

Lady Jays spikers lose close matches

By DICK BOYD

Coach Jill Lively's Norton Community High School girls varsity volleyball team lost close matches to Liberal and Hays High on Saturday in Hays.

Liberal

Norton lost to Liberal 19-25, 25-21, 23-25.

"The momentum changed often in our first game with Liberal," said Coach Lively. "Chelsea Cox started with five ace serves in a row, then we let Liberal score five points. That seemed to be the pattern for the game. We got behind 6-13 but continued to play hard. Unfortunately, we couldn't make up the point difference.

"Aggressive serving was a benefit for us in the second game. We had eight aces which set the pace and kept the momentum going in our direction. When your servers get on a roll, everything else seems to come together.

"The third game was even for about six rotations before we allowed Liberal a nine point run. We came back with a couple of four point runs but ended up a little short."

Team statistics were: serving, 88 percent, 20 aces; hitting, 79 percent, 16 kills; defense, 8 digs, 4 blocks.

Individual leaders were: serving, Amber Engelbert, 100 percent; Cox, 8 aces; Casey Carter, 5 aces; serve receive, Carter, 2 on 3 scale; freeball passing, Rachael Lentz, perfect 3; setting, Cox, 8 assists; hitting, Becca Ebert, 100 percent, 5 kills; blocking, Cox, 3; digs, Lentz, Klaire Mann, Whitney Newell, 2 each.

Hays

Norton lost to Hays High 10-25, 25-23, 11-25.

"We had some moments where we looked awesome in our first game with Hays but we were on the defensive most of the game," said Coach Lively. "Despite serving 100 percent in this game, we just couldn't put our offense together. Hays was able to use our

block to their advantage and ran a quick offense that kept us scrambling. They set a lot to the outside and took our middle blockers out of the defense.

"In our second game with Hays, we made some adjustments in our blocking that cut down on their kills and allowed us more time on offense. Hays had some breakdowns in communication which gave us the opportunity to string together several points. Klaire Mann's target serving and Casey Carter's aggressive serves really gave us some momentum and we won the game.

"In the third game, we also showed several spurts of great play but, midway through this game, we appeared to be mentally exhausted. Hays' quick offense forces us to make a lot of adjustments we weren't used to and that requires a lot of thinking as well as physical effort."

Team statistics were: serving, 94 percent, 3 aces; hitting, 86 percent, 19 kills; defense, 3 blocks, 16 digs.

Individual leaders were: serving, Newell, Lentz, Engelbert, each 100 percent; setting, Cox, 9 assists; hitting, Newell, 100 percent; Cox, 5 kills; blocking, Engelbert, Cox, Ebert, 1 each; digs, Newell, 7.

"We played very well today and, when we start playing this well with consistency, we will win a lot of matches," said Coach Lively. "I was proud of our girls for their hustle and attitude. They worked hard to make the changes we asked of them. Competing at this level will prepare us well for the rest of our schedule."

Next action

The Norton varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams will compete today versus Atwood and Colby in Atwood, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The varsity and junior varsity will also compete in the Oberlin Tournament on Saturday in Oberlin, beginning at 9 a.m.



Junior running back Avery Thalheim races toward the end zone to gain valuable yardage for the Huskies Friday night in Almena. Thalheim had two touchdowns in the game.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Huskies win Homecoming game by 46-8 score over Ransom-Bazine

The Northern Valley High School football team grabbed a 46-8 victory over Ransom-Bazine (Western Plains) during the Huskies' Homecoming game last Friday in Almena.

Ransom-Bazine made its only 8 points with 8:46 showing in the first quarter when Dustin Bain dashed 1 yard to score. The extra points were made by a pass from Bain to Dustin Schreiber.

The Huskies soon took the lead with two touchdowns in the first quarter. Clarke Nelson brought the first in on an 8-yard run with 6:16 on the clock. Then with 1:30 showing, Jesse Hilburn scrambled 19 yards to score. No extra points were made on either touchdown.

With :07 left in the first half, Nelson found himself in the end zone again on a 2-yard dash. The

run for points after touchdown fell short, leaving the half-time tally 18-8.

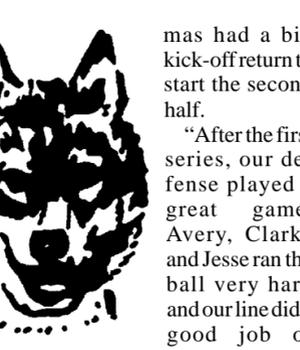
Ten seconds into the third quarter, Thomas Ostmeyer made a 73-yard kick-off return for 6 more Husky points. No extra points were awarded.

Two minutes later, Nelson ran 22 yards to score again. Hilburn passed to Ostmeyer for the points after touchdown.

With 4:50 showing, Avery Thalheim made the last third quarter touchdown on a 4-yard dash. The pass attempt for extra points failed, making the score 38-8.

In the fourth quarter, Thalheim rushed 8 yards, making the final touchdown. Hilburn ran in the points after, giving the Huskies a 46-8 lead.

"Jesse stepped up and did a nice job for us as quarterback," said Coach Chuck Fessenden. "Tho-



mas had a big kick-off return to start the second half.

"After the first series, our defense played a great game. Avery, Clarke and Jesse ran the ball very hard and our line did a good job of

blocking." Hilburn led rushing with 114 yards on 15 carries. He was followed by Thalheim, 94 yards on 17 carries; Nelson, 42 yards on 10 carries; Bryce Marble, 4 yards on 2 carries; Ostmeyer, -2 yards on a carry; and Brynton Anderson, -4 yards on a carry.

Hilburn completed four of 12 passes for 72 yards. Receiving were Ostmeyer, three for 49 yards; and Nelson, one for 23 yards.

Kick-offs were made by Copper, four for 161 yards; and Thalheim, four for 113 yards.

Nelson led tackles with 15 solos and 5 assists, followed by Copper, 9 solos, 8 assists; Ostmeyer, 11 solos, 2 assists; Cole Kinderknecht, 7 solos, 5 assists; Thalheim, 2 solos, 4 assists; Hilburn, 4 solos, 1 assist; Chris Lee, 2 solos, 2 assists; Chase Miller, 3 solos; Scott Shearer, 3 solos; Tom Bartley, 1 solo, 1 assist; Andrew Sheley, 1 solo, 1 assist; Cody Lowry, 1 solo; Cameron Duede, 1 assist; Zac Miller, 1 assist; and Chance Miller, 1 assist.

The Huskies will host Palco in Almena this Friday. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.

GAME STATISTICS

N. Valley	W. Plains
12	8
46-248	49-192
72	16
320	208
4-12	2-6
1-1	5-3
3-17	4-21
2-56-28.0	1-31-31.0

Freshmen girls go 3-1 in JV tourney

By DICK BOYD

Coach Joan Bolt's Norton Community High School freshmen girls volleyball team compiled a 3-1 record to place third in the Hill City Junior Varsity Tournament on Saturday in Hill City.

"Our freshmen girls looked strong in this junior varsity tournament," said Coach Bolt. "We won our pool by defeating Hill City B, Mariah and Thomas More Prep, Marian of Hays. We advanced to the semi-finals and played a great match against Oakley's junior varsity and came up just short.

"It was a really good day for our girls. They played very controlled and consistently strong all day."

As a team, Norton served 86 percent, set 93 percent, serve received 1.9, passed 2.0, hit with 85 percent accuracy and killed the ball 28 percent of the time.

Hill City B

Norton defeated Hill City B 25-15, 25-7.

"This was another sweet victory because they defeated us in our first match of the season," said Coach Bolt. "We were very strong on serve receive and attacking. We killed 44 percent of the total attacks attempted."

Sara Lentz led serving with 13-13, 13 points, followed by Megan Kats, 7; Haley Jones, Thea Wiseman and Lacy Ellis, 4 each; Karlynn Kent, 3; Chantille Campbell, 2; Alyssa Farber, 1.

Kats led setting with 23-25, 4 assists; Wiseman and Farber had 1 assist each.

Campbell, Kylie Morel, Farber led passing statistics. Lacy, Ellis led attacks with 9 for 9 and 4 kills. Campbell was 8-8 with 3 kills, followed by Lentz, 3 kills; Kats, Farber, 2 kills each. Campbell and Lentz had 1 save each.

Ellis

In Norton's second match of pool play, the Lady Jays defeated Ellis 25-19, 25-14.

"We really served well in this match," said Coach Bolt. "We had 12 aces. Our serve receive was challenged by Monica Befort. She

had a couple of long serving runs but we fought through it and came out on top."

Campbell led serving with 11 points and 4 aces, followed by Lentz, 7 points, 2 aces; Kats, 5 points, 3 aces; Wiseman 4 points, 2 aces; Jones, 3 points; Farber, 1 point. Wiseman and Farber led serve receive. Kats and Lentz led passing statistics. Kats was 14-16 on sets with 2 assists. Wiseman also had 2 assists.

Lacy Ellis led attacks with 9-10 and 4 kills. Campbell and Lentz had 2 kills each and Kats had 1. Jones had one save.

Thomas More

Norton met Thomas More in the final match of pool play and won 26-24, 25-19.

"We struggled a little bit with our serves in this match," said Coach Bolt. "We served 81 percent. Although we were 83 percent accurate on hits, our kills were only 20 percent, much lower than in our previous matches.

"In the first game, we were too conservative offensively, giving Thomas More opportunities to set the ball up. The second game was another story and we finished strong."

Campbell led serving with 8 points, 3 aces; followed by Kats, 6 points; Lentz, Kent, 4 points each; Hickman, Wiseman and Farber, 2 points each. Campbell, Ellis, Farber and Lentz led passing statistics. Kats set 36-37, 5 assists, followed by Wiseman, 15-17, 2 assists. Lentz and Campbell led

attacks with 4 kills each, followed by Jones, Hagman and Ellis, 1 kill each. Campbell, Jones and Wiseman had 1 save each.

Semi-finals

Norton played Oakley, the second seed from the other pool, and lost in three tough matches 23-25, 28-26, 12-15.

"I am so proud of how well our girls played against Oakley's junior varsity team," said Coach Bolt. "It really could have gone either way. We had 62 of 72 attacks with 30 percent of all attacks being kills. We also served a very impressive 98 percent."

Lentz led serving with 11 points, 2 aces, followed by Kats, 8 points, 5 aces; Wiseman, 7 points; Jones, 5; Farber, 4; Kent, 1.

Campbell and Farber led all passing statistics. Campbell was on fire at the net with 18-19 hits and 10 kills, followed by Lentz, 5 kills; Ellis 3; Jones, Kats, Farber, 1 each. Campbell, Wiseman and Ellis had 1 save each.

The Hill City A team defeated Trego, Oakley and West Plains to win their pool. They defeated Oakley in the championship finals. Norton was third and the Hill City B team was fourth.

"Many thanks to the fans for their great showing during the tournament," said Coach Bolt.

Next action

The Norton freshmen team will compete in the Plainville Freshmen Tournament on Saturday in Plainville, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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