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Sky high kill



Northern Valley's Kelli Cole leaped high to kill the ball during the Lady Huskies' match with Norton recently in Phillipsburg. - Courtesy photo by David Steinle

Tennis settles for 2nd

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School girls tennis team was split on Tuesday to compete in two varsity tournaments and the Lady Jays placed second in the Phillipsburg Quad.

Phillipsburg won the championship with 30 points, followed by Norton, 15; Concordia, 8 and Belleville, 7.

"Phillipsburg continues to be our biggest challenge," said Norton coach Shawnee Branek. "I think it is more mental than physical. The scores against Phillipsburg made it look like a blowout. Truth is, a lot of those games went to deuce so it was much closer than it appears."

In No.1 singles, Brianne Nelson placed third. She lost 8-0 to Melinda Schremmer,

Dake, Belleville, 8-3 and was Concordia, 8-2. outscored 8-1 by Mattie Vance, Concordia.

"Brianne is playing so much said coach Branek. more consistently so now we will coach Branek.

Tabitha Vincent played No.2 singles for the Lady Jays and finished second. She lost 8-2 to ished in third place. They lost 8-1 Robbie Hadley, Phillipsburg, defeated Alyssa Derowitsch, Belleville, 8-7 (7-5) and outscored Carrie Carpentier, Concordia, 8-6. "This was Tabitha's first varsity

meet of the season," said coach Branek.

sity player. She had some very tight, long matches and she stuck in there to the end."

Hannah Mills and Reesa Volgamore placed second in No.1

Phillipsburg; outscored Kari Megan Tate and Danielle Moore,

"This was the first time for me to see these two players in action,"

"They are making fewer errors work on the fine tuning," said and I'm working with them to be a lot more aggressive at the net."

In No.2 doubles, Norton's Sara Campbell and Gena Myers finto Kali Asher and Jodie Mongeau, Phillipsburg; were edged 8-7(7-4)by Jennifer Olsen and Felicia Paredes, Belleville and shutout Leslie Girard and Lorena Marr, Concordia, 8-0.

"Gina and Sara had a tough first 'She played like a veteran var- round match against Phillipsburg but loosened up in their next two matches and played much smarter tennis," said coach Branek.

Next action

Norton will play Saturday in the doubles. They lost 8-0 to Kayla Varsity Trego Round Robin in

Jayvee volleyball takes 2nd

point for me," said coach Scott.

serves are so, hopefully, now they

you miss a serve you are just giv-

ing the other team a point. We want

to make them earn their points the

Wolf led Norton with a perfect

16 of 16 serves with seven aces.

Colip added 14 of 14 with six aces.

Bethany Winkel and Shelby Jones

Hoxie

City in their pool so played Hoxie,

winner of the other pool, in the first

easy defeating Hoxie but realized

that a win would put them in the

championship finals," said coach

"Our first game with Hoxie was

and fourth but then Hoxie would

jump a few points ahead. Our Lady

Jays had to fight hard to get back

into the game and that was exactly

critical six points in a row to get us

back into the game and tie the

score at 22-22. That was just the

points later, our Lady Jays ended

faster with our Lady Jays winning

"The second game went a little

"Charli Lawson served a very

"Our girls knew it wouldn't be

also made all of their serves.

hard way."

finals match.

what they did.

up on top 31-29.

easily 25-16."

Scott.

"With rally scoring, every time

understand that a little more.

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity girls volleyball team placed second in the Quinter Tournament on Saturday.

Hill City won the tournament and defeated Norton twice. The Lady Jays defeated Wheatland/ Grinnell, Quinter and Hoxie.

Wheatland/Grinnell

"We played Wheatland/ Grinnell in our first match of the morning and it didn't look as if our girls were even awake yet but, thankfully, they were a little bit more awake than their opponents," said Norton coach Jill Scott.

The Lady Jays won in three games 25-18, 15-25, 15-12.

As a team, Norton served 90 percent and missed only five serves in the match. Norton had 10 aces; Ashley Colip led the way with four.

Hill City

"Our girls played hard against a tough Hill City team," said coach a long, hard battle. It went back Scott. "In the end, we just fell short."

Norton lost the first game 20-25, then fought back to win the second game 25-17.

The third game went back and fourth but Hill City edged Norton 15-13.

The Lady Jays served just 81 percent in the match. Colip had four aces and Kaitlyn Wolf added three.

Quinter

"Against Quinter, we jumped ahead quickly in the first game and didn't really look back," said coach Scott. Norton won the match in two

games 25-16, 25-20. "Our girls really proved my

Husky junior high football loses season opener

Hill City

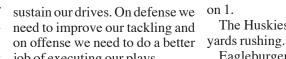
fectly the entire match.

The Northern Valley Junior High football team lost its season opener 42-14 to Hill City.

Hill City scored two touchdowns each in the first, second and fourth quarters.

The Huskies made it on the scoreboard at the end of the fourth. Dusty Eagleburger scored the first TD on a 48-yard run. Colton Lowry snagged a 23-yard pass from Eagleburger for the second touchdown, which was followed by extra points from Zac Vincent.

We had trouble keeping their fast running back contained," said coach Jim Cole. "On offense we moved the ball some, but could not



"Before the football game the passes for 23 yards. Lowry re-Long Island field was officially named Vallin Field. A large sign was posted on top of the scoreboard honoring Northern Valley's long-time principal Dwight Vallin, who retired this past year."

Eagleburger led rushing for the junior Huskies with 122 yards on 15 carries. He was followed by Vincent, 35 yards on 14 carries; Matt Dole, 28 on 8; Austin Herman, 4 on 1; and Nate Land, 2 recovery.

"Our girls faced Hill City again "We served 97 percent, only miss- in the championship match and ing two serves the whole match. I really wanted to come out and tried to explain how important prove that they could beat them," said coach Scott.

"I told the girls that, sometimes at the end of a long day of volleyball, it might come down to who is less tired and it needed to be us. To tell you the truth, I thought it was!"

The Lady Jays won the first game convincingly, 25-18. In the second game, Norton jumped ahead 12-1 but Hill City rallied for a 26-24 win.

"When we took a big lead, we Norton finished second to Hill must have thought we had it won but Hill City had another idea," said coach Scott. "When they came back to win, it hit us very hard. In the third game of the match, we just fell apart."

Hill City won the third game 15-4 to win the championship.

"Losing that last match was tough," said coach Scott.

"But, our girls really played hard all day long. Going into the Quinter match, they knew their options. If they won, they got to stay and, if they lost, they were out and had to come home early. They let me know in a very big way that they wanted to stay. I am very proud of what they accomplished.

"In addition to those girls albeginning. A number of long ready mentioned, Raven Brown, Amanda Delimont, Kendra Engelbert, Lacy Keilig and Alyssa Thomson also played a big part in our Lady Jays' second place finish."

Next action

The Norton varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams will compete Saturday in the Atwood

The Huskies had a total of 191

Eagleburger completed 1 of 5 ceived.

Tackles were made by Eagleburger, 8 solos, 4 assists; Vincent, 6 solos, 2 assists; Dole, 3 solos, 3 assists; Herman, 3 solos, 1 assist; Bryant Tharman, 2 solos, 3 assists; Land, 1 solo, 2 assists; Lowry, 1 solo, 1 assist; Calen Bach, 1 solo, 1 assist; Tyler Montgomery, 1 solo; Caleb Bach, 1 solo; and Skyler Harris, 2 assists.

Calen Bach made one fumble

job of executing our plays.

sustain our drives. On defense we on 1. need to improve our tackling and

Overall, Norton served 89 percent as a team with Lacy Ellis and Bethany Winkel both serving per-Quad, beginning at 10 a.m.

Victory, loss posted by 8th volleyball team

The Norton eighth grade volleyball team lost to Ellis 25-20, 17-25, 1-15, but beat Hill City 25-7, 25-18.

"On Aug. 31, the varsity volleyball team played in a triangular with Ellis and Hill City at Ellis," said Coach Erin Hill. "We played Ellis first, which was our first match of the season.

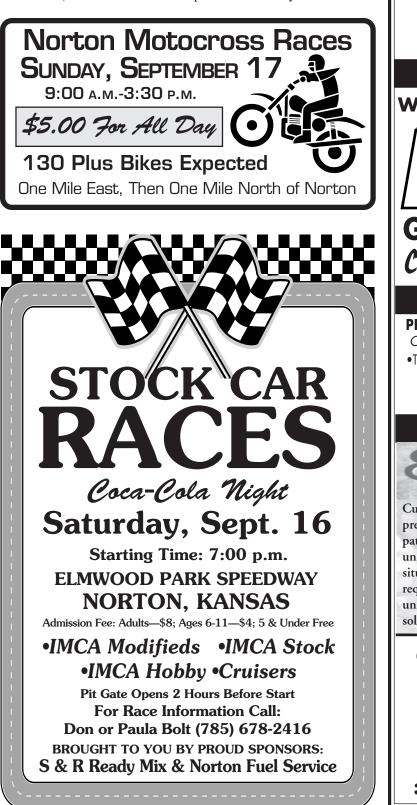
"We came out the first game a bit nervous and timid, but we also did some things well, which helped us pull out a win the first game, with a score of 25-20. The second game we fell into a slump fundamentally, and our nerves were still preventing us from playing our best volleyball. Ellis took that game with a score of 25-17. Going into our third game, the girls still lacked some much-needed confidence, and it showed. Ellis took the third game and match, 15-1.

"After the first match of the season, the girls knew what they needed to work on in order to beat a good Hill City team next. Each girl picked out two things she needed to do better in the match against Hill City. They all knew we had to play our level of volleyball, play with more intensity and enthusiasm, and play fundamentally sound to beat Hill City.

"The girls came out ready to play. They played hard, showed passion, intensity, and enthusiasm. Every single one of them played aggressively, and we worked well as a team. The Norton eighth grade team beat Hill City with impressive scores of 25-7 and 25-18. The girls showed everyone this match that they re going to be a great team and hard to beat if they play that kind of volleyball against every team we play."

Jarvis and Shayne Runnion, WaKeeney, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Belleville, 8-3 and outscored poned due to rainy weather.

Phillipsburg; defeated Kendra This tournament was scheduled Miller and Morgan Sandell, as the season opener but was post-



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