

# Blue Jay tennis sitting out state

By DICK BOYD

Two singles players and two doubles teams from Norton Community High School competed in the Class 3A Regional Tennis Tournament last Thursday in WaKeeney, but did not place high enough to qualify for state tournament play.

Phillipsburg players earned a total of 12 points, followed by Salina-Sacred Heart, 8; Osborne, 5; Scott City, 4; Trego Community, 3; Plainville, 2; Beloit, 1; Victoria, 1; Norton, 0; Ellsworth, 0; Belleville, 0.

Senior Brienne Nelson played singles and defeated junior Kady Malmberg, Phillipsburg, 8-2, in her first match. Next, she played No.3 seed Brooke Boulware, Scott City senior, and lost 8-1.

"Brienne played her best match of the season to defeat Malmberg of Phillipsburg," said Norton coach Jim Green.

"She consistently kept the ball in play and ran hard to balls that were not within reach."

Lady Jay senior Kayleigh Brooks also played singles. She lost her first match by a score of 8-2 to freshman Jamie Shoemaker of Ellis.

Norton seniors Hannah Mills and Reesa Volgamore played doubles. In their first match, they defeated seniors Van Campen and West 8-2. In their second match, they played No.5 seed Hobbs and

Burgardt, Beloit seniors, and lost 8-0.

"I was pleased with the draw we received for our doubles team of Hannah Mills and Reesa Volgamore," said coach Green. "They were in the feather bracket that advances to play the fifth seed and then the fourth seed. I felt that it gave them the best chance to make it to the top four."

Lady Jay seniors Lisa Jones and Tiffany Marx also played doubles. They lost their match with seniors Gregory and Koops of Osborne by an 8-4 score.

The other senior on the Norton team this season was Gena Myers.

Qualifying for the state tournament in singles were: Sloane Hardman, Osborne junior, first, 27-5 season record; Melinda Schremmer, Phillipsburg senior, second, 20-11; Brooke Boulware, Scott City senior, third, 24-9; Vanessa Owings, Plainville senior, fourth, 19-12.

Making it to the state tournament in doubles were: junior Kayla Jarvis and sophomore Shayne Rynnion, Phillipsburg, first, 28-3; junior Carolyn Klenda and sophomore Moe Mikinski, Salina-Sacred Heart, second, 20-7; senior Kali Asher and junior Jodie Mongeau, Phillipsburg, third, 20-2; sophomore Emily Douglas and sophomore Morgan Hale, Salina-Sacred Heart, fourth, 22-8.

# Junior varsity football loses lead, game, 32-22

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity football team saw a lead disappear in the second half as Philipsburg rallied to win 32-22 on Monday evening, October 2 in Phillipsburg.

Norton led 22-18 at intermission but the young Panthers scored 14 points in the second half.

Both teams had turnovers on their opening possessions. The offensive fireworks began as the Panthers scored on a 12 yard run. The Blue Jays answered with a sustained drive, culminating with a Matt Stanley 25 yard touchdown run. Norton quarterback Connor Pfannenstiel passed to Landon Hamel for two extra points to put Norton on top 8-6.

The Panthers responded with a time-consuming drive to retake the lead. Norton jumped back into the lead on a 50 yard pass from Brad Nuzum. The run for two extra points failed and Norton led 14-12.

A 37-yard pass interception for a touchdown shifted the momentum back to the Panthers. A pass for two extra points was incomplete and Phillipsburg led 18-14. The see-saw first half came to a close as the Nuzum to Hamel combination connected again, this time from 30 yards out.

Stanley was successful on a run for two extra points and the Jays

were back on top 22-18.

The second half was a complete reversal of the first as both defenses settled in. Phillipsburg took a 26-22 lead with a 9 yard touchdown run late in the third quarter. Norton had two opportunities to retake the lead with possessions deep in Panther territory but was stopped twice on fourth and short yardage.

The Panthers then put the game out of reach with a long drive, culminating in a 7 yard touchdown run which gave them a 10-point cushion for the win.

"We were extremely pleased with our effort from start to finish," said Norton coach David Stover.

"But, we were not able to come up with a defensive stop when we needed it.

"Our players came out and competed against a very good group from Phillipsburg and we gave ourselves opportunities to earn the victory.

"We are showing steady improvement at this level. With sustained effort such as was displayed this evening, especially by Matt Stanley, this improvement will continue."

The Norton junior varsity football team was scheduled to play Stockton, but the game was canceled due to a lack of Stockton players.



Husky quarterback Blake Johnson (No. 12) prepared to hand the ball off during last Friday's game against Weskan. North-

ern Valley lost 70-20 in the home game played in Almena.

— Telegram photo by Deena Wentz

# Latest encounters end up L's for Huskies

The Northern Valley High School football team lost to Weskan 70-20 on Friday, Oct. 6.

Weskan ruled the first quarter with three touchdowns. Joel Osburn brought in the first on a 12-yard run with 7:48 showing on the clock. He followed up with extra points. Drew Fraiser snagged a 17-yard pass from Jesse Welsh at 3:08; McKinney ran in the points after. With 1:18 left in the first, Jerrod Lamm rushed 39-yards to score. Welsh ran in the extra points.

Just over two minutes into the second quarter, Lamm ran 10 yards to score six for Weskan and added another two when he ran in the points after.

With 8:10 showing, the Huskies made it on the board when Jacob Gallentine dashed 2 yards for six points. Northern Valley was back in the end zone at 5:43 on a 53-yard run from Travis Redeker, giving the Huskies 12 points. Neither attempt for extra points made it.

With 1:33 left in the half, Weskan's Osburn rushed 52 yards to score. The run for extra points failed, leaving the half-time score at 38-12.

Eighteen seconds into the third

quarter, Weskan scored as Cole Herschberger ran 36 yards for six points. He followed by making the extra two. Less than a minute later, Lamm made a 21-yard fumble return for Weskan. The pass for extra points failed.

Redeker made the Huskies' last touchdown on a 5-yard run. Gallentine ran in the extra points, giving Northern Valley an even 20 points.

With :52 left in the third, Herschberger rushed 36 yards to score for Weskan. The points after attempt failed.

At 4:53 in the fourth, Lamm dashed 8 yards to score again. No extra points were made. Osburn made Weskan's final touchdown with :38 left in the game on a 5-yard run.

Gallentine led rushing for Northern Valley with 144 yards on 35 carries. Others rushing for the Huskies were Redeker, 122 yards on 19 carries; and Blake Johnson, 26 yards on 9 carries.

Johnson completed 1 of 5 passes for 1 yard. Gallentine didn't complete his one attempted pass. Gallentine received Johnson's completed pass.

Gallentine led tackles with 9

solos and 3 assists. He was followed by Cameron Duede, 8-2; Nathaniel Graham, 7-2; Tanner Jessup, 4-3; Ben Rojas, 4-1; Hutch Gehrke, 4-0; Johnson, 1-3; Redeker, 2-0; Chaim McMillin, 0-1.

### Cheylin

The Northern Valley football team lost 22-8 to Cheylin on Sept. 29.

The Huskies got the first touchdown in the game when Richie Kersch rushed 8 yards to score with 5:37 showing in the first quarter. Redekerran in the points after, giving Northern Valley an 8-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Cheylin made it on the board with 6:12 showing when Sam Hengen dashed 1 yard into the end zone. The pass for points after failed.

Cheylin took the lead in the third with two touchdowns. The first, at 8:41, was made on a 25-yard run from Hengen, who also ran in the extra points. The second, at 4:26, was made by Lucious White on a 2-yard run. White ran in the points after.

Kersch led rushing for the Huskies with 85 yards on 12 carries, followed by Gallentine, 52 yards on 10; Ethan Hays, 27 yards on 10;

Redeker, 19 yards on 8; and Johnson, 8 yards on 4.

Johnson completed 1 of 4 passes for 24 yards. Receiving was Kersch. Hays didn't complete either of his attempted passes.

Jessup led tackles with 10 solos and 7 assists. He was followed by Dusty Eagleburger, 8-8; Kersch, 11-2; Graham, 4-9; Taylor Hammond, 6-0; Gallentine, 4-0; Redeker, 4-0; Duede, 2-2; Rojas, 3-0; Chase Miller, 2-1; Chance Miller, 2-0; Johnson, 0-1.

### GAME STATISTICS

N. Valley	Weskan
13	9
292	370
1	41
293	411
1-6	2-5
7-1	5-2
3-15	5-40
4-99-24.8	3-33-11.0
N. Valley	Cheylin
11	13
191	204
24	70
215	274
1-6	5-11
1-1	2-1
6-40	7-60
3-70-23.3	1-25-25.0

# Trip to Rexford failed to produce 'w'

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School girls varsity volleyball team traveled to Rexford for matches on Tuesday and lost 18-25, 23-25 to Golden Plains and 24-26, 25-12, 16-25 to Logan.

### Golden Plains

"Against Golden Plains, our passing was off, which did not allow us to get into an attacking mode," said Norton coach Chuck Zimmerman. "We had to give our opponents free balls, which they in turn attacked back to us."

Norton had a 1.6 team passing average. Leaders were Brianna Felton, 1.8 and Lacey Roe, 1.7. Setters were credited with 18 assists. Katharine Roy led with 11 and Courtney Cox had 7.

Lady Jay spikers recorded 22 kills. Leaders were Maggie Nielsen, 7 and Hayli Bozarth, 6.

Perfect servers were Felton, 10; Cox, 7; Nielsen, 4; Bozarth, 4.

### Logan

"In the second match, we went against Logan and lost the first game 24-26 before coming back to win our second game 25-12, our largest margin of victory for the year," said coach Zimmerman. "But, we could not continue the good play in the third and lost 16-25."

Norton had two perfect servers, Cox and Bozarth. Bozarth recorded a team high in aces with 3, Felton and Nielsen had 2 each and Sara Lentz and Cox, 1 each.

Passing was still at the 1.6 average. Felton and Roe led with a 1.7 rating each. The Lady Jays had 21 kills. Leading hitters were Bozarth with 7 kills and Lacy Keilig and Cox, 3 each. Setters recorded 17 assists. Roy had 9 and Cox 8.

### Next action

Norton will compete Saturday in the annual Mid-Continent League Volleyball Tournament in

Stockton. The Lady Jays are seeded No.7 with a 4-20 record. They will play No.2 seed Osborne (19-4) at 9 a.m. in the Stockton Junior High. Their next match in pool play will be at 12 noon versus No.3 seed Ellis (16-6) in the junior high.

Norton's final pool match will be at 2 p.m. vs. No.6 seed Trego (10-13) in the junior high. The top

## Tremendous finish for jayvee volleyball

Coach Jill Scott's Norton Community High School junior varsity girls volleyball team finished the season 20-6 with wins over Smith Center in two matches on Tuesday, October 3 in Norton.

In the first match in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym, Norton won 25-14, 25-21. In the second match versus the Lady Redmen, the Lady Blue Jays prevailed 25-17, 25-13.

"Once again, we came out and played very strong against a good

two teams from each of the two pools will play in the semi-finals at 3:30. The championship finals will be at 5 p.m. in the high school gym and the third place match will be at 5 p.m. in the junior high.

Phillipsburg is seeded No.1 with a 22-3 record. Hill City (17-8) is seeded No.4, Smith Center (16-9) is No.5, Plainville (3-15) is No.8 and Stockton (3-21) is No.9.

opponent," said coach Scott. "We knew we had to win both matches to get over 75 percent wins for the season and our girls did not intend for anything to stand in the way of that!"

"I can't express how excited I was for this group of girls to finish the season the way they did. After the first 13 matches, we were 7-6 and then we won our last 13 in a row to finish 20-6 and win 75 percent of our matches.

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