



Heath Vincent of Norton pulls down a rebound for the Visitors Team during the All-Star Basketball Classic on Sunday in Colby. Vincent grabbed 9 rebounds and scored 15 points in the boys contest between all-star

senior players from Northwest Kansas. Norton guard Whitney Newell, right, of the Visitors Team drives down court on a fast break during the All-Star Basketball Classic on Sunday in Colby. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



# Four from Norton participate in Colby All-Star Basketball Classic

By DICK BOYD

Norton Community High School seniors Heath Vincent, Becca Ebert, Karlie Jones and Whitney Newell competed in the 13th annual Sports Shoppe/Colby Bowl All-Star Basketball Classic on Sunday in the Colby Community Building.

Colby Community College selected outstanding senior players from Northwest Kansas high schools for the Classic.

Karlie Jones played a guard for the Home Team which took a 35-30 halftime lead and maintained their advantage in the second half to defeat the Visitors Team 65-61.

Becca Ebert played center and Whitney Newell played a guard for the Visitors Team. Ebert scored two points.

Leading scorer for the Home Team was Justeen Koehler, Goodland, with 24 points, followed by Valerie Broeckelman, Golden Plains, 10; Chelsey Dreiling, Victoria, 8; Caitlan Rush, Brewster, 7; Jessica Stephens, Colby, 5; Danielle Pratt, Hoxie, 4; Jill Weeks, Ransom, 3; Chelsie Kramer, Atwood, 2. Jones and Melanie Berg, Eastern Heights, did not score.

Michaela Berg, Eastern Heights, twin sister of Melanie, tallied 13 points to lead the Visitors Team in scoring. She was followed by her teammate Kendra Matteson, Eastern Heights, with 12. Zanae Baird, Colby, tallied 10, followed by Jessica Shaw, Golden Plains, 7; Lisa Taylor, Oakley, 6; Amber Tuttle, Wheatland, 4; Carissa Heim, Hoxie, 4; Jamie Tilton, Quinter, 3; Becca Ebert, Norton, 2. Newell did not score.

Heath Vincent played center for the Visitors Team, which took a 17-7 lead in the first five minutes of the boys contest. The Home Team tied the score at 31-all with 6:50 left in the first half. The Visitors re-took the lead and were on top 48-44 at halftime.

The Home Team outscored the Visitors 65-49 in the second half to win 109-97.

Vincent was third leading scorer for the Visitors with 15 points and also pulled down 9 rebounds. The emphasis in the game was on offense as the two teams raced up and down the court. Players were shooting from all over the court and did not hesitate to fire from long range.

The winning Home Team hit 15 three-point shots and the Visitors Team swished 11 long range attempts for 26 total baskets from beyond the arc! On one occasion, the 6-foot-6-inch Vincent found himself on the perimeter with the ball and no one closely guarding

him so he decided to join the three-point barrage. He was right on target as he buried the shot from beyond the arc, much to the delight of the fans who are not accustomed to seeing post players shoot threes, let alone hit them. It was the first three-point basket by Vincent in his career. Perhaps, he should have shot some of them earlier!

Leading scorer for the Home Team was Jase Herl, Goodland, with 24 points, followed by Nathan Locke of Class 2A state champion Trego Community, 21; Alex Kuhlman, Ness City, 18;

Mykel Rodriguez, Oakley, 14; Chris Riedel, Lucas-Luray, 9; Tyler Reed, Quinter, 9; Karmen Selby, Brewster, 8; Chase Schneider, Tribune, 6.

Scoring the most points for the Visitors Team was Kyle O'Connor, Brewster, with 20 points, followed by Henry Sloan, Greeley County, 18; Vincent, 15; Tyler Ummel, Trego Community, 13; Jason Young, Weskan, 11; Tim Peinter, 9; Chris Tate, Lucas-Luray, 8; Kyle Elder, Wallace County, 3.

### Three-point contests

Three-point contests were held for both girls and boys. Michaela Berg won the girls contest and her sister, Melanie, placed runnerup.

Kyle O'Connor was the boys winner; Alex Kuhlman was runnerup.



Becca Ebert, center from Norton, scores in the paint for the Visitors Team, despite being sandwiched by Home Team players, during the All-Star Basketball Classic on Sunday in Colby. Norton guard Karlie Jones, below, of the Home Team puts a defensive blanket on a member of the Visitors Team during the All-Star Basketball Classic on Sunday in Colby. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



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