

Blue Jays advance after socking Stockton 65-49

By DICK BOYD

The No.2 seeded Norton Community High School boys basketball team defeated No.7 seeded Stockton 65-49 on Monday in Stull Gymnasium in Norton to advance from the first round in the annual Mid-Continent League Tournament.

The Blue Jays took an early lead, built on it, then maintained it for their second win of the season over the Tigers.

Norton defeated them 52-39 earlier at Stockton.

Norton denied the Tigers any field goals in the first quarter and led 12-2 at the end of the period.

A 20-16 second quarter in favor of Norton made the score 32-18 at intermission.

The Blue Jays outscored the Tigers 14-8 in the third quarter to extend their advantage to 20 points at 46-26.

Stockton cut 4 points off Norton's final margin of victory by outscoring the Blue Jays 23-19 in the fourth quarter.

"We had a great first half and really got some great help from our bench," said Norton head coach Doug Reusink.

"Once we got the big lead, we lost some of our intensity in the second half," he said.

"We shot free throws pretty well in the game and that was good to see. Our defensive rebounding in the second half was not as good as I like to see."

Senior post Nic Lewis had another outstanding game. He scorched the nets again as he connected on 11 of 16 shots for 69 percent accuracy and was a perfect 3 of 3 from the free throw line to end with 25 points for the night.

Junior point guard Logan Kats was on target from the perimeter, hitting 5 of 10 two-point attempts for 50 percent. He missed his only three-point try. Kats was a perfect 2 of 2 from the charity stripe and totaled 12 points.

Senior post Blake Wolf was perfect from the field as he hit all three shots he took and was 2 of 4 from the free throw line for 50 percent and 8 points.

Leneal Weiser was leading scorer for Stockton with 13 points; Luke Kriley added 10 points.

As a team, the Blue Jay boys missed all 6 shots they took from beyond the arc, hit an excellent 23 of 42 for 55 percent from two-point range and ended 23 of 48 overall for 48 percent.

The Tigers connected on 4 of 6 long range shots for 67 percent, 11 of 42 two-point tries for 26 percent

and 15 of 48 overall for 31 percent. Both teams were very accurate from the free throw line. Norton hit 19 of 27 for 70 percent and Stockton converted 15 of 21 for 71 percent.

The rebounding battle was also close. The Blue Jays pulled down 3 offensive and 18 defensive caroms for 21 total and the Tigers grabbed 4 offensive and 16 defensive boards for 20 total.

Lewis was leading rebounder for Norton with 6, followed by Wes Georgeson, 5; Brian Juenemann, 4; Jared Engelbert, 3; Logan Keiswetter, Wolf, Preston Herman, 1 each.

Lewis blocked 3 shots and Kats rejected 1.

Kats and Wolf each had 3 of Norton's 11 steals in the game. Also making thefts were Juenemann, 2; Engelbert, Keiswetter, Georgeson, 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 13 offensive assists. Kats led with 6, followed by Juenemann, 5; Engelbert, Georgeson, 1 each.

Norton had just 9 turnovers and Stockton gave up the ball 12 times.

In other first round games on Monday, No.1 seed Hill City defeated No.9 Plainville 66-54, No.5 seed Smith Center upset No.4 seed Trego 52-48 in overtime and No.6

seed Osborne upset No.3 seed Phillipsburg 55-53.

Plainville defeated No.8 Ellis in the feather bracket game on Saturday.

In the tournament championship semi-finals, Norton will play Osborne at 4:30 p.m. today and Hill City and Smith Center will play at 7:30 p.m. this evening.

Both games will be in the Gross Memorial Coliseum on the campus of Fort Hays State University, Hays.

In the consolation bracket, Plainville and Trego and Phillipsburg and Stockton played on Thursday.

BOX SCORE Norton Boys 65

Logan Keiswetter 0 0 4-4 4; Logan Kats 5 0 2-2 12; Landon Hamel 0 0 1-2 1; Brian Juenemann 0 0 4-6 4; Blake Wolf 3 0 2-4 8; Jared Cox 1 0 1-2 3; Wes Georgeson 2 0 0-4 8; Nic Lewis 11 0 3-3 25; Preston Herman 1 0 2-4 4; Total 23 0 19-27 65.

Stockton Boys 49

Ethan Kriley 1 0 1-2 3; Luke Kriley 3 0 4-4 10; Marcus Moll 0 0 2-4 2; Tyson LaSage 1 1 2-2 7; Kyle Weiser 2 1 1-2 8; Leneal Weiser 3 2 1-3 13; Scott Voss 1 0 4-4 6; Total 11 4 15-21 49.



Norton senior post Blake Wolf shot over Stockton defenders to score during the Blue Jays' 65-49 win here on Monday evening in the first round of the annual Mid-Continent League Basketball Tournament. Wolf was perfect from the field as he hit all three shots he took and was 2 of 4 from the free throw line for 50 percent and 8 total points. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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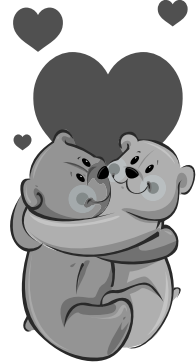
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