

Blue Jays lose to Stockton

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The Norton Community High School boys varsity basketball team had trouble with Stockton's height and that led to a 60-45 Mid-Continent League loss in Norton on Thursday evening.

Two players, Sage Penner, 6'11" senior, and Scott Voss, 6-4" senior, were a thorn in the Blue Jays' side and scored 23 and 16 points, respectively.

Stockton held quarter leads of 17-13, 31-20 and 45-31. The Tigers outscored the Blue Jays by just 15-14 in the fourth quarter but Norton could not make up for the earlier deficit.

"We came out and played hard for the full 32 minutes, which we had not done," said head coach Doug Reusink.

"Their size was a problem and we got in a hurry at times, making silly turnovers. If we had taken advantage of some good opportunities, I think it would have been close to the end. We just didn't make shots when we needed to."

Leading scorer for Norton was junior guard Terrell Lane with 18 points on 3 of 6 from three-point range, 4 of 8 two-point attempts and 7 of 14 overall for 50 percent. He also hit 50 percent from the free throw line where he was 1 of 2.

Senior guard J.D. Gall also scored in double figures with 11.

He hit 2 of 8 from beyond the arc for 25 percent, 1 of 3 two-point shots for 33 percent and 3 of 11 overall for 27 percent. He was 3 of 4 from the charity stripe for 75 percent.

As a team, Norton swished 6 of 21 from long range for 29 percent, 10 of 29 two-point tries for 35 percent and 16 of 50 overall for 32 percent. Stockton hit 3 of 6 from beyond the arc for 50 percent, 23 of 54 two-point attempts for 43 percent and 26 of 60 overall for 43 percent.

From the free throw line, the Blue Jays connected on 7 of 14 for 50 percent and the Tigers hit 5 of 12 for 42 percent.

Norton grabbed 5 offensive, 18 defensive rebounds for 23 total. Stockton pulled down 15 offensive, 18 defensive caroms for 33 total. Lane was leading rebounder with 12, followed by Jordan Wahlmeier, Dillon McConney, 3 each; Tye Nickell, 2; Ashton Draper, J.D. Gall, Jacob Brooks, 1 each.

Norton had 12 steals and Stockton had only 4. Steals leader for Norton was Nickell with 5, followed by Lane, 3; Gall, 2; Marcus Herman, Brooks, 1 each. Gall and Nickell each had 4 of Norton's 9 assists and Wahlmeier had 1. Stockton had 19 assists.

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Junior varsity wins
Coach David Stover's Norton

junior varsity boys team defeated Stockton 57-34.

The young Blue Jays held quarter leads of 13-11, 31-16 and 43-26.

Leading scorer for Norton was Jacob Brooks with 17, followed by Dillon McConney, 14; Zach Hartwell, 13; Luke Ninemire, 6; Tye Nickell, 3; Lane Archer, John Renner, 2 each.

Nolan Weiser led the young Tigers with 14.

C-team contest
Stockton won the C-team game 27-21. They had quarter leads of 5-2, 16-4 and 20-9.

Leading scorer for Norton was Andrew Ellis with 7 points, followed by Lane Archer, 4; John Renner, 3; Dylan Sprigg, Lane Bigge, Zach Hartwell, 2 each; Dalton Miller, 1.

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BOX SCORE
Norton Boys 45

Jordan Wahlmeier 1 0 2-5 4; Dillon McConney 2 1 0-0 7; Tye Nickell 0 0 1-2 1; Terrell Lane 4 3 1-2 18; J.D. Gall 1 2 3-4 11; Jacob Brooks 2 0 0-1 4; Game Totals 10 6 7-14 45

Stockton Boys 60
Nolan Weiser 0 0 0-1 0; Jon Bellerive 1 0 0-0 2; Dustin Kriley 0 1 2-2 5; Chance Miller 1 0 1-1 3; Stephen Moll 0 0 1-2 1; Austin Smith 2 2 0-2 10; Sage Penner 11 0 1-2 23; Scott Voss 8 0 0-2 16; Game Totals 23 3 5-12 60

offensive, 28 defensive caroms for 44.

Lane was leading rebounder with 15, followed by Wahlmeier, 12; Draper, 6; Brooks, 4; Nickell, 3; Gall, 2.

The Blue Jays had 11 steals and the Panthers had 6. Gall led with 4 thefts, followed by Nickell, Lane, 2 each; Wahlmeier, Marcus Herman, Brooks, 1 each.

Norton had 18 assists and Phillipsburg had 19. Leader for Norton was Nickell with 4, followed by Wahlmeier, Draper, Lane, 3 each; Gall, Herman, 2 each; Brooks, 1.

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Junior varsity
The Norton junior varsity boys lost 50-40. Norton trailed by quarters: 12-11, 30-22 and 38-31.

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Junior Varsity
The Norton junior varsity girls lost 34-26.

Norton led 10-6 after one quarter and 17-8 at halftime. Phillipsburg outscored the young Lady Jays 17-2 in the third period to take a 25-19 lead.

Leading scorer for Norton was Kaylen Rossi with 9, followed by Erin Terrell, 8; Caren Thomson, 5; Kamilla Jones, 4. Orr was the leader for the Lady Panthers with 8 and Kellerman scored 7.

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Lady Jays score first win

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The Norton Community High School girls varsity basketball team won their Mid-Continent League season opening contest by a 48-43 score over Stockton on Thursday in Norton.

The Lady Jays led by just 10-9 after one quarter, 24-19 at half-time and 33-25 after three quarters. The Lady Tigers wouldn't give up and narrowed Norton's final margin of victory to 5 points by outscoring Norton 18-15 in the final stanza.

"We did what we had to do to win," said Norton head coach Kevin Jilka. "Again, consistency is our problem and playing hard for 32 minutes is a problem."

"Offensively, we did a lot of good things but at times we don't take care of the ball like we should."

"Defensively, we still make silly fouls but make stops when we need to."

"It was a nice win at home."

Leading scorer for Norton was senior post Amanda Ray with 19 points on 1 of 1 from long range for 100 percent, 8 of 15 two-point shots for 53 percent and 9 of 16 overall for 56 percent.

Also scoring in double figures was senior point guard Ashlie Stewart with 11 points on 3 of 9 two-point field goals for 33 percent and 5 of 10 charities for 50 percent.

Carlee Lindsey led Stockton with 14 points and Amber Kriley

tallied 13.

As a team, Norton hit 2 of 5 from long range for 40 percent, 16 of 35 two-point tries for 46 percent and 18 of 40 overall for 45 percent. Stockton missed all 6 trey tries, hit 15 of 31 two-point attempts for 48 percent and was 15 of 37 overall for 41 percent.

From the free throw line, the Lady Jays swished 10 of 19 for 53 percent and the Lady Tigers hit 13 of 21 for 62 percent.

The Lady Jays pulled down 6 offensive, 10 defensive rebounds for 16 total. The Lady Tigers grabbed 6 offensive, 20 defensive rebounds for 26 total.

Amanda Ray and Dustyna Sprigg led Norton in rebounds with 4 each, followed by Erin Terrell, Kendra Engelbert, 3 each; Kaitlyn Wolf, 2.

Norton had 8 steals and Stockton had 9 thefts. Ray led with 3, followed by Sprigg, 2; Hannah Waggoner, Kaylen Rossi, Kaitlyn Wolf, 1 each.

Stewart assists leader with 4, followed by Waggoner, Wolf, 1 each. Stockton had 8 assists.

Both teams had 20 turnovers.

Junior varsity won
The Norton junior varsity girls defeated Stockton 31-16. They held quarter leads of 9-0, 24-1

and 27-7.

Erin Terrell led Norton with 7 points, followed by Dustyna Sprigg, Meaghan Peterson, 6 each; Kaylen Rossi 5; Caren Thomson, 4; Teslee Nickell, 2; Kamilla Jones, 1.

Shaina Ott and Chrissie Cox both scored 4 for the young Lady Tigers.

"We had a game of contrasts," said Norton assistant coach George Rossi.

"There were times when we did things right and other times where it was not very pretty."

"These girls are learning to play together and learning a new offense and I'm sure they will continue to improve."

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Stockton Girls 43
Phoenix Hobbell 1 0 0-0 2; Carlee Lindsey 4 0 6-7 14; Hayley Strutt 1 0 2-5 4; Amber Kriley 6 0 1-5 13; Haley Dix 2 0 2-6 6; Sierra Brown 1 0 2-2 4; Game Totals 15 0 13-21 43

Jays win hard-fought competition

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When Norton Community and Phillipsburg High School athletic teams compete against each other, it's usually hard-fought competition between the two and Friday night in Phillipsburg was no exception when the Blue Jays edged the Panthers 55-54 in overtime on the hardwoods!

Phillipsburg held a 12-7 lead after one quarter but a 12-point second quarter by Norton compared to 9 points for Phillipsburg left the Panthers ahead 21-19 at intermission.

The two-point Panther lead held up in the third quarter when both teams scored 14 points but, as time ran out in regulation, Norton tied the score at 48-all.

The fierce play between the longtime rivals continued in the extra period with Norton outscoring the home team 7-6 to take the one-point victory.

The Panthers hit three two-point baskets in the overtime but a three-point basket by Terrell Lane, two-point field goal by Jordan Wahlmeier and a free throw by J.D. Gall and charity by Jacob Brooks made the difference.

Lane finished the game with 19 points on 3 of 9 from long range for 33 percent, 2 of 11 two-point

shots for 18 percent and 5 of 20 overall for 25 percent and a perfect 6 of 6 free throws for 100 percent.

Leading scorer for Phillipsburg was Steven Craig, also with 19 points.

"This was a good win for our boys, especially since it was a Mid-Continent League game on the road," said Norton head coach Doug Reusink.

"We had to fight through some poor shooting and adjust to their junk defense but we hung in there and found a way to win."

"We are still not blocking out and rebounding like we should and have a long way to go to be a good team. If our boys work hard over the break, we have a chance to move in that direction."

As a team, Norton hit 6 of 25 treys for 24 percent, 13 of 45 two-point tries for 29 percent and 19 of 70 for 27 percent overall. Phillipsburg missed all 5 shots from long range, hit 23 of 62 from two-point land for 37 percent and 23 of 67 overall for 34 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton hit 11 of 23 for 48 percent and Phillipsburg connected on 8 of 14 for 57 percent.

The Blue Jays pulled down 16 offensive, 26 defensive rebounds for 42. The Panthers grabbed 16

offensive, 28 defensive caroms for 44.

Lane was leading rebounder with 15, followed by Wahlmeier, 12; Draper, 6; Brooks, 4; Nickell, 3; Gall, 2.

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The Lady Jays held quarter leads of 9-6, 24-12 and 35-25 and a 12-8 fourth quarter in Norton's favor pushed the final margin of victory to 14 points.

"Our girls played a great game in all phases," said Norton head coach Kevin Jilka.

"Offensively, we executed well all night long and really had some great possessions."

"Defensively, it was our best effort of the season by far. We hustled and played hard all night."

"Our girls have been coming to practice and working hard every day and it is starting to show in their play."

Leading scorer for Norton was senior post Amanda Ray with 13 points on 1 of 1 from long range for 100 percent, 4 of 9 two-point shots for 44 percent and 5 of 10 overall for 50 percent and 2 of 2 charities.

Senior point guard Ashlie Stewart added 12 points on 3 of 10 two-point shots for 30 percent

and was 6 of 7 from the charity stripe for 86 percent. She missed two trey tries.

Senior post Kaitlyn Wolf tallied 11 points on 3 of 6 from the field for 50 percent and 5 of 8 from the free throw line for 63 percent.

As a team, Norton hit 2 of 6 from long range for 33 percent, 14 of 36 two-point tries for 39 percent and 16 of 42 overall for 38 percent. Phillipsburg hit 2 of 4 from long range for 50 percent, 10 of 28 two-point attempts for 36 percent and 12 of 32 overall for 38 percent.

From the free throw line, the Lady Jays hit 13 of 17 for 76 percent and the Lady Panthers swished 7 of 16 for 44 percent.

Norton had 11 offensive, 16 defensive rebounds for 27 total. Phillipsburg pulled down 7 offensive, 14 defensive caroms for 21 total.

Rebound leader was Wolf with 7, followed by Ray, 6; Stewart, 3; Hannah Waggoner, Kaylen Rossi, Caren Thomson, Erin Terrell, Dustyna Sprigg, 2 each; Kendra Engelbert, 1.

Norton had 14 steals and Phillipsburg had 3. Leads in thefts was Stewart with 5, followed by Ray, 3; Terrell, Wolf, 2 each; Waggoner, Rossi, 1 each.

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Phillipsburg Boys 54
Trevor Smith 2 0 2-5 6; Justin Hoft 4 0 0-0 8; Dustin Aherin 0 0 4-6 4; Sean Newlin 1 0 0-0 2; Jeff Dusin 2 0 0-0 4; Steven Craig 9 0 1-2 19; Nick Smith 2 0 0-0 4; Skye Long 3 0 1-7 Game Totals 23 0 8-14 54

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