



Diving for a loose ball during Norton 63-35 win over Belleville in the first round of the Class 3A Substate Tournament in Norton were Lady Jay junior guard Katharine Roy and Lady Buffalo Jillea Jackson.

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# Girls strong in 63-35 win

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The No.3 seeded Norton Community High School girls basketball team got the Class 3A Substate Tournament off to an impressive start with a 63-35 victory over No.6 seeded Belleville on Tuesday evening in Norton's NCHS Stull Gymnasium.

With the win, Norton extended their season record to 14-7 and Belleville's season ended with a 10-11 mark.

In the other first round games on Tuesday, No.4 Beloit defeated No.5 Phillipsburg 59-53 and No. 2 Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays outscored No.7 Ellsworth 78-23.

No.1 seed Sacred Heart of Salina received a bye.

Insubstate semi-final games this evening, Sacred Heart (15-5) will play Beloit (14-7) at 6 p.m. and Norton (14-7) will play Thomas More Prep-Marian (14-6) at 7:30 p.m.

Winners will play at 6 p.m. Saturday for the championship and a berth next week in the Class 3A State Tournament in Hutchinson.

Junior post Hayli Bozarth was unstoppable around the basket and her teammates on the perimeter were efficient at getting the ball to her. The result was 25 points for Bozarth. She hit three baskets and three free throws in the first quarter when Norton scored 12 points and held the visitors to just 5 on two field goals.

The situation worsened for the Lady Buffaloes in the second quarter when they were outscored 16-4 as the Lady Jays expanded their lead to 28-9. Bozarth tallied 10 points in the second stanza.

A 24-8 third quarter in Norton's favor pushed the lead to 52-17. Junior point guard Laura Lee Baird

scored 12 points in the period on three two-point baskets, one trey and 3 of 3 from the free throw line. Bozarth added three more baskets before retiring to the bench.

The Norton reserves played the fourth quarter and were outscored 18-11 to cut the final margin of victory down to 28 points.

"We came out and played very well offensively to start the game. We did a good job of attacking the basket and our defense forced turnovers early with our press," said Norton head girls coach Kevin Jilka.

"We did a great job of getting the ball inside to Hayli. It was also good to see some other players step up and score.

"Defensively, we played hard all night long.

"It's nice to get in the semi-finals. Thomas More Prep has an excellent team. They have an outstanding girl inside and their guards are also good players."

Bozarth hit a net-smoking 10 of 14 two-point tries for 71 percent accuracy and was a perfect 5 of 5 from the free throw line for 25 points.

Baird ended with 16 points on 1 of 5 from long range for 20 percent, a sharpshooting 4 of 5 from two-point land for 80 percent and 5 of 10 overall for 50 percent. She also hit 5 of 7 charities for 71 percent.

Junior guard Taylor Rossi was Norton's third double figure scorer. She hit 1 of 3 from long range for 33 percent, 2 of 4 two-point tries for 50 percent, 3 of 7 overall for 43 percent and 3 of 6 from the charity stripe for 50 percent and 10 points.

Jessica Wollenberg scored 13 points to lead Belleville.

As a team, Norton connected on 2 of 11 from long range for 18 per-

cent, 19 of 29 two-point attempts for 66 percent and 21 of 40 overall for 53 percent.

Belleville hit 2 of 30 from beyond the arc for 7 percent, 11 of 29 two-point tries for 38 percent and 13 of 59 overall for 22 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton connected on 19 of 32 for 60 percent and Belleville swished 5 of 10 for 50 percent.

Norton pulled down 13 offensive and 16 defensive rebounds for the Lady Blue Jays with 7, followed by Baird, Megan Kats, KaraJo Jones, 4 each; Katharine Roy, Ashlie Stewart, Chantille Campbell, Amanda Ray, 2 each; Rossi, Shelby Jones, 1 each.

Bozarth was leading rebounder for the Lady Blue Jays with 7, followed by Baird, Megan Kats, KaraJo Jones, 4 each; Katharine Roy, Ashlie Stewart, Chantille Campbell, Amanda Ray, 2 each; Rossi, Shelby Jones, 1 each.

Both teams had 6 steals. Baird was thefts leader for Norton with 3, followed by Roy, 2; KaraJo Jones, 1.

Norton had 13 assists and Belleville had 7. Baird was the Lady Jays' leader with 3, followed by Kats, KaraJo Jones, Campbell, Bozarth, 2 each; Roy, Rossi, 1 each.

Norton had 19 turnovers and Belleville had 22.

## BOX SCORE

### Norton girls 63

Katharine Roy 00 1-2 1; Taylor Rossi 2 1 3-6 10; Ashlie Stewart 1 0 4-6 6; Laura Lee Baird 4 1 5-7 16; Chantille Campbell 0 0 1-2 1; Hayli Bozarth 10 0 5-5 25; Amanda Ray 2 0 0-0 4; Total 19 21-28 63.

### Belleville girls 35

Alta Svoboda 1 0 0-0 2; April Hiatt 0 1 2-3 5; Jillea Jackson 0 2 0-0 6; Danielle Cromwell 1 0 0-0 2; Celia Porter 1 1 0-0 5; Jessica Wollenberg 5 0 3-5 13; Lydia Jones 1 0 0-0 2; Total 9 4 5-8 35.

# Blue Jays 'earn' win

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The No.3 seeded Norton Community High School boys basketball team was favored to defeat No.6 seed Phillipsburg in the first round of the Class 3A Substate Tournament in Norton on Monday evening, but nobody told the Panthers and they made the Blue Jays earn their 57-52 victory.

The win extended Norton's record to 15-6 and advanced the Blue Jays into Thursday night's semi-finals versus No.2 seed Sacred Heart of Salina (17-4).

In other first round games, No.1 seed Belleville (20-1) outscored No.8 Ellsworth 72-33 and No.4 seed Thomas More Prep of Hays (12-8) defeated No.5 Beloit 57-42.

Belleville played Thomas More Prep in the other semi-final contest on Thursday. Results of the two semi-finals games were not available at press time.

Norton's win over Phillipsburg ended the Panthers' season with a 10-10 record.

In a close first quarter, Norton took a slim 12-11 lead. The Blue Jays got three point baskets from senior point guard Logan Kats and sophomore guard J.D. Gall, a two-point basket by Kats and a two point basket and two free throws from senior forward Wes Georgeson.

Most of the Panthers' first quarter tallies came on two three point baskets and a free throw by their high scoring guard Dylan Frantz.

The second quarter was also evenly played with Norton outscoring the visitors 13-10 to take a 25-21 half-time advantage. Senior forward Preston Herman contributed 7 points in the period for the Blue Jays on three baskets and a charity toss. Senior guard Jared Cox, junior post Zac Dreher and Georgeson each hit a basket. Chance Keiswetter added three baskets to one he hit in the first quarter to score all 8 of his points in the first half.

With Georgeson and Herman scoring inside and Kats burying shots from beyond the arc, Norton took charge in the third period. The Jays outscored the Panthers 18-10 in the quarter to extend their lead to 43-31. Georgeson hit three baskets and two free throws in the period for 8 points. Kats added 6 on two treys, Herman hit a basket and Cox swished two charities.

Frantz led a Phillipsburg fourth quarter rally with 15 points as the Panthers outscored the Blue Jays 21-14 in the final stanza to make the last minutes interesting.

Phillipsburg cut the Norton lead to 45-40 with 5:50 left but Kats and Gall each hit one of two charities and Georgeson swished two baskets to put Norton ahead 51-42 with 1:41 left. Frantz was fouled while shooting from beyond the arc and hit three charities but Cox scored inside with 1:14 showing. Frantz made it even closer with three more charities to cut the Norton advantage to 53-50 with just 49 seconds remaining.

## Logan ladies fall 59-48 in home game

The Logan varsity basketball Lady Trojans dropped a 59-48 decision to Western Plains at home.

The Trojans trailed at the end of all quarters: 14-11, 27-23, 36-31 and 59-48.

Shelley Kemper led the charge for Logan with 19 points. Tiffany Clements popped in 2; Shaley VanLoenen 3; Jenny Archer 4; Aspen Larson 4; Anna Zillinger 9; and Savannah Sammons 7.

Lutter with 21 points and Stieben with 18 led the way for Western Plains.

Logan scored on 172-pointers, 23-pointers and 8 free throws.

For the visiting Western Plains basketballers, it was 22 2-pointers, 1 3-pointer and 12 charity tosses.

Kats fired a pass downcourt to Georgeson and he was fouled while shooting. The normally accurate Georgeson missed both charity tries, his first misses of the game, but Herman continued to dominate the boards for the Blue Jays as he outmuscled two Panthers to pull down his twelfth rebound of the game with 29 seconds showing.

Kats was fouled two seconds later and hit both charities to make it 55-50. Frantz swished two free tosses with 12 seconds left, dropping the Norton lead back to three points but Kats was fouled with 10.5 seconds remaining and hit nothing but net for two more charities to make the final score 57-52.

"We were tight on the offensive end early in the game and played a little tentative," said Norton head boys coach Doug Reusink.

"In the third quarter, we took control but they made a run in the fourth quarter and, if we had hit more free throws down the stretch, it wouldn't have been quite so close. It was a good win for us and kept us in the hunt. Phillipsburg had been playing very well recently and scoring a lot of points.

"Sacred Heart has a solid team with a lot of depth. They have three good players inside and a guard who is a very good shooter. They'll be an outstanding opponent."

Norton had three players in double scoring figures. Georgeson ended with 18 points on 7 of 13 two-point attempts for 54 percent accuracy and was 4 of 6 from the charity stripe for 67 percent.

Kats tallied 16 points on 3 of 9 from three-point land for 33 percent, 1 of 5 two-point tries for 20 percent and 4 of 14 overall for 29 percent. He hit 5 of 8 free throws for 63 percent.

Herman scored 11 points on 4

of 10 from the field for 50 percent and 3 of 3 free throws for 100 percent.

Frantz led Phillipsburg with 31 points.

As a team, Norton hit 4 of 14 from beyond the arc for 29 percent, 15 of 40 two-point attempts for 38 percent and 19 of 54 overall for 35 percent.

Phillipsburg hit just 2 of 15 from long range for 13 percent, 16 of 30 two-point tries for 53 percent and 18 of 45 overall for 40 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton connected on 15 of 24 for 63 percent and Phillipsburg hit 14 of 20 for 70 percent.

Norton had a big advantage in the rebound department where the Blue Jays pulled down 13 offensive and 23 defensive caroms for a whopping 36. The Panthers grabbed only 2 offensive and 19 defensive boards for 21 total.

Herman was a "horse" again on the boards for Norton with 12 rebounds, followed by Kats, 7; Georgeson, 6; Cox, 4; Dreher, 3; Landon Hamel, Gall, 2 each.

Norton had 5 steals and Phillipsburg had only 1. Kats was thefts leader with 2, followed by Hamel, Cox, Herman, 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 17 assists, led by Kats with 6, followed by Gall, 4; Hamel, 3; Cox, 2; Georgeson, Herman, 1 each.

Both teams had 14 turnovers.

## BOX SCORE

### Norton boys 57

Logan Kats 13 5-8 16; Landon Hamel 0 0 0-1 0; Jared Cox 2 0 2-2 6; Wes Georgeson 7 0 4-6 18; J.D. Gall 0 1 1-4 4; Zac Dreher 1 0 0-0 2; Preston Herman 4 0 3-3 11; Total 15 4 15-24 57.

### Phillipsburg boys 52

Dylan Frantz 7 2 11-16 31; Clint Jarvis 2 0 0-0 4; Trevor Smith 1 0 0-0 2; Tanner Thompson 0 0 2-2 2; Zach Wood 2 0 1-2 5; Chance Keiswetter 4 0 0-0 8; Total 16 2 14-20 52.



The Phillipsburg players had a hard time stopping Norton's senior forward Wes Georgeson offensively. He is shown here being fouled by the Panthers as he put up a shot near the basket. Georgeson scored 18 points in the Blue Jays' 57--52 Class 3A Substate Tournament victory.

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## HARLAN COUNTY LAND AUCTION

### 320 ACRES (MORE OR LESS)

As I am retiring the following real estate will be sold at auction at the Harlan County Ag Building in

## ORLEANS, NEBRASKA

**on Wednesday, March 12, 2008**  
**Starting at 2:00 P.M.**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** South Half (S 1/2) of Section 35-Township 2 North-Range 20 West, all located in Harlan County, NE., (Located 2 miles East and 2-1/2 miles South of Stamford, NE., on the East side of D RD.)

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:** This property consists of 320 acres, more or less, with 119 acres of dry cropland, 173.5 acres of CRP cropland, and the balance of grassland. This property has 6 registered wells that are inactive. There are 3-16" cased wells, and 3-6" cased wells that are available for domestic or livestock purposes. A 3-phase TVPPD electric line is adjacent to the property on the south side.

**TERMS OF SALE:** 15% down day of sale, to be deposited in Valley Real Estate Trust Account with the balance due on closing and delivery of a warranty deed on or before April 12, 2008. An Owner's title policy showing good and marketable title will be provided with the cost to be shared 50/50.

**CRP LAND:** There are 173.5 acres of CRP acres with an annual payment of \$8,502/year thru 9/30/2010. The Buyer will receive the balance of CRP payments and be required to fulfill the current CRP contract. The original contract started in 1987, and a 3 year extension is now in effect.

**FSA INFO:** Total DCP cropland acres are 292.4. Total 2007 Direct Annual Payment \$3,003. Buyer will receive All 2008 Direct Payments. FSA base acres total 118.9 acres. There are 89.7 corn base acres with a direct payment yield of 109 bu., and 29.2 sorghum base acres with a 78 bu. direct payment yield.

**REAL ESTATE TAXES:** 2007 and prior years to be PAID by Seller. Buyer will pay 2008 and all future years. 2007 R.E. taxes are \$1,981.64.

**POSSESSION:** Buyer will receive full possession on all of the property on closing which will be on or before April 12, 2008.

All information is believed to be accurate but is not guaranteed. Valley Real Estate Brokers, Auctioneers and Agents are Agents representing the Seller. Please contact us for information or questions that you have concerning this property.

**ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS DAY OF SALE TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER WRITTEN MATERIAL.**

**RICHARD TAYLOR--Owner**

**COMMENTS:** This property offers ideal hunting, investment, and farming or ranching potential. The cropland consists of upland and bottomland acres with a variety of soil types including Holdrege-Uly-Nicholls-Coly silt loams. There is potential with the CRP acres for outstanding hunting as well as a future potential for increased farming acres or a 100% guaranteed income of a CRP government contract. Future development of farmland would be ideal with the 23 years of idle CRP acres. The cased wells can be utilized for recreational usage as well as livestock development. This property offers a wide variety of potential uses. [Estimated sale price \$650 - \$850/acre.]

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