



Norton senior Katharine Roy digs a ball during the recent volleyball soap scrimmage. In the foreground is senior Charli Lawson. Next action for the Lady Jays will be Tuesday when they play Northern Valley and Phillipsburg at Phillipsburg, beginning at 5 p.m.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Tough opening for volleyball

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton Community High school girls volleyball team opened the 2008 season on Tuesday with some tough matches against Colby and Osborne in Osborne.

The Lady Jays were competitive against both teams but lost 13-25, 18-25 to Colby and 22-25, 19-25 to Osborne.

Colby also defeated Osborne 25-12, 25-15.

Colby

"We started out fairly even with Colby, basically trading points with them," said Norton head coach Peggy Cox. "But, at 11-14, they put us away in the first game.

"We played better in the second game and were ahead for some time but then we beat ourselves with foolish errors.

"Serving plagued us throughout the match as we only served at 78 percent with 5 aces. I would like to see us much more aggressive. We passed well but did not capitalize on that with all our hitters. When we're only setting two,

sometimes three hitters, it makes us very 'blockable'. We must play consistently across the board to win and not let the momentum slip away."

Senior Hayli Bozarth led Norton in kills with 6, followed by junior Lacy Keilig, 4; junior Bethany Roy, 3; senior Charli Lawson and junior Kaitlyn Wolf, 1 each.

Bozarth was also the serving leader with 3 aces, followed by Lawson and senior Katharine Roy, 1 ace each.

Digs leader was junior Ashlie Stewart with 4, followed by Bozarth, 3 and junior Shelby Jones, 2.

Bozarth and senior Ashley Colip led in assists with 6 each, followed by Stewart, 3; Katharine Roy, 1.

Keilig was blocks leader with 2, followed by Bethany Roy and senior Amanda Delimont, 1 each.

Osborne

"Our match with Osborne was very disappointing. We had a win easily in hand and then managed to give it to Osborne for a win in their column," said coach Cox.

"We continued to be lopsided

on sets (setting only a few hitters) and, when we started to get blocked, allowed Osborne to take the momentum away. We became frustrated instead of smart.

"Too many hitting errors gave Osborne points that should have finished out as points for us. Hopefully, we will learn from this match and not take any future team for granted. We have to play to the end!"

Bozarth was kills leader again with 11, followed by Keilig, 5; Bethany Roy, 3; Katharine Roy, Wolf, 1 each.

Bozarth was also top server with 4 aces, followed by Colip, 1.

Colip led in assists with 11, followed by Bozarth, 4 and Katharine Roy, 2.

Lawson, Keilig, Bethany Roy and Wolf each had 1 block.

Junior varsity 1-1

The Norton junior varsity volleyball team lost to Colby 25-23, 25-11 but defeated Osborne 25-12, 25-19.

"Our first match was against Colby and, due to first game jitters and some inexperience, we struggled a little," said Norton assistant

coach Christine Thompson.

"In the match against Osborne, we seemed to start playing better and came away with a win in two games.

"We started the season a little timid but I am sure our girls will become more confident and aggressive as the season continues."

In the loss to Colby, sophomores Sharelle Shinn and Bekah Streck led kills with 2 each. Freshman Erin Terrell and junior Raven Brown each had 2 setting assists. Junior Bethany Winkel was digs leader with 8. Shinn led serving with 2 aces while junior Alyssa Thomson and junior Kendra Engelbert each had 1 serving ace.

In the win over Osborne, sophomore Shaylyn Boteler and Terrell led in kills with 2 each. Terrell led in setting assists with 3 while Brown had 2. Winkel and Streck each had 2 digs. Terrell led the team in serving aces with 5 while Thomson had 4.

Norton will travel to Phillipsburg on Tuesday to play Northern Valley and Phillipsburg in matches beginning at 5 p.m.

C-team volleyball ladies go 2-1 in season opener

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The Norton Community High School C-team volleyball team opened the 2008 season by winning two matches and losing one in the Quadrangular in Colby on Tuesday.

The young Lady Jays lost to Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays 10-25, 25-17, 4-15. In their second match, they outscored Colby 25-23, 25-18 and, in their third match, they defeated Heartland 25-21, 13-25, 15-7.

Thomas More Prep-Marian
"We seemed very tense and nervous during the first game but began to show our skills in game two," said Norton assistant coach Jill Lively.

One hundred percent servers included Katie Gall, Sady Keilig and Mariah Farber. Brooklyn Winkel had 3 aces, Gall contributed 2 and Kylie Nuzum 1. Leading passers were Winkel, 2.0; Alexis Henson, 2.0 and Nuzum, 1.69 on 3.0 scale. As a team, Norton served 91 percent with 6 aces and passed 1.32.

Colby

"We were much more relaxed and enthusiastic against Colby," said coach Lively.

"We communicated well and started to come out of our shell."

Leading server was Farber with 92 percent and 1 ace. Lindsey Tacha had 3 aces, Keilig 2, Winkel 2 and Gall 1. Passing well for the Lady Jays were Caren Thomson, 3.0; Keilig and Winkel, 2.0 and Nuzum, 1.85. As a team, Norton

served 80 percent with 9 aces and passed 1.30.

Heartland

"Despite being tired and hungry at this point, we played well in the first game with Heartland, communicating and serving aggressively," said coach Lively.

"Game two was a complete turn around. Our girls quit communicating and really struggled to score points. At some point, they just gave up and let Heartland have it.

"Game three was up and down with our Lady Jays taking a strong 11-0 lead with Winkel at the serving line. We let Heartland back in it with a four-point run, before creeping in to finish the game with a win."

Overall comments

"It wasn't bad for our first competition of the season," said coach Lively.

"This group has learned a completely new offense from what they ran in junior high. They are starting to specialize in positions and some aren't playing the position they planned on, rather the position the team needs them to play.

"All our girls are accepting their roles well and working hard. I think they will be surprised by the things they will accomplish if they stay enthusiastic and work hard."

Next action

Norton's C-team will play next on Monday versus Phillipsburg at 5 p.m. in Phillipsburg.

Area football teams on television this evening 'Scoreboard Show' debuts

Smoky Hills Public Television today announced that six high school football games tonight have been selected for feature coverage on the first night of the 2008 season of "Scoreboard Show," the station's highly popular, weekly, high school sports roundup program.

"Scoreboard Show" will be broadcast live from the Smoky Hills studio here at 10:30 p.m. every Friday through mid-November.

The Friday night program will replay at 10:00 a.m. the following Saturday each week.

Tonight's game coverage includes the following schools: Quivira Heights at Clafin; Concordia versus Hays High; Holcomb at Hoisington; **Hoxie at Trego Community (WaKeeney); Republic County (Belleville) at Russell ; and Golden Plains (Rexford) at Quinter.**

Smoky Hills production personnel are slated to be at each of these games shooting highlight footage for broadcast later tonight on "Scoreboard Show."

The program also is expected to feature highlights from girls' golf action in Sublette, girls' tennis competition in Cimarron, soccer action from McPherson and volleyball from Hays, according to Michael Quade, the show's producer.

"Of course the program's content is always subject to change based on scheduling and time restraints," Quade noted.

Now in its sixth season, "Scoreboard Show" features video highlights and scores of high school football, volleyball, soccer, cross country, golf and tennis events from throughout central and western Kansas. The 2008 edition of "Scoreboard Show" will be hosted by Troy Waymaster of Russell.

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Three Norton County youths were members of Kansas archery teams which placed high in the 4-H National Invitational Shoot in Grand Island, Neb. on June 24, 25, 26.

Kyle Edgett and Carson Braun were members of the Kansas State Open (Compound) team, coached by Tom Edgett, which placed third in the nation. Kyle finished 13th individually and Carson placed 19th.

Diedre Kramer of Norton County shot on the Kansas Recurve team, which placed eighth overall. She placed 28th individually. Mary Vanover was the coach.

Also on the Kansas Open team with Kyle and Carson were Cory Pitts, Ellis County, and Zach Young, Lyons County. Cory placed ninth individually.

They shot Field Class on June 24 and the Open team placed seventh out of 29 teams.

Individual scores were: Kyle, 251 x 280, 19th; Cory, 250, 21st; Carson, 248, 24th and Zach, 245, 33rd.

The Kansas Open team placed sixth in the FITA Class shot on June 25. Individual scores were: Carson, 666 x 720, 15th; Cory, 660, 19th; Kyle, 655, 20th; Zach, 627, 40th.

They finished the shoot on June 26 by winning the championship of the 3-D Class where they fired at animal targets at unknown distances from 5 yards to 50 yards.



Carson Braun of the Kansas State Open (Compound) archery team is pictured competing in the Field Class at the 4-H National Invitational Shoot in Grand Island, Neb. The Kansas team placed third overall in the nation.

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