



Norton Tennis team takes fifth at Russell Invitational

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Coach Jim Green's Norton Community High School varsity tennis team turned in some good performances on Thursday in the Russell Invitational Tennis Tournament where they placed fifth in an eight-team field.

Larned won the championship with 24 points, followed by Russell, 14; Osborne, 10; Phillipsburg, 10; Norton, 8; Hoisington, 6; Colby, 6; Victoria, 2.

Norton junior Tawni Griffey continued unbeaten for the season to win the No.1 singles championship. She drew a first round bye, then defeated Deiah Curtis, Hoisington, 8-4 and outscored Jessi Johnson, Larned, 8-2 to win the gold medal.

"Tawni had another dominant performance," said coach Green. "After receiving a first round bye, she played Curtis of Hoisington. She has a big serve but Tawni won easily. In the finals, her opponent was Johnson of Larned, who hit the ball well and was very consistent but Tawni still won 8-2. Tawni always goes all out, giving her best and hitting the ball very hard."

Lady Jay sophomore Haley Wallingford

and junior Katie Koch placed fifth in No.1 doubles. They defeated Brittini Hayes and Desiree Branick, Russell, 8-5 in the first round, then met No.1 seed Schroeder and Keck of Colby in the semi-finals, where they lost 8-0. In the consolation bracket, they lost to Shannon Lacey and Krystal Cowan, Hoisington, 8-4.

"Haley and Katie had a good day," said coach Green. "In the first round, they defeated the fourth seed Russell team to whom they had lost twice earlier this season. That was an important win for our girls. Since they had lost twice to Russell and now have defeated Russell twice and have the most recent win, they can be seeded above the Russell team in the future."

In No.2 singles, junior Sierra Black was the Norton player and she placed fifth. Sierra lost her opening match to Sara Lamm, Colby, by an 8-6 score. In the consolation bracket, she defeated Arika Aiken, Phillipsburg, 8-7(8-6). In the consolation semi-finals, she lost to No.1 seed Kelli Gudenkauf, Russell, 8-0.

"Sierra had a great come-from-behind win over Aiken of Phillipsburg," said coach Green. "Trailing 5-2, she was able to catch

up and tie the match at 7-7 to get into a tiebreaker. In the tiebreaker, Sierra had to play some extra points to get the 8-6 win."

Norton sophomores Rিকে Green and Ashley Hildebrand played No.2 doubles. They lost their opening match to Taylor Hamel and Abby Dreher, Russell, by a score of 8-1. In the consolation bracket, they defeated Bowman and Robben of Victoria 8-5 before losing to Braeder Bert and Corrine Quick of Larned by a score of 8-2 in the consolation semi-finals.

"Rিকে and Ashley are playing better by becoming more consistent," said coach Green. "Their best effort was against Bowman and Robben of Victoria. It was a very close match and kept going back and forth. Toward the end of the match, our girls were able to pull in front and win at 8-5."

Next action

The Norton varsity tennis team will compete in the annual Mid-Continent League Tournament this Saturday in WaKeeney, beginning at 9 a.m.

The Norton junior varsity will also play on Saturday in the Colby Junior Varsity Tournament, which also begins at 9 a.m.

Norton junior Tawni Griffey returns the tennis ball during some fast action in the Russell Invitational Tennis Tournament on Thursday. Tawni continued her winning ways to earn the gold medal in No.1 singles.
- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton Tennis team competed at Trego Saturday

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The Norton Community High School varsity tennis team placed fifth out of eight teams competing in the Trego Invitational on Saturday in WaKeeney.

The championship team was Central Plains with 36 points, followed by Trego, 35; Greeley County, 30; Phillipsburg, 27; Norton, 23; Hoisington, 11; Osborne, 8; Victoria, 2.

"It was a perfect weather day for tennis," said Norton head tennis coach Jim Green. "The Trego Tournament is a seeded tournament with all the singles in one bracket and all the doubles together in another bracket. The singles and doubles are divided into ones and twos. Tawni Griffey was seeded first in singles and was our only seeded

entry. Sierra Black drew into the singles bracket against the number five seed. In doubles, Haley Wallingford and Katie Koch drew in against the number four seed and Rিকে Green and Ashley Hildebrand drew in against the three seed."

Norton junior Tawni Griffey won the gold medal at No.1 singles as she has so far in every tournament this season. She defeated Arika Aiken, Phillipsburg, 8-0; shutout Megan Robertson, Greeley County, 8-0, outscored Breanna Schartz, Central Plains, 8-1 and shutout Sage Ratliff, Phillipsburg, 8-0, to win first.

"Hard-hitting Tawni overpowered her opponents with powerful groundstrokes and volleys," said coach Green. "She easily won her first two matches. In the semi-finals, she played Breanna

Schartz of Central Plains. Breanna was able to handle Tawni's hard shots and did not make many mistakes. Tawni won and advanced to face Ratliff of Phillipsburg in the finals. Sage is another very consistent player and was the number two seed. Sage and Tawni have played several times and Tawni was at her best, winning 8-0."

Sophomore Haley Wallingford and junior Katie Koch played No.1 doubles for Norton and placed tenth. They lost to Audrey Kempke and Karli Beck of Central Plains, 6-4; defeated Anna Schmidtberger and Ariel Bowman, Victoria, 8-0; and outscored Baily Harris and Evin Smith, Greeley County, 8-6 to reach the consolation finals where they lost to Tia Brunswig and Beth Hafliger, Trego, 8-5.

"The experience gained by

our No.1 doubles team of Haley and Katie is beginning to pay off," said coach Green. "They are placing the ball much better and becoming more consistent. After losing to the four seed, they had some good victories over Victoria and Tribune to finish tenth.

"Tribune has always had good doubles teams, so I was extremely pleased with their win. In their last match, they gave a Trego team a good battle before losing 8-5."

Lady Jay junior Sierra Black played No.2 singles for Norton and finished tenth. She lost to Kylie Dunn, Trego, 8-4; in the consolation bracket, defeated Katy Barrett, Hoisington, 8-2; then outscored Aiken, Phillipsburg, 8-4, to reach the consolation semi-finals where she lost to Ellie Sherwood, Trego, 8-1.

"Sierra is our most improved player," said coach Green. "She played the number five seed close at 8-4 and won her next two matches to place tenth. Sierra's points are lasting longer. She is able to stay in the point and move her opponent around.

"She is becoming quicker on her feet and getting to the short balls at the net. The scores of her matches against players she has played before are showing a wider margin of victory."

Norton sophomores Rিকে Green and Ashley Hildebrand played No.2 doubles and placed 12th. They lost to Amelia Fabrizio and Leah Flax, Trego, 8-0; defeated Morgan Schremmer and Brooke Schmidt, Phillipsburg, 8-5; lost to Brunswig and Hafliger, Trego, 8-3 and lost to Harris and Smith of Greeley County, 8-2.

"Our No.2 doubles team of Rিকে and Ashley are showing improvement," said coach Green. "Their games and matches with their opponents are becoming closer and more competitive. They gave us a victory over Victoria and played a close match with Trego, much closer than the score indicates."

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Over one hundred students compete in annual punt pass and kick competition

By Joan Bolt

Local PPK Coordinator and Eisenhower Elementary Physical Education Department

The Eisenhower Elementary School held the Annual Punt Pass and Kick competition during their physical education classes this fall. 144 students participated in the competition. The cumulative total of one punt, one pass, and one kick determined the final scores. The

following students placed in their respective categories.

Girls 6/7 years old: 1st, Julie Schindler (47'11"), 2nd, Jaida Wright and 3rd, Anna Lively.

Boys 6/7 years old: 1st, Jacob Schellhamer (86'3"), 2nd, Jacob Gordon and 3rd, Braden Amlong.

Girls 8/9 year olds: 1st, Tessa Hauser (92'4"), 2nd, Tayli Ruesch and 3rd, Emma Krehbeil.

Boys 8/9 year olds: 1st, Jonah

Ruder (176'4"), 2nd, Paytin Saldana and 3rd, Judson Wiltfong.

Girls 10/11 year olds: 1st, Carol Schoenthaler (119'4"), 2nd, Hayley Cadwalader and 3rd, Allison Engelbert.

Boys 10/11 year olds: 1st, Hayden Wiltfong ((267'1"), 2nd, Seth Nielson and 3rd, Trenton Chisham.

Girls 12/13 year olds: 1st, Brianna Johns (164'6"), 2nd, Jessica Ambrosier and 3rd, Kara Frack.

Boys 12/13 year olds: 1st, Ja-

cob Green (275'4"), 2nd, Jace Ruder and 3rd, Tevin Petrie.

The First Place Winner in each age group will have the opportunity to go on to Scott City for the Sectional Competition held on October 30th. The top 5 scores of the combined sectionals will get an opportunity to advance to the Team Championship held during a Kansas City Chiefs Football Game. The NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass, and Kick football competition allows youngsters to showcase their

talents in punting, passing, and place kicking with scores based on distance and accuracy.

"The Punt, Pass and Kick Competition is a great experience for the students. Along with getting an opportunity to compete for a ribbon by showcasing their individual skills, students learn how to run such a competition, how to subtract for accuracy and learn the importance of being organized and efficient when running an event."

Lady Huskies win against Damar

On September 15, the Northern Valley Junior High volleyball team competed against Logan and Damar.

In A Team play, the Lady Huskies won over Damar in two sets, 25-8 and 25-9.

Northern Valley also played Logan and the B Team lost in three sets, 25-16, 23-25 and 15-12.

The Northern Valley C Team also lost to Logan but in two sets, 25-23 and 25-12.

In A Team play against Logan, Damar lost in two sets, 25-23 and 25-22.

The next action will take place this Thursday against Osborne at Logan at 4 p.m. with the football game to follow at 6 p.m.

Scenes from the Norton Homecoming Celebration!



The Norton Community High School Dance Team performed at the Homecoming pep rally held in front of the courthouse along with the cheerleading squad. Morgan Farber, Teal Stewart, Makayla Cadwalader, Kelsey Mordecai, Samantha Gordon and Kaitlyn Bohl put on an entertaining show for the crowd. Mariah; Farber can be seen in the back.
- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



When the Norton Community High School football players charged out of the locker room to begin their Homecoming Game with Oberlin on Friday night, their admirers were there to welcome their heroes back onto the field. Leading the Norton players with the Blue Jay flag was Cole Renner, No. 54.
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