafel, freshman Lucas Juenemann and junior Nolan May and free throws by Inman and Fortin.

Vincent was leading scorer for Norton with 17 points on 7 of 11 from the field for 64 percent accuracy and 3 of 4 free throws for 75 percent.

Morse and Lewis each scored 10 points. Morse buried 2 of 3 from beyond the arc for 67 percent, 1 of 1 two-point shots and 3 of 4 overall for a net-sizzling 75 percent from the field. He was also a perfect 2 of 2 from the charity stripe.



Norton junior center Nic Lewis, No. 34, pulls down one of the 19 rebounds he grabbed during the Blue Jays' 56-37 win at Oberlin on Tuesday evening. Lewis also scored 10 points. The play came on defense and Norton junior guard Brian Juenemann was already in transition and heading for the Blue Jay goal. At far left is Norton sophomore guard Logan Kats.

Lewis was also accurate from the field. He hit 5 of 10 tries for 50 percent but missed his only free throw.

Inman was leading scorer for the Red Devils with 13 points.

As a team, Norton hit 4 of 11 trey tries for 36 percent, 17 of 42 from two-point land for 40 percent and 21 of 53 overall for 40 percent.

Oberlin swished just 4 of 15 from beyond the arc for 27 percent, 10 of 34 two-point attempts for 29 percent and 14 of 49 overall for 29 percent..

From the free throw line, Norton

connected on 10 of 15 for 67 percent and Oberlin hit 5 of 11 for 48 percent.

As they did the first time, Norton overwhelmed Oberlin on the backboards. The Blue Jays pulled down a whopping 39 caroms compared to just 19 by the Red Devils. Norton had 17 offensive and 22 defensive boards compared to Oberlin's 7 offensive and 12 defensive.

Lewis grabbed 19 rebounds, as many as the entire Oberlin team, for a double-double. Vincent had 7 rebounds, followed by Morse,

Kats, Cox, Georgeson, 3 each; Juenemann, 1.

Vincent and Lewis each blocked 2 Oberlin shots.

Kats had 3 of Norton's 7 steals. Engelbert had 2 thefts, Georgeson and Lewis, 1 each.

Kats had 2 of Norton's 5 assists. Engelbert, Juenemann and Lewis had 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 13 turnovers compared to 14 for the Red Devils.

Junior varsity won

The Norton junior varsity boys defeated Oberlin 40-34.

Norton trailed 12-8 after one quarter but outscored the Red Devils 8-2 in the second quarter to take a 16-14 halftime lead. A 10-9 third quarter in Norton's favor made it 26-23 after three quarters. Norton outpointed Oberlin 14-11 in the last stanza to stretch the final margin of victory to 6 points.

Matt Stanley was leading scorer for Norton with 13 points, followed by Preston Herman, 10; Logan Runnion, 8; Jared Cox, 5; Blake Wolf, Wes Georgeson, 2 each.

Kurt Olson led Oberlin with 8 pnts. Jobey Black scored 6.

Next action

The Norton boys and girls teams will travel to Plainville today for Mid-Continent League contests. Action will begin at 5 p.m. when the junior varsity girls play (two quarters) in the South Gym and the junior varsity boys play in the High School Gym. The varsity girls and varsity boys games will be held in the High School Gym following the junior varsity boys game.

GAME STATISTICS

Norton boys 56	FGs	FTs	TP
	2s	3s	M-A
Nathan Morse	1	2	2-2 10
Logan Kats	0	0	2-4 2
Jared Engelbert	0	2	0-0 6
Brian Juenemann	0	0	1-2 1
Jared Cox	0	0	2-2 2
Preston Herman	1	0	0-0 2
Wes Georgeson	3	0	0-0 6
Nic Lewis	5	0	0-1 10
Heath Vincent	7	0	3-4 17
TOTAL	17	410	1556
Oberlin boys 37	FGs	FTs	TP
	2s	3s	M-A
Logan Fortin	1	0	1-4 3
Teryn Grafel	1	0	0-0 2
Jesse Juenemann	1	2	0-0 8
Andy Inman	4	1	2-4 13
Jobey Black	1	1	0-0 5
Lucas Juenemann	1	0	0-0 2
Brent Stallman	0	0	0-1 0
Andy Gilliam	0	0	2-2 2
Nolan May	1	0	0-0 2
TOTAL	10	4	5-11 37

Lady Blue Jays defeat Oberlin Devils for second time

By DICK BOYD

For the second time this year, Coach Kevin Jilka's Norton Community High School girls basketball team defeated the Oberlin Lady Red Devils on Tuesday night in Oberlin.

Norton prevailed 42-31 on January 3 in Norton and won 45-33 on Tuesday evening.

This time around, Norton took a big lead in the first quarter and the two teams played on fairly equal terms the rest of the way.

"We did a nice job of executing our offense in the first half but didn't shoot the ball very well," said Coach Jilka. "In the second half, we didn't take very good care of the ball and had 14 turnovers.

"Oberlin has a good team and it's tough to play at their place. Fortunately, we came out with a win."

With the victory, Norton extended their season record to 14-1 and Oberlin fell to 7-10.

Norton scored from all over the court in building a 15-2 first quarter lead. Senior guard Whitney Newell hit a three-point and two-point basket, senior guard Karlie Jones threw in two two-point baskets, senior center Chelsea Cox hit a basket and two free throws and senior Becca Ebert hit a basket.

Oberlin's only first quarter points came on a basket by junior Sarah Murray.

Both teams scored 11 points in the second quarter. Norton's points came on another basket from beyond the arc by Newell, baskets by Cox and Ebert, two free throws by senior guard Amber Overlease and charities by Jones and freshman guard Laura Lee Baird.

Oberlin tallied on two baskets and four free throws by junior Tricia Dorshorst and a basket and free throw by junior Lauren Fortin.

Oberlin outscored Norton 11-9 in the third quarter to cut the Lady Jay advantage to 35-24. Baird led scoring for Norton with a long range shot and two-point basket. Cox and Overlease each hit a basket for Norton's other third quarter points.

Dorshorst hit three baskets for Oberlin in the third quarter while

Fortin hit a basket and free throw and Murray swished a basket.

The Lady Jays had a 10-9 edge in the fourth stanza to end with a 12-point victory. Jones buried a shot from beyond the arc, Cox hit two baskets, Ebert swished a basket and Baird hit a free toss for Norton's final points.

Oberlin finished with a trey and two-point basket by Fortin, a two-point basket by Dorshorst and two charities by Murray.

Cox was leading scorer for Norton with 12 points on 5 of 8 from the field for 63 percent accuracy and a perfect 2 of 2 from the charity stripe. Jones and Newell each hit 8 points and Baird threw in 7.

Leading scorer for the Lady Red Devils was Dorshorst with 16 points. Fortin added 11. Murray scored 6 and was the only other player to score for Oberlin.

As a team, Norton hit 4 of 20 three-point tries for 20 percent, 13 of 31 two-point baskets for 42 percent and 17 of 51 overall for 33 percent.

By comparison, Oberlin swished just 1 of 6 from long range for 17 percent, 11 of 38 two-point tries for 29 percent and 12 of 44 overall for 27 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton connected on 7 of 13 for 51 percent and Oberlin swished 8 of 10 for 80 percent.

The Lady Jays outrebounded the Lady Red Devils 31-22. Norton grabbed 14 offensive and 17 defensive caroms and Oberlin pulled down 7 offensive and 15 defensive boards.

Cox was the leading rebounder for Norton with 9 caroms, followed by Ebert, Jones, 5 each; Chantille Campbell, 4; Overlease, 3; Baird, Newell, 2 each; Klaire Mann, 1.

Norton had 13 steals compared to 8 for Oberlin. Newell and Jones had 4 thefts each, followed by Cox, Baird, Overlease, Ebert, Campbell, 1 each.

The Lady Jays had 10 assists and the Lady Red Devils had 6. Mann was assists leader with 3, followed by Newell, Overlease, Jones, 2 each; Baird, 1.

Norton had 19 turnovers and

Oberlin turned the ball over 20 times.

Junior varsity results

The Norton junior varsity girls team lost 55-48 to Oberlin.

Norton trailed by quarters 13-11, 37-14 and 39-27.

KaraJo Jones was leading scorer for Norton with 16 points, followed by Maggie Nielsen, 9; Taylor Rossi, 8; Megan Kats, 7; Chantille Campbell, Haley Jones, 3 each; Courtney Cox, 2.

Whitnee Ashley was leading scorer for Oberlin with 17 points. Sarah Murray added 14.

"We dug ourselves a huge hole in the first half and could not crawl out," said Norton Coach George Rossi.

"Oberlin did a great job of taking it to us. We did a terrible job of blocking out in the first half. We did a better job in the second half but just could not get the ball in the basket.

"I will give our girls credit for the hustle in the second half. We will have to bounce back and get better."

Norton won C-Team game

The Norton C-Team girls continued their undefeated season by beating Oberlin 50-30.

Norton held quarter leads of 17-3, 27-11 and 39-20.

Kylie Morel was leading scorer for Norton with 10 points, followed by KaraJo Jones, Hayli Bozarth, 8 each; Taylor Rossi, Ashley Colip, 7 each; Katharine Roy, 4; Wiyanna Paxton, Amanda Delimont, 3 each.

Annamarie Larue led Oberlin with 11 points.

"It was another good defensive game for our girls," said Norton Coach Joan Bolt.

"We need to work on our footwork a little bit but our hustle was good.

"Offensively, all our girls contributed to the scoring and we had some nice rebound put-backs. We also had some nice steals for layups."

Next action for the C-Team will be at 6 p.m. on February 20 at Oberlin.

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Continent League action today.

The junior varsity girls game (two quarters) will begin at 5 p.m. in the South Gym and the junior varsity boys contest will begin the same time in the High School Gym. The varsity girls and varsity boys games will follow in the High School Gym.

GAME STATISTICS

Norton girls 45	FGs	FTs	TP
	2s	3s	M-A
Whitney Newell	1	2	0-2 8
Chelsea Cox	5	0	2-2 12
Laura Lee Baird	1	1	2-4 7
Amber Overlease	1	0	2-2 4
Becca Ebert	3	0	0-0 6

Karlie Jones 2 1 1-3 8

TOTAL 13 4 7-13 45

Oberlin girls 33

	FGs	FTs	TP
	2s	3s	M-A
Lauren Fortin	3	1	2-4 11
Sarah Murray	2	0	2-2 6
Tricia Dorshorst	6	0	4-4 16
TOTAL	11	1	8-10 33



Norton senior center Chelsea Cox shoots over an Oberlin defender during the Lady Jays' 45-33 win over the Lady Red Devils on Tuesday in Oberlin. Cox led Norton in scoring with 12 points and rebounding with 9. At left are Norton senior guard Klaire Mann and Oberlin's Lacey Ream.

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