

# Blue Jay wrestlers beat Phillipsburg, Stockton

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The Norton Community High School varsity wrestling team opened the dual season and Mid-Continent League competition on Friday with a 40-26 win over Phillipsburg and 62-7 victory over Stockton in the Stockton High School gym.

Phillipsburg defeated Stockton 49-20 in the other dual.

"We were very, very sluggish and didn't wrestle near our ability," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson.

"We only won one of the swing matches that could have gone either way and that was Kaenon Keiswetter's match against Zach Ceman of Phillipsburg," the coach said.

"I was not pleased at all. Part of it was that we knew we had a big day Saturday in the Goodland dual tournament.

"Our wrestlers were keeping their weight down for the Saturday morning weigh-in."

## Phillipsburg

Norton won six of the 11 matches wrestled against Phillipsburg. Three of the Blue Jay victories were by falls.

Norton was open at 215 pounds so forfeited to David Hadley. Phillipsburg was open at 119 and forfeited to Zane Perez. The Panthers were also open at 135 and forfeited to Kent Mann.

Match results were:

\*103 — Connor Pfannenstiel shutout Chris Ceman 8-0.

\*112 — Kaenon Keiswetter decisioned Zach Ceman 16-13.

\*125 — Zach Bainter lost a 3-1 decision to Dustin Zahorsky.

\*130 — Nathan Broeckelman pinned Weston Coomes in 3:16.

\*140 — Aaron Husted won an 8-3 decision over Brad Artz.

\*145 — Jeff Soderlund lost a 14-5 major decision to Kade Bloom.

\*152 — Blake VanEaton pinned Jake Cole in 26 seconds.

\*160 — Matt Stanley lost a 10-2 major decision to Ryan Swatzell.

\*171 — Brock Lauer lost a 9-3

decision to Gabe Wickham.

\*189 — Robert Derauf was pinned in 3:47 by Caleb Breon.

\*285 — Alex Thomas pinned Jace Smith in 2:20.

## Stockton

Norton won six of the eight matches wrestled against Stockton. Four of the Blue Jays' wins were by pins.

Stockton was open at 125, 130, 145, 189 and 285 so Zach Bainter, Nathan Broeckelman, Jeff Soderlund, Robert Derauf and Alex Thomas won by forfeit. Both teams were open at 215.

Match results were:

\*103 — Connor Pfannenstiel lost a 12-3 major decision to Carlos Galloway.

\*112 — Kaenon Keiswetter pinned Cordrey Spires in 2:52.

\*119 — Zane Perez decisioned Tyler Johnston 8-2.

\*135 — Kent Mann won a 15-0 technical fall over Michael Baxter.

\*140 — Todd Bolt pinned Blaize Wilson in 1:47.

\*152 — Blake VanEaton lost a



Senior Blue Jay Nathan Broeckelman made Weston Coomes, Phillipsburg, count the lights during their 130-pound match in the dual win over the Panthers on Friday night. Broeckelman pinned Coomes in 3 minutes, 16 seconds.

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7-4 decision to Nathan Palmers.

\*160 — Brock Lauer pinned Tad Miller in 3:19.

\*171 — Matt Stanley pinned Josh Fielder in 2:37.

## Junior varsity

\*152 — Logan Kelly pinned

Caid Breon, Phillipsburg, in 49 seconds.

\*152 — Tyler Cook was pinned in 2:46 by Jason Hadley, Phillipsburg

\*152 — Casey Robison was pinned in 38 seconds by Jason

Hadley, Phillipsburg.

\*103 — Phillip Becker won a 17-2 technical fall over Derek Spires, Stockton.

\*103 — Phillip Becker pinned Derek Spires, Stockton, in 49 seconds.

# Young Huskies keep busy

The Northern Valley Junior High A-team boys rolled over Damar 35-20 on Dec. 7, lifting their record to a perfect 4-0.

The Huskies led after the first period 13-7, 17-10 at the half and 24-12 at the end of three.

Colton Lowry led in scoring with 18, followed by Dusty Eagleburger with 8, Zac Vincent 4, Austin Herman 3 and Bryant Thomas 2.

The B-team boys won big also, 30-21. They went scoreless the first quarter while Damar put in 7 points, trailed by just 3 at half, 14-11 and led by one at the end of three quarters, 19-18. A big 11-point fourth quarter propelled them to the win.

Scoring: Daniel Field 6; Skyler Harris 5; Tyler Montgomery, Brian Siard and Matt Dole 4 each; Calen Bach, Zane Miller and Caleb Bach, 2 apiece; and Sean Braun 1.

Coach Cole said: "The A-team Huskies played great defense the whole game, holding Damar to 12 points after three quarters. The B-team boys came from behind, outscooring Damar 19-7 in the second half. The B-team boys are also undefeated on the season."

## A-Team Girls Win

The Northern Valley A-team junior high girls edged Golden Plains 38-35 on Nov. 30 in overtime.

After one quarter of play, the Huskies were ahead 12-9. At the half it was a 24-27 Husky lead. By the time the third quarter ended, Golden Plains jumped into the lead 27-24. When the final buzzer sounded, the game was at knotted at 35. In overtime, the Huskies scored 3 points while holding Golden Plains scoreless.

Scoring: Stack Dole 19; Ashley Constable 10; and Katie Stillion 9.

## B-Team loses

## Northern Valley Jr. High roundup

The B-team girls lost in 2 quarters of action 7-1. Golden Plains put up 5 points in the first period and 2 in the second. The Huskies got their lone point in the second quarter. Kenzi Husted scored the one point for Northern valley.

Coach Largent said: "I was pleased with the girls' effort and energy and tonight our execution was where I had hoped it would be. We got into foul trouble early and had some younger girls step up and contribute. Our overall enthusiasm was tremendous and both teams played at very high levels. This was a good win and we look forward to practice as we can continue to work hard and work as a team and strive to get better each and every day."

## Games December 18

### Boys

The junior high boys edged Kensington 23-22. Northern Valley scored 5 points in the first quarter vs. 6 for Kensington, 6 in the second vs. 3 for Kensington, 4 in the third vs. 7 for Kensington and 8 in the fourth vs. 6 for Kensington.

Scoring: Austin Herman 7, Dusty Eagleburger 5, Colton Lowry 5, Zac Vincent 4 and Bryant Tharman 2.

The boys are 6-0 on the season. In B-team action, Northern Valley lost to Kensington 27-19.

Scoring: Skyler Harris 5, Matt

Dole 3, Calen Bach 3, Gunnar Hays 2, Daniel Field 2, Nate Land 2 and Brian Siard 1.

## Girls vs. Kensington

Northern Valley lost to Kensington 38-21. Scoring were Staci Dole with 10, Melissa Hawks 2 and Erika Chandler 2. (These were the only scorers listed.) The girls are 1-3.

The B-team girls won 12-11. Scoring: Cassie Field 4, Kenzi Husted 4 and Erika Chandler 4. Their record is 1-3.



Kent Mann, Norton's 135-pound senior, appeared to be near pinning Michael Baxter of Stockton in the dual won Friday by the Blue Jays but, although he manhandled Baxter, had to settle for a 15-0 technical fall.

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# Trip to Smith Center not what girls wanted

The 8th grade Norton girls were in Smith Center last week for a one-day round robin tourney and came away losing to Smith Center 34-15 and to Belleville 50-12.

Both opponents attacked with full court pressure creating problems for the Blue Jays, and the opponents also made baskets which Norton is still struggling to do.

The Lady Jays averaged 24 percent, but only shot 49 times for the entire day, while Belleville shot 49 times in its game alone.

Deflect leader was Dustyna Sprigg with 4. Steals leaders were Kyra Fulton, Lindsey Tacha and Sprigg, with 3 apiece. Rebounding honors went to Sprigg with 16, while Diedra Kramer pulled down 9. Assists were dished out by

## Norton 8th grade girls report

Kaylen Rossi, who found 4 teammates open while Fulton found 2.

Scoring vs. Smith Center — Kaylen Rossi 2; Diedra Kramer 1; Sophie Mills 2; Dustyna Sprigg 6; and Lindsey Tacha 4.

Vs. Belleville — Rebekah Streck 2; Sophie Mills 1; Dustyna Sprigg 5; and Lindsey Tacha 4.

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