

Blue Jays return to Trego and win

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On Saturday night, the Norton Community High School boys basketball team returned to WaKeeney and fashioned a victory over Trego Community very similar to the one they earned on Friday night.

The Blue Jays had a regularly scheduled Mid-Continent League meeting with the Golden Eagles in WaKeeney on Friday and won 56-39.

Then, on Saturday they had to play Trego in a feather bracket game in the MCL Tournament in WaKeeney and earned a 63-36 victory.

Although the final scores were very similar, Norton head coach Doug Reusink said Trego changed defenses on them and the Blue Jays had to make adjustments.

Norton also got into some foul trouble but coach Reusink praised the players who came off the bench and gave them some good minutes.

"This was a good win for us," said coach Reusink. "I thought our young men handled very well going back to back nights against the same team on the road."

"Defensively, we were pretty solid and shut down their big scorers."

"I'm happy with how we are playing but we will have to step it up to get a win over Plainville on Monday."

The boys first round MCL Tournament games were held Monday at sites of the higher seeded teams. Norton traveled to undefeated and No. 1 seeded Plainville but results were not available at the Telegram's press time.

On Saturday night, Norton outscored Trego 14-7 in the first quarter. Both teams were perfect on their free throws, but thanks to the Blue Jays' aggressive defense, Trego did not hit a basket, swishing 7 of 7 charities.

The Blue Jays got a three-point basket and two free throws from

senior guard Terrell Lane, a trey from junior forward Dillon McConney, a basket from sophomore forward Jacob Brooks and two free throws each from senior forward Dakota Dreher and senior post Luke Ninemire.

A 12-9 second quarter in Norton's favor saw Lane hit three two-point baskets and two charities, McConney connect on one free throw and junior guard Tye Nickell hit a basket and free toss. Trego hit their first two baskets of the game along with five charities.

Junior post Jordan Wahlmeier, who was saddled with two early fouls, got warmed up from the field in the third quarter when he hit five two-point field goals and one free throw as the Jays totaled 20 points. The rest of the Norton points came on two shots from beyond the arc by McConney and a trey by Nickell.

Norton finished with a 17-9 fourth quarter fueled by two three-point baskets and two chari-

ties by Lane, a basket and two free tosses by Brooks, another basket and free throw by Wahlmeier and a basket by junior guard Zach Hartwell.

Norton had three scorers in double figures and Trego had none.

Leading the way for the Blue Jays was Lane with 21 points on 3 of 6 from long range for 50 percent, 3 of 7 two-point tries for 43 percent and 6 of 13 overall for 46 percent. He also hit a perfect 6 of 6 from the charity stripe.

Wahlmeier ended with 14 points on 6 of 11 two-point attempts for 55 percent and 2 of 4 free throws for 50 percent.

Scoring 10 points was McConney with 3 of 4 from beyond the arc for a net smoking 75 percent accuracy and 1 of 5 free throws for 20 percent.

John Griffith, Blake Fritts and Will Papes each hit 7 points for the Golden Eagles.

As a team, Norton swished 7 of 15 three-point shots for 47

percent, 13 of 37 two-point tries for 35 percent and 20 of 52 overall for 39 percent.

Trego connected on 1 of 9 from beyond the arc for 11 percent, 9 of 42 two-point attempts for 21 percent and 10 of 51 overall for 20 percent.

The Blue Jays outrebounded the Golden Eagles 43-33. Norton had 7 offensive and 36 defensive caroms and Trego pulled down 12 offensive and 21 defensive rebounds.

Wahlmeier had 8 boards to lead the Blue Jays and was followed by Brooks, 7; Dreher, McConney, Lane, 6 each; Ninemire, Nickell, 4 each; Hartwell, Archer, 1 each.

Norton had 5 blocked shots. Wahlmeier had 3 rejections and Brooks had 2.

The Blue Jays had 11 steals and the Golden Eagles had 8. McConney was the leader with 5 thefts, followed by Wahlmeier, 3; Nickell, Lane, Brooks, 1 each.

Norton had 15 offensive as-

sists compared to 5 for Trego. Wahlmeier was the leader with 4, followed by McConney, Nickell, Brooks, 3 each; Dreher, Lane, 1 each.

The Jays had 11 turnovers and the Golden Eagles lost the ball 15 times.

GAME STATISTICS

Norton Boys
Dakota Dreher 002-22; Jordan Wahlmeier 6 0 2-4 14; Dillon McConney 0 3 1-5 10; Luke Ninemire 002-22; Zach Hartwell 1 0 0-0 2; Tye Nickell 1 1 1-2 6; Terrell Lane 3 3 6-6 21; Jacob Brooks 2 0 2-4 6; Game Totals 13 7 16-25 63.

Trego Boys
Devin Ghumm 0 0 1-1 1; John Griffith 2 0 3-5 7; Clayton Riedel 2 0 2-2 6; Brad Pfannenstiel 0 0 4-4 4; Blake Fritts 2 0 3-5 7; Will Papes 3 0 1-5 7; Chad Uhrich 0 1 1-3 4; Game Totals 9 1 15-25 36.

Lady Huskies play in Cheyenne Conference Tourney

Entering the final Cheyenne Conference Tournament we were looking for improvement as we played, in our pool, two teams we had already played this year in Western Plains, which we defeated, 37-18 and Ness City too whom we lost, 41-29.

Against Western Plains a huge improvement was made as we had just about everybody contribute offensively and continued to work well on our defense which created numerous turnovers which we converted into "easy" points which we have not been getting this season.

In this improvement game we had contributions from many but one really came to the forefront and that was Ashley Constable as Ashley led the team in rebounds with 11 with three that were "put backs" which are offensive rebounds we score on. Following Constable in the rebounding with a huge number herself was Erika Chandler who grabbed 10 and also getting 3 "put backs" that's 12 easy points for the team. Amber Kinderknecht then added 9 with 2 put backs, so we had a good rebounding game from the whole team as we had a 38-26 advantage.

We were able to apply more pressure in this game and the result was more steals but first the reason for the extra pressure, the deflects. Erika Chandler led the team with 7 followed by Staci Dole with 4 and Amber K. with 3. Now to the steals as Dole led the gang of thieves by swiping 7 with Constable taking 3 as did McKinsey Evens. Kenzie Chandler and Amber K each pilfered 2.

Assists were handed out by Kenzie C with 3 while Constable and Erika C each found 2.

A huge improvement one in which this team set a new Zimmerman Era record by grabbing 9 offensive put back rebounds for scores.

We won this game by the score of 52-26.

	3pt	2pt	Ft	Reb	St	Ast	Def
Ashley Constable	0	6	1	11	3	2	1

Kenzie Chandler	0	1	0	4	2	3	0
Staci Dole	2	5	0	5	7	1	4
Amber Kinderknecht	0	3	0	8	2	1	3
Erika Chandler	0	6	0	10	0	2	7
DaKota Hilburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brittney Shutte	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
McKinsey Evens	0	0	0	0	3	1	1

Northern Valley Lady Husky Basketball Against Ness City
We then played Ness City in a rematch. In the first game the Eagles only had half their team there as they were taking ACT test but they defeated us 41-29 anyway. So again we were looking to improve.

In this game they had their full team available so it didn't look good for us. But our young ladies didn't flinch, except at the beginning when we actually gave them 6 quick points before we settled down and got ourselves under control. From then on we played them even as the score ended up 42-36 another improvement for our team.

Deflect leader was Erika Chandler with 7 while Staci Dole got a hand on 3.

Steals were taken by Ashley Constable with 4 and Erika C with 2. Rebounds were grabbed by Staci Dole with 8 and Amber Kinderknecht who ripped 7 off the boards and Constable with 4.

Assists were handed out by Dole who found 4 teammates open.

A nice improvement and we hope to continue to improve as we face new teams for the rest of the season.

	3pt	2pt	Ft	Reb	St	Ast	Def
Ashley Constable	0	0	1	4	4	1	2
Kenzie Chandler	1	1	1	3	0	1	1
Staci Dole	1	5	5	8	1	4	3
Amber Kinderknecht	0	0	1	7	1	0	2

Erika Chandler	1	1	5	3	2	0	7
DaKota Hilburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brittney Shutte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKinsey Evens	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Northern Valley Lady Husky Basketball Logan

Our last game of the tournament was against Logan. We, again, did not do ourselves any favors as we spotted the Trojans 6 quick points before we settled down and then played the rest of the half almost even going in down by 7.

In the second half, actually the third quarter, we could not get any baskets to fall and as a result lost the game by the score of 50-27.

Staci Dole tipped the ball for 7 deflects while Ashley Constable and Amber Kinderknecht each tipped 1.

Steals were taken by Dole with 3 while Kenzie Chandler and Erika Chandler each swiped 2.

Rebounds were led by Constable and Erika C as both grabbed 5 with Dole and Brittney Shutte each coming down with 3.

Assists were handed out by McKinsey Evens with 2 while Amber K and Erika C each found 1.

	3pt	2pt	Ft	Reb	St	Ast	Def
Ashley Constable	0	0	4	5	0	0	1
Kenzie Chandler	0	1	1	1	2	0	0
Staci Dole	1	4	1	3	3	0	7
Amber Kinderknecht	0	0	2	4	1	1	1
Erika Chandler	0	2	2	5	2	1	0
DaKota Hilburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brittney Shutte	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
McKinsey Evens	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

Huskies bring home a huge win

By DANAPAXTON

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On November 11, the Northern Valley boys basketball team attended the Cheyenne Conference Tournament and when playing Western Plains came home with a huge win of 60-39.

In the first quarter, Colton Lowry was the leading Husky scorer with a two pointer, a three pointer and one of two free throws totaling 6 points followed by Dusty Eagleburger with a two point basket and a three point shot. Tyler Montgomery also added to the tally with a two point shot. Western Plains was a comparable

opponent. They scored six, two pointers and two, 3 point shots. This ended the quarter with Western Plains leading 18-13.

During the second quarter, the Huskies maintained their scoring ability with Austin Herman sinking three, 2 pointers followed by Gunnar Hay with a three pointer, and Calen Bach and Bryant Tharman each adding two baskets and Eagleburger had two free throws for a total of 15 points for the quarter. Western Plains slowed down, scoring nine points, a three pointer, two, 2 pointers and two free throws. The first half ended with Northern Valley leading

28-27.

The Huskies kept their roll going in the third quarter. Herman hit three, 2 pointers and one of three free throws followed by Eagleburger with three, 2 pointers, and Montgomery and Tharman with two each. Western Plains got their second wind and came back scoring 12 points, two, 3 pointers and three, 2 pointers. Going into the final quarter the score stood at 45-39 for the Huskies.

During the final quarter, it didn't slow down. The Huskies continued scoring basket after basket to add 13 more to their score. Eagleburger continued on

a streak and had four, 2 pointers followed by Lowry with a two pointer and three of four free throws and Herman with a two pointer. A total of 15 more points. Western Plains gave it their best effort scoring 13 points, three, 3 pointers and four free throws. The final score left the Huskies on top with a 60-39 win.

Head coach Chuck Fessenden said, "We had a hard time pulling away from Western Plains. They shot the ball extremely well. We were able to get the ball inside on offense but our players struggled to make shots. We were fortunate to come away with the win."

Junior Jays lose at MCEL Tournament in Stockton

By DANA PAXTON

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On January 6, the Norton eighth grade Junior Lady Jays competed at the MCEL tournament in Stockton. It was a very close game but Norton played Hill City and lost 15-14.

The first quarter of the game was the highest scoring quarter with Norton putting seven points on the board. Kaitlyn Bohl was the high score with two, 2 pointers followed by Sierra Griffith making one basket and Adrienne Hager sinking one of two free throws. Hill City put two points on the board ending the quarter at 7-2.

During the second quarter, Norton slowed down a bit. Hager and Griffith each added two to the score. Hill City hit one three pointer ending the first half 11-5 in favor of Norton.

In the third quarter, Norton lost their momentum and was unable to add any points to their score. Hill City had another three point basket and one free throw. Even with Norton's no score they held on to the lead, 11-9.

During the final quarter, Norton put three more points on the board. Bohl had one basket and Nicole Tacha hit a free throw. Hill City came back in this quarter by scoring on nothing but free throws, six total, enough to win the game by one point at the last minute. The game ended with a score of 15-14.

Head Coach Cheri Brooks wrapped up the season by stating, "The girls improved as the season went along with their fundamentals, but throughout this season turnovers were our downfall. Our turnovers cut down on our opportunities to score."

After having some great practices over Christmas break our first game of the MCEL tourney against Hill City was a major heart breaker. We were up 11-15 at half time and then were still ahead 11-9 with approximately two and a half minutes left in the game. However, we could not get a basket to fall. We had a couple of let downs on defense, and to make matters worse we turned the ball over at some crucial times.

"I give credit to Hill City for not giving up. They made some big baskets when they needed them, especially from the free throw line. They hit 7-of-8 charities all in the second half." Brooks said.

In conclusion Brooks said, "I hope the girls continue to work on their fundamentals and get plenty of opportunities to play before they start their high school careers."

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