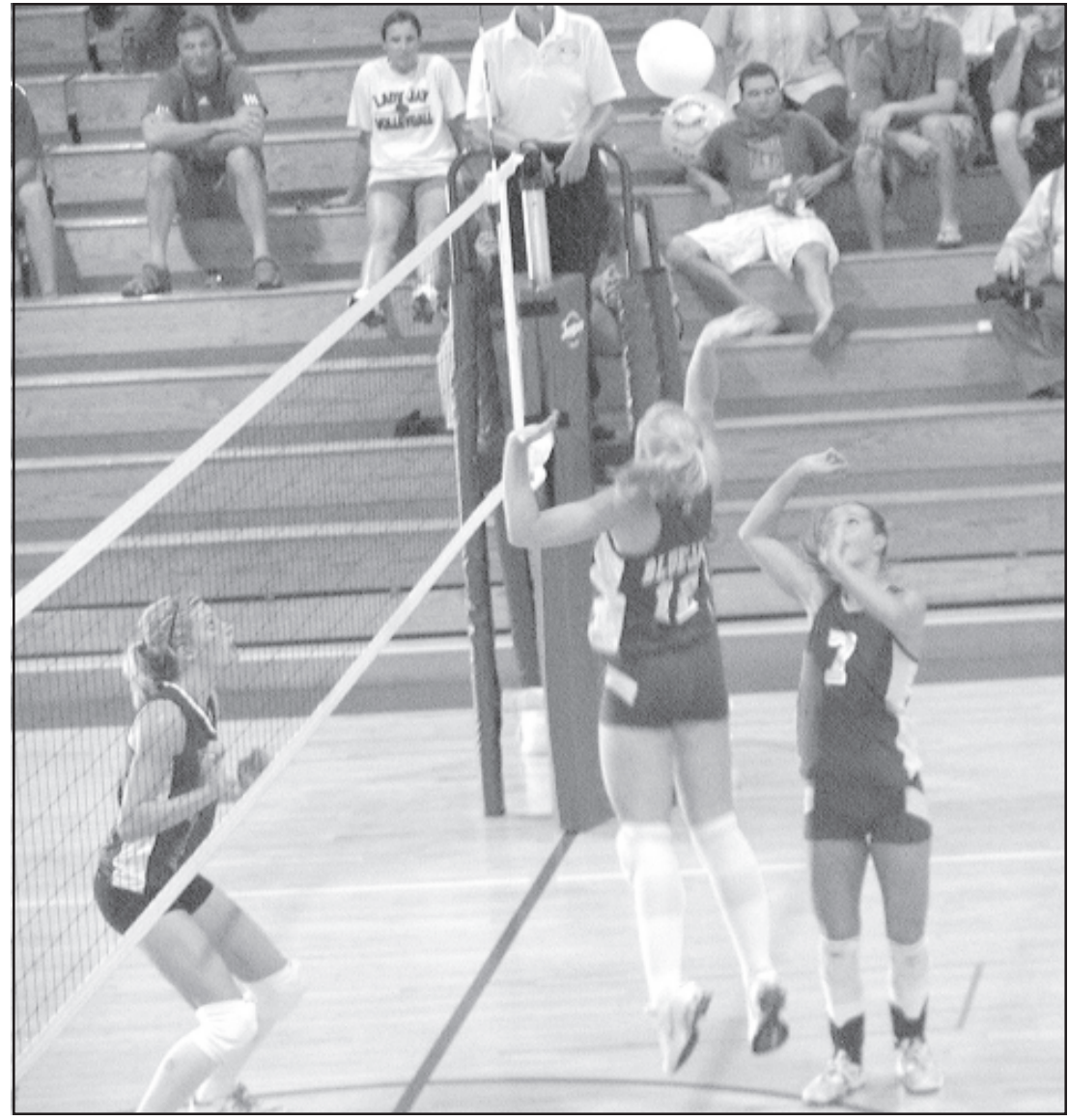


# Volleyball 1-1 on Senior Night

## Indoors, outdoors the action unfolds



Norton's Courtney Cox, No. 7, set the ball for Lacy Keilig, who hit the volleyball over the net during the Lady Jays match with Northern Valley here on Tuesday evening. Playing defense for the Lady Huskies was Alison Cole. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Northern Valley's Bryce Marble passes one runner and gains on another during the Norton Invitational Cross Country Meet here on Thursday, August 30. Marble placed sixth individually with an excellent time of 19 minutes, 18 seconds for the 3.1 mile run. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



The Lady Huskies' Kayla Field focused on the race course ahead as she passed a runner during the Norton Invitational Cross Country Meet on the golf course south of Norton on Thursday, August 30. Field ran an outstanding 2.5 mile race, finishing fourth individually in 17 minutes, 51 seconds. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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The Norton Community High School girls volleyball team defeated Northern Valley and lost to Phillipsburg on "Senior Night" in competition Tuesday evening in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium.

Norton senior players honored were Courtney Cox, Lacy Ellis, Ashli Hageman, Courtney LeClair, Sara Lentz and Thea Wiseman.

### PHILLIPSBURG

The Lady Jays played Phillipsburg in the opening match and lost 17-25, 18-25.

"Phillipsburg is a team that you have to play to win as they are very aggressive from both the serving and attack line," said Norton head coach Peggy Cox.

"They pass extremely well, which allows the setter to mix up the offense and that kept us guessing whom to block.

"While we're seeing flashes of what's to come for our Lady Jays, we're struggling to put it all together and build upon that to take

it to the next level.

"In this match, we had only five kills with 10 aces. Five of the aces were from Courtney LeClair. It's tough to win a game, must less a match, with those statistics."

LeClair and Hayli Bozarth had two kills each with Lacy Keilig adding one more. Katharine Roy had two aces with Courtney Cox, Shelby Jones and Thea Wiseman adding one apiece.

### NORTHERN VALLEY

Norton defeated Northern Valley 25-20, 25-21 in their second match.

"Although we were victorious, I would have liked to see us play a much more consistent game," said coach Cox. "We are still struggling from the service line, where we had just 77 percent accuracy, and our passes, though better, are not as crisp as they need to be. This was an 'ugly' win but a win, nonetheless."

The number of kills was 17, much higher than against Phillipsburg. Bozarth led with six kills, followed by LeClair, four;

Keilig, three; Wiyanna Paxton and Cox, two each.

"It is crucial to have passing; it starts the entire offense as is obvious from multiple hitters having kills," said coach Cox. "Lacy Ellis, Wiseman, Jones and K. Roy were using their hands to get the offense started earlier and Cox was able to use almost all of her hitters. Cox had 12 assists in this match but, again, it begins with a pass."

### Third match

In the third match of the evening, Phillipsburg defeated Northern Valley 25-9 and 25-18.

### Next action

The Norton varsity will not play volleyball again until next Thursday when both the varsity and junior varsity host Goodland in matches in Norton that begin at 4:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Norton C-team will play Trego on Monday in WaKeeney, beginning at 5 p.m. and the Norton junior varsity will play in the Quinter Tournament on Saturday, with action beginning at 9 a.m.

## Perfect start for jayvee volleyball

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The Norton Community High School girls junior varsity volleyball team has opened the 2007 season with a perfect 3-0 record.

After defeating Osborne 25-12, 25-7 and Colby 25-20, 12-25, 15-9 last Tuesday, August 28 in Norton, they outscored Phillipsburg 25-15, 15-13, 25-16 in a best three out of five games match on Tuesday of this week, also in Norton.

### OSBORNE

"The win over Osborne was very solid as we were able to shake the first match of the season jitters and play effectively," said Norton assistant coach Christine Eveleigh.

Kaitlyn Wolf led the Lady Jays with six hitting kills, followed by Amanda Delimont, three; Sophie Mills, two; Charli Lawson, one.

Lawson led in serving aces with four, followed by Wolf, Ashlie Stewart and Bethany Winkel, two each.

Ashley Colip, the team's setter, led the Lady Jays with eight setting assists. Kendra Engelbert also contributed one setting assist.

### COLBY

"The match against Colby was a difficult one due to Colby playing strong and taking us into a third game. We were able to put Colby away in the third game easily by controlling the momentum and capturing the win," said coach Eveleigh.

Wolf led the Lady Jays again with eight hitting kills, followed by Delimont, four; Lawson, two; Stewart, Mills, one kill each.

The junior varsity Lady Jays served well in this match with Hannah Waggoner having three serving aces, followed by Stewart, Colip, two each; Raven Brown, Wolf, one each. Colip led the team in setting assists with 10.

### PHILLIPSBURG

"We were strong and consistent in the back row passing and digging during the win over Phillipsburg," said coach Eveleigh. "Having these attributes on our team makes us successful and hard to beat. The net play during this match was also excellent. I am pleased with our net play at this time; our players are starting to play aggressive and smart at the net.

"Overall, our team is starting to mesh together and everyone is contributing in their own way, which is causing our success."

Charli Lawson led the Lady Jays with six kills, followed by Kaitlyn Wolf, five; Kendra Engelbert, two; Raven Brown, one.

It was also a good serving and digging night for Norton. Ashlie Stewart served aggressively with six serving aces, followed by Raven Brown, five; Ashley Colip, three; Hannah Waggoner, two; Kaitlyn Wolf, Bethany Winkel, one each.

On the defensive side, Stewart led with eight digs, followed by Brown, Waggoner, four each; Winkel, two; Colip, one.

### Next action

Norton will compete in the Quinter Junior Varsity Volleyball Tournament on Saturday in Quinter, beginning at 9 a.m.

Teams competing, in addition to Quinter and Norton, will be Trego, Wheatland, Oberlin, Hill City, Oakley and Hoxie.

Norton will play in Pool B which will be in the junior varsity gym. The Lady Jays will open in a match versus Hoxie.

## Eighth grade girls display confidence

The Norton 8th grade varsity volleyball team hosted a triangular with Ellis and Hill City.

Norton's first match was against Ellis and the girls came ready to play.

"Although nerves were there, the girls broke through them and looked confident, which showed in their playing," said coach Erin Hill.

Norton won the first game 25-17, with Erin Terrell serving 10 serves in a row for points. In the second game, Norton again pulled away with a 25-9 victory, therefore taking the match, as well for the first win of the season.

Caren Thomson served six serves in a row for points in this game.

"For our first match of the season, the girls played very well, consistent and with passion," the

coach said. "I was very proud of how they came out and played and started the season off with a win."

The second match of the night was against Hill City's Ringnecks. Again, the girls were ready to play and won the first game 25-15.

Brooklyn Winkel served nine serves in a row for points.

In the second game, the Lady Jays did not let up an ounce, as they went on to win the game and match with a score of 25-10.

In that game, Kylie Nuzum served six serves in a row, two separate times.

"Again, I was very excited in how the girls came to play in both matches," said coach Hill.

She said that for the first games of the season, they handled the pressure of "a first game" extremely well.

"We will be continuing to work

hard and work on serve receive as we prepare for the Phillipsburg Panthers," the coach said.

The girls travel to Phillipsburg Thursday to take them on and "hopefully bring home another win," the coach added.

In the last match of the night, the Norton jayvee team took on the Ellis jayvee squad. Norton lost a close game in game #1, with a score of 23-25.

Alexis Henson, Shylo Paxton and Tiffany Eagleburger all added a great deal of good serves to keep the game close.

In game two, the girls had a few problems with rotation, and Ellis pulled away with a 13-25 victory.

The junior varsity is anxious to get back on the court again when they travel to Phillipsburg on Thursday, also.

## Jayvee football opens with Redmen

By **DICK BOYD**  
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The Norton Community High School junior varsity football team opened their 2007 season on Tuesday evening at Travis Field with a 50-0 loss to Smith Center.

The Redmen scored on their first four possessions. A Blue Jay goalline stand just before the half kept the score 30-0 heading into the half-time break.

An excellent kickoff return by Landon Hamel gave the Blue Jays

great field position to start the second half but Norton was unable to capitalize inside the Smith Center 10 yard line.

The Redmen were then able to sustain three long scoring drives to complete the game.

"Although our overall effort was good up and down the lineup, our execution on both sides of the ball was not at the level we expect," said Norton coach David Stover.

"We had too many defensive

breakdowns and, offensively, we had positive results on individual plays but were not consistent enough to put together scoring drives.

"We will continue to work to improve in all areas and expect to get on the winning track next week."

The Norton junior varsity's second game of the season will be versus the Trego Golden Eagles at 6:30 p.m. on Monday in WaKeeney.

## Logan Trojan volleyball goes 2-0

The Logan Trojan volleyball ladies had a good start on the 2007 season, posting a 2-0 record with wins over Tipton and Eastern Heights.

Against Tipton, the Trojans posted 25-7 and 25-11 wins.

In serves, the Trojans were 55/58, 15A for 95 percent, vs. Tipton's 16/19, 1A for 84 percent. Individual leaders were Shelley, 10/10, 5A, and Jenny 9/9, 2A.

Coach Robin VanLaey's com-

mented:

"We were pleased with our first night out. This year we lost two players from last year by graduation and gained two. It is amazing how much difference one year can make. We are basically the same team as last year with one more year's experience. Hopefully this will help us with consistency and control.

"I felt that we served very well and tried to play pretty aggressive

volleyball. I would very much like to see our serve receive improve throughout the season."

The coach noted that she didn't have any statistics to offer as they were very inaccurate. She said she hopes the next matches will be better.

Against Eastern Heights, serves were 39/41, 18A, 96 percent vs. Eastern Heights' 27/39, 69 percent. Individual leaders were Autumn, 5/5 3A and Jenny, 5/5 3A.

### Huskies' performance pleases coach

The Northern Valley Huskies started their 2007 cross country season with a race in Norton on Aug. 30.

First year coach Laryl Rous was pleased with their efforts, especially with Kayla Field, a freshman, since this was her first high school race. State champion Aubrey Frederking of Ellis, a senior, won the varsity race and two

juniors placed 2nd and 3rd. Kayla came in 4th with a time of 17:51.

Northern Valley's senior Bryce Marble placed 6th in a time of 19:18, and junior Stanton Nelson placed 8th in the junior varsity competition in 23:38.

The boys ran 5K and the girls ran 4K (boys 3.1 miles and girls 2.5).