

Volleyball C-team tops Colby

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School C-team volleyball squad hosted a triangular on Thursday and split matches by defeating Colby 25-18, 26-24 and losing to Smith Center 17-25, 14-25.

In the third match, Smith Center defeated Colby 25-14, 25-14.

COLBY

In the win over Colby, Norton served 93 percent with 10 aces. Sophie Mills, Bekah Streck and Raven Brown served 100 percent. Hannah Waggoner had 4 aces, followed by Shaylyn Boteler, Mills, Sharrelle Shinn, 2 each.

Leading passers were Mills, Waggoner and Shinn.

"We looked pretty good in this match," said Norton assistant coach Jill Lively.

"We could have passed much better but we communicated well."

SMITH CENTER

In the loss to Smith Center, Norton served 85 percent with 8 aces. Shinn, Lindsey Tacha and Waggoner served 100 percent. Boteler led in serving aces with 3, followed by Katie Gall, Mills, Tacha, Brown, Waggoner, 1 each. Waggoner was the leading passer.

"Serving was detrimental to us; we would only serve 1 or 2, then put one in the net," said coach Lively. "That seemed to really lose momentum for us and we didn't communicate well either. We were disappointed to lose to Smith Center again because we don't feel like we have played well against them either time and we won't see them again this season. Smith Center is a good team and I would like to see how we match up when we are playing well."

Next action

The Norton C-team will conclude their 2007 season on Monday when they host Oberlin and Phillipsburg, beginning at 5 p.m.

Logan Trojan volleyball beats Palco Roosters

The Logan Trojan volleyball ladies beat Palco at Ransom on Sept. 25, 26-24, 12-25, 25-21.

Team stats:

Serves, 54/62, 10A, 87 percent vs. Palco's 61/69, 2A, 88 percent. Attacks, 47/56, 18K; Sets, 74/80, 19A; Serve Receives, 43/61, 70.5 percent; Blocks, 3; Dinks, 26/31, 3K

Individual Leaders:

Serves, Jenny Archer, 13/13, 5A; Attacks, Shelley Kemper, 17/21, 10, Autumn Tien, 19/20, 5K; Sets, Anna Zillinger, 36/38, 7A; Shaley Van Loenen, 31/34, 1A; Serves Receives, Jenny Archer, 17/20, 85 percent; Blocks, Shelley Kemper, 1 solo, 1 Ast, Aspen Larson, 2 Ast; Dinks, Shaley Van Loenen, 6/7, 2K.

Record: 6-9

Coach VanLaey's comments: "It was great to get another league win. The girls did a little better job of increasing our level of play. Our serve receive was much better than the previous match."

Vs. Western Plains at Ransom Sept. 25

Final score: 18-25, 22-25, Loss

Team stats:

Serves, 35/40, 6A, 87.5 percent vs. Western Plains, 48/49, 98 percent. Attacks, 36/46, 13K; Sets, 50/52, 13K; Serve Receives, 24/48, 50 percent; Blocks, 3; Dinks, 15/18, 3K.

Individual Leaders:

Serves, Anna Zillinger, 5/5; Attacks, Shelley Kemper, 12/13, 5K; Sets, Anna Zillinger, 21/23, 6A; Shaley Van Loenen, 16/16, 4A; Serve Receives, Shelley Kemper, 4/5, 80 percent, Jenny Archer, 7/11, 63.6 percent; Blocks, Shelley Kemper, 2 solo, 1 Ast; Dinks, Autumn Tien, 2/2, 1K.

Record: 5-9

Coach's comments: "We struggled with serve receive more in this match than we have in several matches. Giving up 8 aces is something we will try to take care of. As a team, we also had a hard time putting the ball on their floor, our hitting efficiency was only +.065." -td

From the scrapbook



The Lady Jays' Karajo Jones, left, and Taylor Rossi competed in the Norton Invitational Cross Country Meet where Jones placed sixth and Rossi seventh. Both are among the top Norton runners and consistently place high in meets.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton's Nicquel McVey returned a ball during one of the matches she played with #2 doubles partner Ashley Millan in the Norton Junior Varsity Tournament Sept. 8 in the Swimming Pool Park, Norton.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton wide receiver Wes Georgeson is the leading pass catcher this season for the Blue Jays. Here he is pictured gaining 11 yards for a first down after a reception from senior quarterback Logan Kats during Norton's 53-6 win at Hill City Sept. 21. He caught 4 passes for 49 yards in the victory.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Correction

A photo in the Tuesday, Sept. 25 issue of *The Telegram* on page 10, incorrectly identified a player. No. 34 for the Northern Valley Huskies is Cody Callaway. The information for the photo was provided by sources. *The Telegram* stands ready to correct such errors. Please call the office at (785) 877-3361. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Norton runners 2nd, 3rd

By DICK BOYD
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The Norton Community High School boys cross country team placed second and the Lady Jay squad finished in third place in the Hill City Invitational last Thursday.

Ness City won the boys championship with 62 points, followed by Norton, 67; Osborne, 97; Colby, 132; Hill City, 138; Quinter, 142; Victoria, 185; Wheatland, 195; Trego, 204; Oberlin, 230; Stockton, 279; Phillipsburg, 291.

Osborne was the girls champion with 47 points, followed by Colby, 50; Norton, 52; Hoxie, 62; Oakley, 136.

"I was pleased with the performance of all of our teams," said Norton head coach Tom Hehn. "The wind was blowing 35 to 42 miles per hour and the temperature was in the 90s so times were not as good but it was still a great meet. The level of competition was high and I was glad to see so many schools with full teams."

BOYS

Zach Bainter was the top boys runner for Norton, coming in third with a time of 18:20.

David Counter was Norton's No.2 runner in ninth with a 19:41, followed by Jordan Bebb, 15th in 19:50; Chris Maddy, 19th in 20:21 and Luke VanSlike, 21st in 20:37.

Also running for the Norton varsity and their places and times were: Troy Bainter, 36th, 21:16 and Kerby Brandyberry, 52nd, 22:24.

Brandyberry's time was a personal record. He ran a 22:45 at Trego. Although Brandyberry is a junior, this is his first year in cross country for Norton.

Josh Baden of Colby won the gold medal with a time of 17:55 and Colton McNinch, Ness City, was second in 18:00.

Others in the top 10 were: Martin Hojda, Osborne, 18:54, fourth; Ethan Cook, Victoria, 19:02, fifth; Ryan Sturgeon, Osborne, 19:08, sixth; Andrew Richards, Oberlin, 19:20, seventh; Drake Reynolds, Phillipsburg, 19:22, eighth; Dustin Foster, Ness City, 19:43, tenth.

Josh Gallentine had the best time for the Norton junior varsity. He placed eighth in 22:49, which beat his previous best of 23:49 in the Norton Invitational.

Cole Archer was 18th in 23:57,

followed by Kegan Vanover, 24th, 24:37; Grant McClymont, 27th, 24:55; Matt Miller, 31st, 25:43.

GIRLS

Laura Lee Baird was top finisher for the Norton girls, placing second in 17:10.

Second best for the Lady Jays was KaraJo Jones, 13th in 18:35, followed by Taylor Rossi, 15th in 18:45; Kaylen Rossi, 17th in 19:22 and Dustyna Sprigg, 18th in 19:25.

Also running for Norton and their places and times were Amanda Ray, 34th, 21:24 and Kylie Morel, 36th, 22:03.

Aubrey Frederking, Ellis, was the girls champion with a time of 16:17. Others in the top 10 were: Paige Noel, Osborne, 17:29, third; Katrina Kaus, Colby, 17:44, fourth; Katherine Kaus, Colby, 17:46, fifth; Jennifer Heim, Hoxie, 17:49, sixth; Megan Burch, Osborne, 17:54, seventh; Kayla Field, Northern Valley, 18:08, eighth; Bailey Ochs, Hoxie, 18:21, ninth; Haley Wolf, Ellis, 18:25, tenth.

Next action

Norton will compete next Thursday in the Mid-Continent League meet in Phillipsburg, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Jayvee tennis wins championship

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis team won the championship of the Phillipsburg JV Tournament on Saturday.

The Lady Jays scored 22 points to win the title and were followed by Colby, 20; Phillipsburg, 19; Beloit, 16; Hays, 14; Plainville, 1.

"All our girls really worked together as a team," said Norton head coach Lisa Henderson. "Nan (Smith) and I have constantly reminded our girls how important it is to give 100 percent when they play. Even if one of our girls is defeated during her match, the team points still add up. This is precisely why we took home first place team medals today. Our wins earned us enough points to beat Colby and Phillipsburg. We have not placed ahead of these two teams this season so today's victory was definitely rewarding for, not only the girls, but also for myself as their coach.

"There are no words to describe how happy I am with the outcome today! Our girls really went out there with total confidence in themselves and seeing them walk away with first place team medals was an absolute thrill."

Meaghan Peterson played No.1 singles for Norton and placed second with a 2-1 record. She defeated Tristin Troyer, a Phillipsburg player competing for the Colby team, 8-7(9-7); outscored Misha Hendriks, Plainville, 8-1 and lost 8-0 to Chelsea Troyer, Phillipsburg.

"Meaghan really came through; she did a wonderful job of playing No.1 singles," said Henderson. "Her serving was a lot better and she really hustled. It was a very windy day and many of her shots

were blown out of the court. It can be frustrating but I think she handled it very well. Actually, the windy conditions were a constant struggle for everyone competing. Girls really had to change how hard they hit the ball, depending on which side of the court they were on. I was very pleased that Meaghan placed second because she needed to be reminded about how much talent she has. She has had some tough losses this season but she really picked up the pace today."

The Lady Jays' No.1 doubles team of Kelsey Nuzum and Nicquel McVey compiled a perfect 3-0 record to win first place. They defeated Laura Juemann and Lauren Shoaff, Colby, 8-2; outscored Joselyn Wilkens and Kelsey Wyatt, Plainville, 8-6 and beat Meaghan Luckey and Rebecca Vandorn, Beloit, 8-4.

"Kelsey and Nicquel were a force to be reckoned with," Henderson said. "I have never seen them communicate and work together as great as they did today. I've been trying to encourage Nicquel to dominate at the net and, with Kelsey's encouragement, she did just that. Many of Kelsey's opponents were visibly shaken by the speed of her serves. She had quite a few aces.

"I was afraid they would lose their momentum when Beloit called time-out during their final match. Normally, time-outs are not allowed unless there is an injury but, due to the circumstances, it was allowed during this match. Once play resumed, Kelsey and Nicquel simply picked up where they left off and pulled through with a win."

Ashley Millan played No.2 singles for Norton and placed

fourth with a 1-2 record. She lost 8-0 to Lauren Bethel, Colby; defeated Ashley Madden, Plainville, 8-5 and lost 8-4 to Chelsey Edwards, a Phillipsburg player competing for the Beloit team.

"This was Ashley's first time playing singles," said Henderson. "She has been playing doubles and I think she was a little overwhelmed at times and struggled with her serves. It was a tough day for her but I give her a lot of credit for hanging in there. Her first match didn't go very well but she worked harder during her second match and won it. For being new to the team, she has come a long way this season. She has a lot of potential. She just needs to stay positive and keep working hard."

Playing No.2 doubles for the Lady Jays were Kyra Fulton and Katelyn Ross. They had a 1-2 record and placed fourth. They lost 8-1 to Megan Dougherty and Kim Gerstner, Colby; defeated Amanda Diaz and Renee DeYoung, Plainville, 8-5 and lost 8-7(7-5) to Echo Short and Brenna Johnson, Beloit.

"Kyra and Katelyn were just two points away from placing third in the tournament," the coach said. "They played Beloit a very intense match to determine third place. They started a little shaky but, by the second or third game, their confidence levels just shot sky high. Kyra was serving the best she had all day and both girls began to intimidate the Beloit girls by moving up to the net. Kyra had some awesome net shots. The match went back and forth before being tied and going into a tiebreaker. We just missed out in the tiebreaker. Our girls were disappointed but I know they really gave their all."

Blue Jay volleyball girls tie for third

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School girls volleyball C-team tied for third in the Junior Varsity Tournament held Saturday in Hill City.

HILL CITY

Norton played Hill City in their opener and lost 10-25, 23-25.

The young Lady Jays served 84 percent with 8 aces. Sharrelle Shinn, Lindsey Tacha, Bethany Winkel all served 100 percent. Shinn had 6 aces and Raven Brown 2. Leading passer was Bekah Streck.

"We started very slowly and didn't play up to our potential," said Norton assistant coach Jill Lively. "Sharrelle's serving got us on a roll in the second game but we let Hill City creep up on us to win."

THOMAS MORE PREP

Norton defeated Thomas More Prep-Marian 26-24, 25-9.

Team serving was 85 percent with 14 aces. "We strive for 90 percent or better but I'm pleased

with our aggressiveness in serving," said coach Lively.

Shaylyn Boteler, Katie Gall and Streck served 100 percent. Serving aces were Tacha, 4; Brown, Boteler, 3 each; Shinn, 2; Streck, Winkel, 1 each. Leading passer was Shinn.

"Five missed serves in our first game almost cost us the game but we really hustled and started communicating well," said Lively. "The second game really showed what we could do."

ELLIS

Norton outscored Ellis 25-20, 25-14.

As a team Norton served 87 percent with 12 aces. Serving 100 percent were Gall, Shinn, Brown, Winkel. Serving aces were Winkel, 4; Boetler, 3; Gall, Tacha, 2 each; Shinn, 1. Leading passers were Brown, Winkel and Shinn.

"We missed too many serves in the first game but made up for it in other areas," the coach said. "In the second game we had only one

missed serve. We played a nice match, scoring about three or four points in each rotation. We passed very well, beating our goal of 2.0 with 2.08."

FINALS

Norton advanced out of pool play as the No.2 seed with Hill City earning the No.1 seed. The other pool advanced Phillipsburg as No.2 and Oakley as No.1.

Oakley defeated Norton 21-25, 19-25 in the semifinals.

Norton served 87 percent with 6 aces. Serving 100 percent were Boteler, Shinn, Streck. Serving aces were Brown, 4; Boteler, Winkel, 1 each. Passing leaders were Shinn and Boteler.

"Although we lost this match, we had some of our best play of the day," said Lively. "We started to cover the court well defensively and communicated well. I was pleased and proud of our effort today."

Oakley defeated Hill City for the championship.

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