

Lady Jays defeated by Osborne Bulldogs

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The Norton Community High School girls varsity basketball team played three great quarters in their game with No.4 state ranked Osborne in the NCHS Stull Gym on Friday evening but it wasn't enough in a 61-52 loss.

The Lady Jays jumped out to a 16-9 lead by the end of the first period and led 28-26 at halftime. Osborne rallied in the third period, outscoring Norton 19-7 to take a 45-35 lead into the final stanza.

Norton got a good start to the fourth quarter when Katie Bohl scored and Bailey Ambrosier scored, was fouled and hit the free throw for a three-point play, cutting the Osborne lead to 45-40 with 7:20 still remaining in the game. Osborne hit their first basket of the final stanza but Darcy Bainter responded with a three-point basket to cut the state-ranked visitors' lead to 47-43.

That was as close as the Lady Jays came as the Lady Bulldogs hit three baskets in a row to extend their lead to 53-43. After that, Bohl hit a free throw and Katelyn Engelbert swished a field goal to make it 53-46. Osborne hit two more baskets and Caitlyn Cox scored for Norton to put the score at 57-48 with 2:17 left in the contest.

Osborne hit two more field goals and Norton's Peyton Renner hit a field goal and Bailey Ambrosier swished two free throws for the Lady Jays' final points.

"Although we had one bad quarter, I'm proud of the way we played," said Norton head

coach George Rossi. "A couple of turnovers cost us along with their three-pointers but we battled back in the fourth quarter and got within four points of them.

"Osborne has a good team and we had a hard time matching up with them. They outshot and outbounded us.

"This game showed us some things that we can fix."

Norton's leading scorer was Katie Bohl with 13 points on 5 of 10 from the field for 50 percent and 3 of 7 from the free throw line for 43 percent. Darcy Bainter scored 12 points on 3 of 5 from beyond the arc for 60 percent, 1 of 1 two-point tries and 4 of 6 overall for 67 percent. She hit her only free throw, too.

Baylee Wolters and Jessica Princ led Osborne with 16 points each. Wolters scored 8 of her points in the fourth quarter and Princ scored all of her points in the first three quarters.

As a team, Norton hit 5 of 18 from long range for 28 percent, 13 of 30 two-point tries for 43 percent and 18 of 48 overall for 38 percent.

Osborne swished 4 of 8 from beyond the arc for 50 percent, 23 of 43 two-point attempts for 53 percent and 27 of 51 overall for an accurate 53 percent.

From the free throw line, the Lady Jays hit 11 of 18 for 61 percent and the Lady Bulldogs were just 3 of 6 for 50 percent.

Norton was outbounded 32-22. The Lady Jays pulled down 9 offensive and 13 defensive boards. The Lady Bulldogs grabbed 10 offensive and 22 defensive caroms.

Leading rebounder for Norton was Darcy Bainter with 5, fol-



lowed by Katie Bohl, 4; Caitlyn Cox, 3; Katelyn Engelbert, 3; Peyton Renner, 2; Bailey Ambrosier, 2; Marisa Maddy, 1; Johnnye Ruder, 1; Miah Melvin, 1.

Norton had 11 offensive assists, led by Ruder and Melvin with 3 each. Bailey Ambrosier had 2 assists, followed by Maddy, Engelbert, Bainter, 1 each.

Norton had 8 steals and Osborne had 9. Renner and Melvin each had 2 thefts, followed by Engelbert, Bainter, Bohl, Bailey Ambrosier, 1 each.

The Lady Jays had 14 turnovers and the Lady Bulldogs lost the ball 19 times.

Junior varsity

The Norton junior varsity girls defeated Osborne 39-23.

Norton held quarter leads of 10-4, 25-9 and 36-15.

Leading scorer for Norton was Peyton Renner with 11 points, followed by Caitlyn Cox, 7; Miah Melvin, 6; Hanna Brooks 4; Casey Ambrosier, 4; Lexi Voss 4; Lexus Hartwell, 2; Kira Robertson 1.

Camila Faundez and Jessica Engler led Osborne with 5 points each.

"Once again, our defense was really strong with the exception

Norton junior post Katie Bohl goes inside to score during the Lady Jays loss to the state ranked Osborne quintet on Friday in the NCHS Stull Gym. Bohl ended with 13 points in the game on 50 percent shooting. She also had four rebounds.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

of a few mental lapses in the fourth quarter," said Norton assistant coach Joan Bolt.

"Osborne had a little run in the fourth quarter transitioning off a tough press but our girls kept their cool and held them off with their defense."

Norton girls

Caitlyn Cox 2 0 2-3 6, Katelyn Engelbert 1 0 1-2 3, Peyton Renner 1 0 0-0 2, Darcy Bainter 1 3 1-1 12, Katie Bohl 5 0 3-7 13, Bailey Ambrosier 2 0 4-5 8, Johnnye Ruder 1 1 0-0 5, Miah Melvin 0 1 0-0 3; Totals; 13 5 11-18 52.

Osborne girls,

Baylee Wolters 6 1 1-3 16, Jessica Princ 6 1 1-1 16, Taylor Noel 3 2 1-2 13, Jessica Engler 1 0 0-0 2, Allison Grabast 1 0 0-0 2, Caitlyn Miller 6 0 0-0 12; Totals 23 4 3-6 61.

Next action

Norton will host No.1 state ranked and unbeaten Hoxie this evening, beginning at 4:45 p.m.

The junior varsity boys game will be held in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym.

The junior varsity girls, varsity girls and varsity boys contests will be held in the NCHS Stull Gym.



Proud of the Blue Jays!

Norton boys varsity team wins against Osborne

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Free throws made the difference in the Norton Community High School boys varsity basketball team's 45-32 win over Osborne in the NCHS Stull Gym on Friday evening.

The Blue Jays went to the line 30 times and hit 20 of them for 67 percent accuracy. The Bulldogs found the charity stripe 20 times but made just 6 for 30 percent.

Osborne led 8-6 after one quarter but Norton added 13 points in the second quarter while holding the Bulldogs to just 6 points to take a 19-14 lead at intermission.

In another low scoring quarter, Norton was edged 8-7 in the third stanza but still led 26-22.

Osborne fouled a lot in the fourth period in an attempt to catch up but the Blue Jays they fouled were very, very accurate. Quinton Porter hit 7 of 8 charity tosses in the final stanza and Drew Schrum swished a perfect 4 of 4.

Porter and Schrum were the two leading scorers for Norton.

Porter hit 1 of 1 from long range, 2 of 11 two-point tries and 3 of 12 overall from the field but really made a difference with 9 of 12 free throws for 75 percent accuracy and 16 total points.

Schrum hit 4 of 6 two-point shots for 67 percent and a perfect 4 of 4 from the charity stripe for 12 points.

Leading scorer for Osborne was Brandt Wolters with 15 points.

"We played hard; better than we have been, especially on defense," said Norton head coach Doug Reusink.

Norton had 9 steals compared to just 4 for Osborne. Porter led with 3, followed by Tanner Furbush, 2; Trever Lewis, 2; Marc Miller, 1; Drew Schrum, 1.

The Blue Jays also had just 12 turnovers while their aggressive defense caused 20 Osborne turnovers.

"This was the smartest game we've played this season," said coach Reusink.

"We got in some foul trouble and have some injuries so needed our bench and they did a nice job.

"We hit free throws down the stretch to seal the deal."

Norton had 5 offensive and 18 defensive rebounds for 23 total. Osborne pulled down 8 offensive and 20 defensive caroms for 28 total.

Conor Cox was leading rebounder for Norton with 8, followed by Tanner Furbush, 5; Quinton Porter, 4; Breven Sondergaard, 2; Marc Miller, 2; Drew Schrum, 1; Trever Lewis, 1.

Quinton Porter had 5 of Norton's 10 offensive assists, followed by Cox, 2; Landon Porter, 2; Schrum, 1.

Cox blocked 3 shots again in this game.

Junior varsity



Norton's Tanner Furbush skies high to bring down a rebound during the Blue Jays' win over Osborne in the NCHS Stull Gym on Friday evening. Tanner grabbed five rebounds in the game. Also shown for Norton are, from left, Quinton Porter and Drew Schrum, the two leading scorers in the game for the Blue Jays.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

The Norton boys junior varsity was edged 16-15 by Osborne in three quarters.

The score was tied 5-5 after one period. Osborne led 13-11 after the second quarter.

Breven Sondergaard and Derrick Campbell each scored 4 points for Norton, followed by Jordan Karnopp, 3; Connor Griffey, 2; Landon Porter, 2.

Cullen Grabast tallied 13 points for Osborne.

Norton boys

Breven Sondergaard 1 0 0-0 2, Quinton Porter 2 1 9-12 16, Marc Miller 0 0 3-5 3, Drew Schrum 4 0 4-4 12, Conor Cox 1 0 2-4 4, Trever Lewis 3 0 2-3 8; Totals 11 1 20-30 45.

Osborne boys

Jake Tiernan 0 1 2-2 5, Brandt Wolters 6 0 3-4 15, Parkes Wolters 3 0 0-3 6, Cullen Grabast 0 1 0-1 3, Kenton Ubelaker 1 0 0-2 2, Maverick LeRock 0 0 1-6 1; Totals 10 2 6-20 32.

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Blue Jays end dual season ranked number one

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The Norton Community High School varsity wrestlers completed their dual season on Friday evening with a 33-27 win at Goodland. Both teams won seven matches.

Norton is ranked No.1 in the state in Class 3-2-1A and Goodland is ranked No. 4 in Class 4A.

"When it looked like the dual was slipping away before the 195 pound match, Kolton Harting really stepped up and got a huge pin for us to seal our comeback victory," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson.

For Kolton's performance,

he was chosen by the Norton coaches as the "Norton Wrestler of the Week".

"I was also proud of a couple of our junior varsity wrestlers who were thrown into the varsity lineup," said coach Johnson. "Kyle Bell at 120 pounds worked very hard to not get pinned against the much more talented Avelar. In the end, he held his shoulders off the mat to not get pinned and only gave up an 8-1 decision.

"Our other junior varsity wrestler competing was Maverick Engel. We bumped him up to 182 pounds to not give up a forfeit and it really paid off. In fact, Maverick almost ended by

winning the match."

Norton will now compete in the Class 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament this Friday and Saturday in WaKeeney.

Match results

106 - Skylar Johnson lost a 9-4 decision to Tate Withington.

113 - Branson Addington won a 13-0 major decision over Tristen Cooper.

120 - Kyle Bell lost an 8-1 decision to Aaron Avelar.

126 - Trenton Wright was pinned in 3:30 by Tanner Gastineau.

132 - Toby Nickell lost a 7-0 decision to Austin Hernandez.

138 - Alec Hager won a 4-2 decision over Brook Bahe.

145 - Jared Tallent won a 16-1 tech fall in 3:42 over Gerrell Miller.

152 - Mike Kasson won a 9-6 decision over Ricky Milke.

160 - Kendall Miller was pinned in 1:30 by John Peden.

170 - Cole Renner lost a 3-2 decision to Colton Cooper.

182 - Maverick Engel lost a 4-2 decision to Drew House.

195 - Kolton Harting pinned Garrett Taylor in 3:05.

220 - Jacob Green won by forfeit.

285 - Michael Johnson won by forfeit.