

Norton Junior Varsity wins championship

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The Norton Community High School tennis team hosted the Norton Junior Varsity Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 11 on the new Norton courts and won the championship.

Norton A scored 35 points, followed by Hays, 31; Phillipsburg, 14; Colby, 14; Norton B, 6.

No.1 singles

Katie Scott won the championship of No.1 singles for the Lady Jays. She defeated Rhees Carlson, Norton B, 6-2; outscored Kylah Ellis, Phillipsburg, 6-3; shutout Kelsee DeBoer, Hays, 6-0 and outpointed Theresa Basset, Colby, 6-4, to go undefeated for the tournament.

“Katie had a solid performance,” said Norton head coach Jim Green. “She is very consistent with her strokes and moves her opponents from side to side.”

No.1 doubles

Kelsie Griffith and Kaitlyn Ross played No.1 doubles for Norton and were the runner-up team. They shutout Ruth Kendell and Desiray Skrdlant, Norton B, 6-0; outscored Heather Miller and Tiffani Eller, Phillipsburg, 6-4; drew a bye; lost to Abbey Hornburg and Jill Taylor, Hays, 6-1 and defeated Hannah Giebler and Sarah Lamm, Colby, 6-1, to place second.

“Kelsie and Kaitlyn had a good day,” said coach Green. “Hays High has a strong team and they finished first. After losing to them, we bounced back and defeated Colby. Our win over Colby made it possible for us to outscore Hays

for first place as a team.”

No.2 singles

Norton’s Ashley Millan had a perfect day, going 4-0 to win the No.2 singles. She shutout Sierra Black, Norton B, 6-0; shutout Emma Lidstrom, Phillipsburg, 6-0; drew a bye; defeated Ashley Swart, Hays, 6-2 and outpointed Tommi Miller, Colby, 6-4.

“Ashley’s serving improved from one match to the next as the day went along and that made her difficult to beat,” said coach Green. “Ashley’s toughest match was against Colby in the last round of the day. This was her closest match of the day and came at a time when we needed all the team points we could get. Ashley showed a lot of determination to hold off the Colby player to win”

No.2 doubles

The Lady Jays’ Katie Koch and Carla Jo Long placed runner-up at No.2 doubles. They outpointed Rikkele Green and Hannah Pollock, Norton B, 6-2; outscored Taylor Beach and Karlye Stephen, Phillipsburg, 6-1; drew a bye; lost to Katelyn Hecker and Naomi Basgall, Hays, 6-3 and defeated Alexa Schindler and Cherry Chen, Colby, 6-3, to place second.

“Katie and Carla Jo both hit the ball extremely well,” said coach Green. “Katie plays well at the net and hit a number of hard cross-court shots from the baseline.

“Carla Jo also hits the ball hard and moves well on the court.

“I was very pleased with their performance all day and they added to our strong finish as a team.”

Norton B Team

Rhees Carlson played No.1 singles for Norton B. She lost to Katie Scott of Norton A, 6-2; drew a bye; lost to Kelsee DeBoer, Hays, 6-1; lost to Theresa Basset, Colby, 6-3 and lost to Kylah Ellis, Phillipsburg, 6-1.

“Rhees saw some tough competition,” said Norton assistant coach Crystal Montgomery. “This was her first tournament of the season. She had a close match against Basset from Colby. Their game scores were close and they had a good match. Rhees plays hard and has made strong improvements in the past year. She is becoming a more consistent player.”

No.1 doubles Norton B

Ruth Kendell and Desiray Skrdlant played No.1 doubles for the Norton B. They lost to Kelsie Griffith and Kaitlyn Ross, Norton A, 6-0; drew a bye; lost to Abbey Homburg and Jill Taylor, Hays, 6-0; lost to Hannah Giebler and Sarah Lamm, Colby, 6-0 and lost to Heather Miller and Tiffani Eller, Phillipsburg, 6-0.

“This was Desiray’s first tournament in her career and Ruth’s first time playing doubles in a tournament,” said coach Montgomery. “They both scored some great points. They learned things that will help them become more successful players in the future.”

No.2 singles for Norton B

Sierra Black played No.2 singles for Norton B and placed third. She lost to Ashley Millan, Norton A, 6-0; drew a bye; outscored Ashley Swart, Hays, 6-5; lost to Tommi Miller, Colby, 6-1 and

shutout Emma Lidstrom, Phillipsburg, 6-0.

“Sierra had an outstanding tournament,” said coach Montgomery. “She stayed calm and came through in the tiebreaker to defeat Swart from Hays. This win helped Norton win the tournament since she took points away from Hays, who was second as a team.

“She also shutout the Phillipsburg girl. I was very impressed with Sierra’s performance. She ran the court well and I saw her improving her tennis game with every match she played.

“She made Miller run all around the court and had some very close games with her.”

No.2 doubles for Norton B

Rikkele Green and Hannah Pollock placed third for Norton B. They lost to Katie Koch and Carla Jo Long, Norton A, 6-2; drew a bye; lost to Katelyn Hecker and Naomi Basgall, Hays, 6-0; defeated Alexa Schindler and Cherry Chen, Colby, 6-1 and lost a close match to Taylor Beach and Karlye Stephen, Phillipsburg 6-5 (7-5).

“This was Rikkele and Hannah’s first tournament of their career,” said coach Montgomery. “A third place finish is excellent for their first tournament and I am proud of them. Although Rikkele and Hannah struggled at times, they both had some great shots. Rikkele plays the net well and isn’t afraid to hit a volley, Pollock had some great high shots which her opponents could not reach.

“They had a close match against Phillipsburg, losing in a tiebreaker.”



Norton senior Ashley Millan is shown returning the tennis ball during a match Tuesday in the Phillipsburg Varsity Quad. Although it was a varsity tournament, Norton coach Jim Green entered his junior varsity so they could gain experience. Ashley played very well and finished in third place. “Ashley was our most competitive entry in the tournament,” said Norton coach Jim Green. :She serves well and covers the court from corner to corner.” - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Northern Valley Huskies work on consistency

We traveled to Phillipsburg to play Norton and the host Panthers.

Against Norton we played well and were in the game with good solid passing which led to our setters setting well while our hitters were placing the ball between the Blue Jay defenders. We just did not do these things consistently enough to come out on top. The final score was 20-25, 18-25.

We then played the 3A #2 team in the state, Phillipsburg, and let’s just say we did not have a good game: the players and even the ol’ coach. So, as we must do again we will learn from this loss and move on. The final score was 6-25, 6-25.

The ladies played in the Gove County Tournament on Saturday and had some good moments, just not enough.

Our best outing of the day was our very first against two time state entrant Weskan who only lost one player off last year’s state team as we played with the Coyotes until the score got to 17 then their ability to finish strong prevailed as we lost 17-25. In the second set the Weskan talent out played ours and won the game 9-25.

In the rest of the games two things were prevalent: we were not consistent with our passing, setting and hitting and the other teams’ talent just out played ours. The scores were: Quinter 14-25, 13-25; Wheatland-Grinnell 9-25, 14-25; Lakin 16-25, 10-25.

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Thursday, September 23

7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Lt. Col. Ramon Horinek

Laying of Wreaths

First Nebraska Artillery Cannon Salute

Friday, September 24

7:00 p.m.

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Presentation of Medallions

Saturday, September 25

7:00 p.m.

Vietnam Veterans of
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Sunday, September 26

7:00 p.m.

Interdenominational Church Service

All Are Welcome

Monday, September 27

2:00 p.m.

Closing Ceremony

Retrieval of Colors

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