



Norton sophomores Ruth Kendell and Carla Jo Long are members of Norton’s junior varsity tennis team who played Tuesday in the Phillipsburg Varsity Quad. Ruth is shown serving in the background while Carla Jo prepares to hit a return ball. They played together for the first time and placed fourth in No.2 doubles. “Carla Jo hit the ball well and Ruth made a number of good volleys at the net,” said Norton coach Jim Green.

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Blue Jay JV is fourth in Phillipsburg Varsity tennis tournament

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis team placed fourth in the Phillipsburg Varsity Quad on Tuesday. Phillipsburg won the team championship with 28 points, followed by Belleville, 14; Concordia, 13; Norton JV, 5. “We took our junior varsity to this varsity meet,” said Norton head coach Jim Green. “As a group, I felt that all our entries

played well.”
No.1 singles
Katie Scott played No.1 singles for the Lady Jays and placed fourth. She lost to Kirstin Strait, Concordia, 8-4; lost to Kristy Farnsworth, Belleville, 8-2 and lost to Malorie Witmer, Phillipsburg, 8-1.
“Katie played a lot of long points and had a number of games go to deuce. Her matches were closer than the score indicates.”
No.1 doubles
Kaitlyn Ross and Kelsie Griffith

played No.1 doubles for Norton and placed third. They lost to Kayla Champlin and Liv McGuire, Concordia, 8-1; outscores Kim Larson and Sara Vytlačil, Belleville, 8-6 and lost to Ember Ward and Megan Suchsland, Phillipsburg, 8-0.
“Kelsie and Kaitlyn had one victory over Belleville and improved their play from one match to the next,” said coach Green.
No.2 singles
Ashley Millan played No.2 singles for the Lady Jays and fin-

ished in third place. She defeated Suzanne Carlgren, Concordia, 8-5; lost to Darsha Bechard, Belleville, 8-4 and lost to Sage Ratliff, Phillipsburg, 8-5.
“Ashley was our most competitive entry,” said coach Green. “She won against Concordia and played two close matches against Belleville and Phillipsburg. Ashley serves well and covers the court from corner to corner.”
No.2 doubles
At No.2 doubles, Norton’s Carla Jo Long and Ruth Kend-

ell played together for the first time and placed fourth. They lost to Emily Trigg and Heather Letourneau, Concordia, 8-4; lost to Katie Strnad and Liz Jacques, Belleville, 8-2 and lost to Shelby Christensen and Kim Nguyen, Phillipsburg, 8-1.
“Carla Jo hit the ball well and Ruth made a number of good volleys at the net,” said coach Green.
Other matches
Also playing for Norton in matches against Phillipsburg

were Rhees Carlson and Danielle Wagoner. In singles, Rhees won 6-2 over Karlye Stephen and won 6-0 over Allyson Boeve.
Also in singles, Danielle lost 6-1 to Allyson Boeve and lost 6-1 to Karlye Stephen.
In doubles, Rhees and Danielle defeated Stephen and Boeve 6-2.
“Rhees played very well in all of her matches,” said coach Green. “Danielle was playing in her first high school tennis competition. She was pretty happy after her win in the doubles match.”

Norton JV football team wins one and loses one Victory escapes Norton volleyball team

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity football team lost to Hays High 26-14 on Tuesday, Sept. 7 and defeated St. Francis 38-8 on Monday, Sept. 13.
The Norton freshmen defeated the Hay High freshmen 8-6 in another game played on Sept. 7.
HAYS HIGH
The Norton junior varsity eleven jumped out to a 14-0 lead early in the second quarter of the contest with Hays, which was played in Norton. Hay High tied it at 14-all prior to halftime. After the break, defenses battled and kept each other out of the end zones until late in the third quarter when the Indians got another score to make it 20-14.
In the final period, Norton got the ball with 3:45 left and started a drive. They fumbled the ball away, however, and Hays drove for one more touchdown to make the final 26-14.

“Our offensive line did a great job early and gave great blocks for Tye Nickell to score in the first quarter,” said Norton assistant coach Jeremy Hawks. Trey Millan added the two point conversion. In the second quarter, Jacob Brooks took a pitch and ran 45 yards to score. “That score was set up by great blocking once again,” said coach Hawks.
“It was a hard hitting game and our offensive line did a good job early. I just think we got a little ahead of ourselves when we jumped out in front and we couldn’t turn it back up to the way we started.”
ST FRANCIS
The Blue Jay junior varsity played well on Monday in their 38-8 win over St. Francis on their home field.
Dalton Miller passed to Trey Millan for the first touchdown and Tye Nickell ran off the left side for the Jays’ second score to make it 16-0 after one quarter.
St. Francis scored on a run over the right side in the second quarter. Their two point try was good, making it 16-8. A pass from Miller to Andrew Ellis for a touchdown

and two extra points extended the Norton lead to 24-8.
There was no scoring in the third period. Norton scored again in the fourth quarter on a pass from Nickell to Ellis, making it 30-8.
The Blue Jays scored one final time on a run over the left side by Tanner Furbush. The two-point try was good, making the final 38-8.
“Overall, we played extremely well,” said coach Hawks. “We had one let down in the middle of the second quarter when we fumbled and gave up the only touchdown scored by St. Francis.
“Our offense did a good job of blocking and running the ball hard. Our defense gave up some yards but, overall, forced many three and outs and kept the Indians out of the end zone.”
HAYS FRESHMEN
The Norton and Hays freshmen had a defensive battle that was finally won in overtime 8-6 by Norton.
The Blue Jay defense made two stands in the fourth quarter to hold the Indians out of the end zone. On the last stand, it was fourth and goal on the 8-yard-line for Hays. Trever Lewis stepped in front of a Hays pass, intercepted it and took the ball out to the 24-yard-line.
Norton received the ball first in overtime on the 10-yard-line. Three consecutive dive plays got the Jays to the 2-yard-line. Toby Nickell fumbled the snap on fourth down but quickly grabbed it and got into the end zone. The same dive play worked for the two-point conversion. With Lane Vanover and Isaac Schaefer blocking, Jared Bohl busted into the end zone to put Norton ahead 8-0.
Hays then scored on third down but the Blue Jay defense stopped them short on the two-point conversion to ensure an 8-6 Norton victory!
“Overall, we played well in this game,” said coach Hawks. “It was a defensive battle for the entire game.”
Next action
The Norton junior varsity will not play again until Monday, Sept. 27 when they host Oberlin for a 6 p.m. game at Travis Field in Norton.

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The Norton Community High School varsity volleyball team played three competitive matches on Saturday, Sept. 11 in Atwood but victory escaped them.
They lost 19-25, 10-25 to Brewster/Cheylin; 14-25, 16-25 to Dund County and 24-26, 20-25 to Atwood.
Brewster/Cheylin
“We looked very sluggish from the beginning in this match and it continued,” said Norton head volleyball coach Peggy Cox.
“We just didn’t do a good job of taking care of business on our side of the net.”
Erin Terrell, Brianna Karnopp and Juliana Miller each had one kill. Terrell led in aces with two and Karnopp had one.
Digs leader was Terrell with four, followed by Kylie Nuzum and Karnopp with one each.
Johnnye Ruder had three assists and Nuzum had one.
Blocks leader was Teslee Nickell with two, followed by Caren Thomson and Karnopp, one each.

Dundy County
“Poor serving, among other things, continued to plague our Lady Jays against Dundy County,” said coach Cox. “We have to take control of a match from the beginning and decide that one error is not going to roll over into the next series of plays.
“Mental toughness is the key with this team and, until we learn to not let our emotions control us, we will struggle putting a check in the win column.”
Terrell was the kills leader with four. Nickell and Karnopp each had two aces and Terrell had one.
Digs leaders were Shinn and Nuzum with three each, followed

by Bekah Streck, Terrell, Juliana Miller, Nickell, one each.
Ruder led in assists with four while Nickell had two.
Streck and Karnopp each had two blocks.
Atwood
“We came close to tasting victory again but just couldn’t quite close the door on the Lady Buffalos from Atwood,” said coach Cox. “We let them slip in and take the momentum away from us and we couldn’t recover in the second set.
“This match showed our best passing of the day but it was not enough to overcome our poor serving and defense.”
Terrell was kills leader again, this time with seven. Thomson, Karnopp and Miller each had two kills and Nickell had one.
One ace each was served by Nuzum, Terrell, Karnopp and Nickell.
Digs leader was Terrell with eight, followed by Nuzum, four; Shinn, Nickell, two each; Katie Gall, one.
Ruder was assists leader again, this time with eight. Nickell had

five and Karnopp and Nickell each had one block.
Next action
Norton hosted Goodland in varsity and junior varsity matches on Thursday but results were not

available at the Telegram’s press time.
On Tuesday, Norton will travel to Hill City to play Hill City and Hoxie in varsity and junior varsity matches, beginning at 4:30 p.m.



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