Tuesday, January 30, 2007

# Tough loss for Blue Jay ladies vs. Oberlin

### **By DICK BOYD**

The Norton Community High School girls basketball squad lost a hard fought 56-51 game to Oberlin on Thursday in Stull Gymnasium in Norton.

The Lady Red Devils took a 16-8 lead after one quarter. Sophomore guard Laura Lee Baird hit Norton's only two baskets in the first period and also added two free throws. Norton's other points came on two free throws by sophomore post Hayli Bozarth.

The Lady Jays outscored Oberlin 12-9 in the second quarter and trailed by just 25-20 at halftime. Bozarth scored most of Norton's second period points as she connected for four baskets and a free throw. Baird hit her third basket of the night and sophomore post KaraJo Jones swished a free throw.

Oberlin edged Norton 12-9 in expect to win. the third quarter. Baird hit a threepoint and two-point basket and early in shooting the ball but, as the two charities, Jones hit her first basket of the night and Norton trailed 37-29.

The Lady Jays didn't give up but played their best offensive basketball of the night in the fourth quarter when they hit 22 points. Unfortunately, Oberlin connected for 19 points to hold off the Norton rally.

The Lady Jays hit four three-Baird hit three of them and sophomore guard Taylor Rossi hit an-Baird and Jones each hit two free one." throws in the final stanza.

"We just didn't play good enough defense to win," said Norton head coach Kevin Jilka. "You can't give up 56 points and

"Offensively, we struggled game went along, we did a much better job of moving the basketball and getting good shots.

"Oberlin is a fine ball club and played extremely well. They deserve a lot of credit.

"Our girls fought to the end. We were down 12 in the middle of the fourth quarter and had a chance to tie but just couldn't get a basket. point baskets in the fourth quarter. But, our effort was great. We need this kind of effort all the time.

"We will take some time off and other. Bozarth hit two more field be ready to go Tuesday against goals and Jones added another. Smith Center. It should be a good

> Baird ended the game with 26 points. She hit 4 of 8 from beyond the arc for 50 percent, 4 of 13 twopoint attempts for 31 percent and 8 of 21 overall for 38 percent.

Bozarth scored 15 points on 6 of 8 from the field for a net-smoking 75 percent and a perfect 3 of 3 chari-

ties. L. Fortin led Oberlin with 19 points; T. Dorshorst and E. Pauls

each hit 12. As a team, the Lady Jays hit 5 of 17 from long range for 29 percent, 12 of 30 two-point tries for 40 percent and 17 of 47 overall for 36 percent.

Oberlin swished 3 of 12 from beyond the arc for 25 percent, 18 of 34 two-point attempts for 53 percent and 21 of 46 overall for 46 percent.

From the free throw line, the Lady Jays swished 12 of 17 for 71 percent and the Lady Red Devils connected on 11 of 15 for 73 percent.

Both teams had 9 offensive and 10 defensive rebounds for 19 to-

with 7, followed by Jones, 5; Baird, 4; Rossi, Ashley Colip, Maggie Nielsen, 1 each.

Norton had 11 steals compared to 6 for Oberlin. Bozarth had 4 thefts, followed by Jones, 3; Rossi, 2; Baird, Megan Kats, 1 each.

The Lady Jays were credited with 13 assists and the Lady Red Devils with 12. Rossi led with 6, followed by Kats, 4; Baird, 2; Bozarth, 1.

Norton had 13 turnovers and ning at 4 p.m. Oberlin gave up the ball 14 times.

#### Junior varsity

- The Norton junior varsity defeated Oberlin 40-26.
- Norton held quarter leads of 12-5, 22-14 and 28-20.

Ashlie Stewart led the young Lady Jays with 15 points, followed by Kaitlyn Wolf, 8; Amanda Ray, 7; Lacy Keilig, 4; Shelby Jones, Hannah Waggoner, Bethany Roy, 2 each.

L. Sheaffer was the scoring leader for Oberlin with 10.

Junior high wrestling tourney set for Saturday

"This was an important victory The Norton leader was Bozarth for us," said Norton assistant coach George Rossi.

"We needed to show that the win over Goodland was not a fluke.

"Our girls are doing a good job of working together and being aggressive. They have been showing this in practice and now they have transferred it to the game floor."

#### Next action

Norton will travel to Smith Center today to play in C-team, junior varsity and varsity games, begin-

## **BOX SCORE:** Norton Girls 51

Taylor Rossi 0 1 0-0 3; Laura Lee Baird 4 4 6-8 26; Maggie Nielsen 0 0 0-2 0; KaraJo Jones 2 0 3-47; Hayli Bozarth 60 3-3 15; Total 12 5 12-17 51.

### **Oberlin Girls 56**

W. Ashley 1 1 0-0 5; L. Fortin 4 2 5-7 19; S. Murray 2 0 0-0 4; L. Ream 100-02; H. Williams 100-0 2; T. Dorshorst 4 0 4-5 12; E. Pauls 502-312; Total 18311-15 56.

Eight area schools will be represented on Saturday, Feb. 3 when the Norton Junior High School Wrestling Tournament

In addition to Norton, the other schools are Atwood, Colby, Hill City, Hoxie, Oakley, Osborne and Smith Center.

The day's action is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. in Stull Gymnasium and run straight through using three mats.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams.

Medals will be presented to the top four placers in each of the brackets.

# Husky junior high boys remain unbeaten, 8-0

The Northern Valley Junior High A-team boys remain unbeaten at 8-0, thanks to a 47-35 whipping of Damar on Jan. 25.

The Huskies were in front 13-7 at the end of the first period; 22-13 at half; and 37-25 at the end of three. Both teams rattled the nets for 10 points in the fourth.

Colton Lowry led the Northern Valley charge with 13 points and Dusty Eagleburger also hit in double digits with 10.

Others breaking into the scoring column were Austin Herman with 7, Bryant Tharman 6, Zac Vincent

4, Brian Siard 3 and Skyler Harris and Caleb Bach with 2 each.

The Huskies also won the Bteam game 24-13, to improve their on Feb. 1 against Logan. record to 5-1.

Gunnar Hays scored 8, Caleb and Zane Miller, all with 2, and Damar on Jan. 25. Matt Dole 1.

boys had their best offensive game 6 for their 31 points. of the season. They ran their fast break offense extremely well in the first quarter. They played very well as a team, finding the open

man for an easy shot."

The Huskies will finish the regular season with a home game

# The Girls

The Northern Valley Junior

Scoring for the Huskies were Staci Dole with 14, Erika Chandler 2 and Kayla Field 2.

The B-team girls picked up a

decisive 14-2 victory in a twoquarter contest. Northern Valley popped in 6 points in the first quarter and 8 in the second. Damar scored its 2 points in the first quarter and went scoreless in the second.

Scoring for the Huskies were Kenzi Husted with 8, Melissa Hawks 2, Kynzie Stevens 2 and Regan Simpson 2.

The B-team's record is 3-4.

Coach Largent offered these comments: "The girls played very hard and we did some things well; however, in the end our lack of size and our inability to rebound proved to be too much to overcome. We got good looks at the basket and the shots just didn't fall. The B-team girls have won two games in a row and continue to

# Logan Trojan update

43-26 win over Kensington on Jan. 25 at home.

After shooting poorly in the first half and trailing 17-16 at the break, the Trojans held the Goldbugs to 2 points in the third period, taking a 26-19 lead. The Trojans then sealed the victory with a 17-7 fourth quarter output.

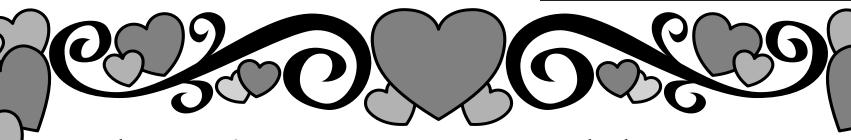
Mark Pakkebier had a gamehigh 23 points for the Trojans. Sean Newlan had 6, Jordan Girard and Brady Tien 4 each, and Thomas Oles and Tracy Archer each bagged 2.

The Trojans are now 5-5 overall and hosted Eastern Heights in

early season loss with a lopsided Sammons and Whitney Mulder 3 Morris 4, Reese 3 and Gaines 1.

The Logan Trojan Junior High Becker 2 apiece. Rebounds: Buss each, Zillinger 2 and Christina boys basketball team avenged an 11, Reese 7, Morris 6, Gaines 5, Benton 1. Steals: Sammons 5,

improve."



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Bach 4, Tyson Callaway 3, Calen High A-team girls fell to 1-6 with Bach, Skyler Harris, Nate Land a 31-18 defeat at the hands of The Huskies went 4-6-2-6 for Coach Cole said: "The A-team their 18 points and Damar 8-10-7-

# gets underway.

a makeup game Monday. They travel to Long Island to play Northern Valley on Feb. 1.

The B-team lost 39-20. A 14point fourth quarter made up part of the 32-6 third quarter deficit. Newlan scored 8 points, Tracy Archer and Trever Archer 4 apiece, Dalton Schneider 2, and Gage LeRoux and Coy Leggett each had 1 point.

# Girls' action

The Logan Junior High A-Team girls defeated Damar 32-30, but lost to Kensington 29-25 in their latest two outings, Jan. 21 and Jan. 25, respectively. Here are the stats for those two games:

# Vs. Damar

Scoring: Caley Greving 15, Samantha Tien 6, Alethea Bennett 4, Hannah Pinkerton 4 and Kacee Braun 3. Rebounds: Greving 8, Bennett 6, Tien 6, Pinkerton 5 and Braun 1. Steals: Pinkerton 8, Greving 3, and Bev Sammons and Tien 1 each. Assist leader: Sammons 1.

# Vs, Kensington

Scoring: Greving 14, Bennett 4, Tien 3, and Sammons and Pinkerton 2 each. **Rebounds:** Greving and Bennett 8 apiece, Pinkerton 7, Tien 6, Braun 3 and Sammons 2. Steals: Pinkerton 4, Tien 3 and Greving and Sammons 2 each. Assist leaders: Tien, Sammons and Greving 2 apiece.

The B-Team beat Damar 14-6 and lost to Kensington 21-17. Here are the stats:

# Vs. Damar

Scoring: Paige Buss 8, Kaylene Reese 2, Val Morris 2 and Sammons 2. Rebounds: Reese 6, Buss 4, Amy Zillinger 1 and Katie Becker 1. Steals: Morris 3, Buss 2, and Reese, Sammons and Marci Gaines 1 each. Assist leader: Morris 1.

# Vs. Kensington

Scoring: Sammons 5, Buss and Reese 4 each, and Morris and

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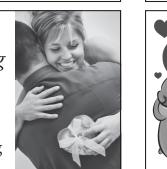
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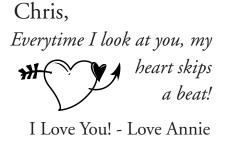
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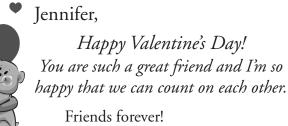
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