



Norton Community High School's three returning volleyball letter winners practice attacking during practice this week. Junior Courtney Cox sets the ball for senior Maggie Nielsen to spike it. Ready to defend is senior Lacey Roe. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Volleyball to open on Tuesday

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School volleyball team will open the 2006 season on Tuesday in Colby versus Osborne and Colby in varsity and junior varsity contests, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Fans will get a look at the team, new head coach and one new assistant coach during the annual food drive scrimmage this evening in The NCHS Stull Gymnasium. Pics can be taken beginning at 4:30 p.m. with the scrimmage scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

New head coach Chuck Zimmerman returns as head coach after being semi-retired for four seasons from high school volleyball while he coached the Norton junior high teams. Zimmerman last coached the Norton high school teams in the 2000 and 2001 seasons. Tonight's schedule is: varsity vs. junior varsity No.1 (beginning at 6:20), followed by junior varsity No.1 vs. junior varsity No.2, then varsity vs. junior varsity No.1.

Norton has just three returning letter winners. They are: Maggie Nielsen, 5-foot-10-inch senior; Lacey Roe, 5'3" senior and Courtney Cox, 5'8" junior.

Other squad members are: Brianna Felton, 5'7"; Laura Delimont, 5'6", seniors; Courtney LeClair, 5'8"; Ashli Hageman, 5'7"; Sara Lentz, 5'9"; Thea Wiseman, 5'6"; Megan Kats, 5'4"; Alyssa Farber, 5'5"; Lacy Ellis, 5'8", juniors; Katharine Roy, 5'7"; Hayli Bozarth, 5'9"; Shawna Lee, 5'2"; Lori Ebner, 5'2"; Ashley Colip, 5'5"; Charli Lawson, 5'6"; Wiyanna Paxton, 5'9"; Amanda Delimont, 5'8", sophomores; Alyssa Thomson, 5'7"; Bethany Winkel, 5'3"; Shelby Jones, 5'4"; Raven Brown, 5'5"; Kendra Engelbert, 5'6"; Kayla Lee, 5'5"; Valecia Rogers, 5'4"; Bethany Roy, 5'6"; Ashlie Stewart, 5'4"; Lacy Keilig, 5'10"; Kaitlyn Wolf, 5'11", freshmen.

Also added to the Norton high school volleyball coaching staff this season is Jill (Cox) Scott, a former Norton player who played volleyball in college and has had two seasons of coaching. Coach Scott will coach the junior varsity team and will concentrate on the hitting and blocking skills for the players.

Assistant coach Peggy Cox returns and will coach the junior varsity No.2 team while assisting with the varsity. Coach Cox is in charge of the setters.

Student manager will be Morgan Kauten.

"Our coaching staff welcomed 30 plus players on opening day and we have been pleased with their efforts so far in practice," said coach Zimmerman.

"We've had very good leadership from our four seniors. They have kept the teams moving through the drills while keeping players as focused as possible.

"The thing about this group of players is that they know how to play the game of volleyball. They have the skills, the knowledge of what to do with the ball and when to do it. All this was taught to them by their previous coaches.

"What we have to find out is whether they have the physical skills to compete against other varsity teams. Are we quick enough? Do we jump high

enough? Are we able to outsmart a double block from another team? Only time and playing other teams will answer these very important questions.

"We hope our fans will come out

to watch us this season. I do not know exactly what to expect. But, I do know this team will do its best to keep the ball off our side of the floor, which is the major key in winning volleyball matches."

Norton volleyball schedule

Tuesday, Aug. 29 — V-JV at Colby with Osborne (T), 4:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Sept. 5 — V-JV at Phillipsburg with Northern Valley (T), 5 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 9 — JV Quinter Tournament (T), 9 a.m.
 Monday, Sept. 11 — C-Trego Community HS (H), 5 p.m.
 Thursday, Sept. 14 — C at Colby with Hays (T), 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 16 — V-JV at Atwood Quad (T), 10 a.m.
 Monday, Sept. 18 — C-Plainville High School (H), 5 p.m.
 Tuesday, Sept. 19 — V at Hoxie with Hill City, Norton (T), 4 p.m.
 Thursday, Sept. 21 — C-Colby/Smith Center (H), 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 23 — C at Hill City with Phillipsburg, Norton (T), 8:30 a.m.
 Monday, Sept. 25 — C-Hill City High School (T), 5 p.m.
 Tuesday, Sept. 26 — V-JV Colby, Atwood (H), 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Sept. 30 — V-JV Oberlin Tournament (T), 9 a.m.
 Monday, Oct. 2 — C-Phillipsburg High School (T), 5 p.m.
 Tuesday, Oct. 3 — V-JV Smith Center, Trego, Sr. Night (H), 5 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 7 — Scott City Tournament (T), 9 a.m.
 Tuesday, Oct. 10 — V at Rexford with Logan, Golden Plains (T), 4 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 14 — VMCL Tournament at Stockton (T), 8 a.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 21 — V-Sub-State Tournament (T), TBA
 Fri., Sat., Oct. 27-28 — V-State Tournament (T) TBA

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Tennis action



Lisa Jones, a senior letter winner for the Norton Community High School tennis team, returns the tennis ball during one of the Lady Jays' practices this week. Norton opens the season on Saturday in the Trego Round Robin at WaKeeney, beginning at 8:30 a.m. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Senior letter winner Reesa Volgamore hits the ball during one of the Norton tennis team's practices this week. The Lady Jays will begin their season on Saturday in the Trego Round Robin at WaKeeney, beginning at 8:30 a.m. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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