



The Norton Blue Jay boys basketball team emphasizes defense. In this photo taken during Norton's semi-final league tournament win over Osborne on Jan. 19 in Hays, Blue Jay senior Jared Engelbert demonstrated how it's done as he guarded a Bulldog player as close as he dared without getting a foul. Engelbert led Norton in steals in the game with four.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# Blue Jays burn Red Devils

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School boys basketball team continued their winning ways on Thursday evening with a solid 58-39 victory over Oberlin in Stull Gymnasium.

Coach Doug Reusink's Blue Jays scored from the perimeter as well as inside the paint and the Red Devils couldn't find the answer to stop them. The Blue Jays hit 44 percent of their field goals and the aggressive Norton defense limited Oberlin to just 33 percent shooting.

Junior forward Wes Georgeson and senior forward Nic Lewis got the Norton offense going early inside as Georgeson hit four baskets and Lewis swished two in the first quarter. Junior point guard Logan Kats added a three-point and two-point basket and senior post Blake Wolf hit a two-pointer as Norton forged a 19-12 advantage.

Norton hit just 10 points in the second quarter, however, and Oberlin tallied 14 to cut the Blue Jay lead to 29-26 at halftime. Norton's second quarter points came on baskets by Lewis, Georgeson, junior guard Jared Cox and Kats, who also added two free throws.

The three-point shooting by senior guard Logan Keiswetter and Kats gave the Norton offense some extra spark in the third quarter. Keiswetter buried two shots from long range and Kats found the range on his second of the game. Kats also hit a two-point basket and 3 of 4 free throws. Lewis hit two more baskets and Georgeson one as the Blue Jays outscored the Red Devils 20-6 to extend their lead to 49-32. Oberlin hit just two baskets in the third period.

The fourth quarter was a low scoring one with Norton edging Oberlin 9-7 to win by 19 points. Wolf, Lewis, Georgeson and sophomore post Zac Dreher each hit a field goal and Georgeson added a free throw.

"We did not play well defensively in the first half and our offensive execution was not great, giving us only a three point lead," said coach Reusink.

"In the second half, we did things with much better focus on both ends of the floor, which got us the win.

"Again, we had some players come off the bench and play well for us when some of our starters were struggling on offense, which was good to see."

Kats was leading scorer for Norton with 17 points. He hit a perfect 2 of 2 from beyond the arc, 3 of 7 two-point tries for 43 percent

and 5 of 9 overall for an excellent 56 percent accuracy. He also smoked the nets from the free throw line where he connected on 5 of 6 for 83 percent.

Georgeson finished with 15 points. He hit 7 of 10 two-point attempts for a red hot 70 percent but missed his only two trey tries. He was 1 of 4 from the charity stripe.

Lewis was the third Blue Jay in double figures. He scored 12 points on 6 of 12 from the field for 50 percent but missed all three free tosses.

L. Fortin and Stapp each scored 7 points to lead the Red Devils.

As a team, Norton connected on 4 of 17 long range shots for 24 percent, 20 of 38 two-point attempts for a sharpshooting 53 percent and 24 of 55 overall for 44 percent.

The Red Devils missed all 6 trey tries, hit 13 of 34 two-point attempts for 38 percent and were 13 of 40 overall for 33 percent.

Norton connected on 6 of 16 free throws for 38 percent and Oberlin hit 13 of 20 for 65 percent.

The Blue Jays had 9 offensive and 15 defensive rebounds for 24 total. The Red Devils grabbed 10 offensive and 23 defensive boards for 33 total.

Lewis was the Norton leader with 8, followed by Georgeson, Wolf, 6 each; Jared Engelbert, 2; Brian Juenemann, Dreher, 1 each.

Norton had 15 steals. Kats was the leader with 4, followed by Engelbert, Juenemann, Lewis, 3 each; Wolf, Georgeson, 1 each.

The Blue Jays were credited with 20 offensive assists. Kats was the leader with 8, followed by Juenemann, 5; Cox, 3; Engelbert, 2; Wolf, Lewis, 1 each.

Kats had 1 blocked shot and 1

charge drawn.

Norton had only 9 turnovers while causing Oberlin to turn the ball over a whopping 23 times.

With the win, Norton extended their season record to 9-3.

### Junior varsity

The Norton junior varsity edged Oberlin 42-41 in an exciting contest.

Oberlin led 16-14 after one quarter and the score was tied 24-24 at halftime.

The young Blue Jays outscored the Red Devils 10-6 in the third quarter to take a 34-30 lead into the final quarter where Norton was outscored 11-8 and held on for the win.

Preston Herman was leading scorer for Norton with 20 points, followed by Ashton Draper, 8; Landon Hamel, 7; J.D. Gall, 4; Zac Dreher, 3.

Peters led Oberlin with 16 points.

### Next action

Norton will travel to Smith Center today to play the Redmen in junior varsity and varsity games, beginning at 4 p.m.

### BOX SCORE

#### Norton Boys 58

Logan Keiswetter 0 2 0-0 6; Logan Kats 3 2 5-6 17; Brian Juenemann 0 0-0-20; Blake Wolf 2 0-0-4; Jared Cox 1 0-0-2; Wes Georgeson 7 0 1-4 15; Nic Lewis 6 0 0-3 12; Zac Dreher 1 0-0-2; Preston Herman 0 0-0-10; Total 20 46-16 58.

#### Oberlin Boys 39

Juenemann 1 0 0-0 2; Ritter 1 0 0-2; Glodt 0 0-2-4 2; Black 1 0-3-4 5; L. Fortin 2 0 3-3 7; Stapp 2 0 3-6 7; J. Fortin 1 0-0-2; Olson 1 0-2 3; Gilliam 2 0 1-2 5; May 2 0 0-4; Total 13 0 13-

# Jays pocket league tourney

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School wrestling team kept their winning streak alive in the Mid-Continent League Tournament on Saturday in Hill City by steamrolling to their eighth championship in a row!

Leading from start to finish, the Blue Jay wrestlers amassed a team score of 203 points to easily outdistance second place Smith Center, who earned 149 points. Third place went to Phillipsburg with 144, followed by Ellis, 83; Osborne, 72; Trego, 70.50; Stockton, 67; Plainville, 58.50; Hill City, 36.50.

Norton medaled 12 of 14 wrestlers and earned five championships, three second place finishes, one third and three fourth place spots.

Winning championships for Norton were freshman Zane Perez, 119; senior Nathan Broeckelman, 130; senior Kent Mann, 135; senior Blake VanEaton, 152; junior Alex Thomas, 285.

Runnerup places on Saturday went to freshman Connor Pfannenstiel, 103; freshman Kaenon Keiswetter, 112 and junior Aaron Husted, 140.

Placing third was sophomore Zach Bainter, 125.

Fourth place winners were junior Todd Bolt, 145; senior Jordan Durham, 171 and senior Shane Stanley, 215.

Also competing for the Norton squad were sophomore Matt Stanley, 160 and sophomore Coady McMullen. Stanley and McMullen were both one match away from medaling.

Norton compiled a won-loss record of 28-14 and had a pin ratio of 15-5.

"We wrestled really well," said coach Johnson. "We avenged several losses from earlier this season. Even in some matches we lost, we wrestled well.

"Having 12 placers out of 14 is something of which to be proud.

"It was nice to see eight of our wrestlers in the finals and five of them winning championships.

"To score over 200 points in an eight-man bracket is tough to do. We proved that we are in good physical condition."

Coach Johnson chose Blake VanEaton as 'Wrestler of the Week'.

"Blake was the No.3 seed and won the championship of his weight class," said coach Johnson. "After pinning his first round opponent in 40 seconds, he won a major decision over the No.2 seed, who pinned his other three opponents, then won a major decision over the No.1 seed to win the championship."

### Individual matches

• 103 — Connor Pfannenstiel was seeded No.2. He pinned Justin Helberg, Hill City, in 1:45; shutout No.3 seed Devon Schneider, Plainville, 2-0 and was pinned in the championship match by No.1 seed Carlos Gallaway, Stockton, in 4:45.

Gallaway remained unbeaten at 16-0 and Pfannenstiel is now 16-9.

Schneider placed third with a 17-0 technical fall over No.4 seed Chris Ceman, Phillipsburg.

• 112 — Kaenon Keiswetter was seeded No.2. He pinned Chad Jamison, Trego, in 34 seconds; won an 8-4 decision over No.3 seed Zach Ceman, Phillipsburg and lost a 9-3 decision to No.1 seed Colt Rogers, Smith Center, to place second.

Rogers extended his perfect record to 25-0 and Keiswetter is

now 19-5.

No.4 seed Dan Weigel, Plainville, placed third with a 4-3 decision over Ceman.

• 119 — Zane Perez was seeded No.1. He drew a bye, then won an 8-7 decision over No.4 seed Tyler Johnson, Stockton, and pinned No.2 seed Trevor Oliver, Osborne, in 3:00 to win the championship.

Perez is now 20-6.

Johnson won third with a 9-7 decision over No.3 seed Chris Orr, Hill City.

• 125 — Zach Bainter was seeded No.2. He pinned Justin Brungardt, Ellis, in 38 seconds; lost a 7-3 decision to No.3 seed Danny Floyd, Osborne; pinned Taylor Rippe, Smith Center, in 18 seconds and won a 13-0 major decision over No.5 seed D.J. Brown, Plainville, to place third.

Bainter is now 19-7.

Floyd won the championship with an 11-5 decision over No.1 seed Dustin Zahorsky, Phillipsburg.

• 130 — Nathan Broeckelman was seeded No.1. He drew a bye, won a 20-6 major decision over No.5 seeded Kevin Urban, Ellis, and won a 12-3 major decision over No.2 seed Trevor Rempe, Smith Center, to win the championship.

Broeckelman extended his perfect record to 25-0. Rempe is now 21-4.

Urban won third with a 6-4 decision over No.3 seed Jeremy Chase, Hill City.

• 135 — Kent Mann was seeded No.2. He pinned Jason Knoll, Osborne, in 3:37; shutout No.3 seed Heath Maley, Trego, 5-0 and shutout No.1 seed Marshall McCall, Smith Center, 6-0 to win the championship.

Mann is now 26-1.

Maley won third place by pinning Knoll.

• 140 — Aaron Husted was seeded No.3. He pinned Cody Johnson, Hill City, in 1:19; won a 15-3 major decision over No.2 seed Brian Keller, Ellis, and was pinned in 2:52 by No.1 seed Justin York, Smith Center, to place second.

York is now 22-3 and Husted is 11-8.

Keller placed third by pinning No.4 seed James Richmeier, Trego.

\* 145 — Todd Bolt was seeded No.3. He won a 12-4 major decision over Alan Nichol, Hill City; lost a 7-2 decision to No.2 seed Martin Holda, Osborne; pinned No.5 seed Dustin Baetz, Smith Center, in 1:29 and lost a 4-2 decision to No.4 seed Chase King, Ellis, to place fourth.

Bolt is now 6-5.

No.1 seed Kade Bloom, Phillipsburg, won the championship by pinning Holda.

Bloom is now 23-1 for the season.

• 152 — Blake VanEaton was seeded No.3. He pinned Zach Cady, Osborne, in 40 seconds; won a 15-5 major decision over No.2 seed Nathan Palmer, Stockton and won an 11-3 major decision over No.1 seed Dillon Kinderknecht, Ellis, to win the gold medal.

VanEaton is now 16-5.

Palmer won third place by pinning No.4 seed Matt Atwood, Smith Center.

• 160 — Matt Stanley was seeded No.6. He lost a 17-3 major decision to No.3 seed Tad Miller, Stockton; pinned James McCullough, Hill City, in 1:56 and lost an 8-5 decision to No.4 seed Justin Gnad, Ellis.

Stanley is now 12-10.

No.1 seed Ruam Swartzell, Phillipsburg, won the championship by pinning No.2 seed Grady Godsey, Smith Center. Miller won third by pinning Gnad.

171 — Jordan Durham was seeded No.3. He pinned Jesse Mudd, Smith Center, in 1:33; was pinned in 2:20 by Gabe Wickham, Phillipsburg; won by default over No.5 seed Matt Dietz, Trego and wrestled Mudd for the second time in the tournament. This time he lost a 10-9 decision to place fourth.

Durham is now 12-6.

No.1 seed Luke Brin, Plainville, won the championship with an 8-2 decision over Wickham. Brin is now 22-4.

• 189 — Coady McMullen was seeded No.6. he was pinned in 4:51 by No.3 seed Danny Pfannenstiel, Osborne and was pinned in 4:30 by No.4 seed Justin Metcalf, Hill City.

McMullen is now 4-8.

No.1 seed Michael Malay, Trego, won the championship with a 12-3 major decision over No.2 seed Caleb Breon, Phillipsburg.

Malay is now a perfect 24-0.

Metcalf placed third with a 9-5 decision over No.3 seed Danny Pfannenstiel.

• 215 — Shane Stanley was seeded No.2. He pinned Logan Thompson, Stockton, in 40 seconds; lost a 10-1 major decision to No.3 seed David Hadley, Phillipsburg; pinned No.5 seed Alan Crawford, Plainville, in 3:50 and lost a 10-3 decision to No.4 seed Taylor Dirks, Trego, to place fourth.

Stanley is now 12-5.

No.1 seed Kirk Palmer, Smith Center, won the championship by pinning Hadley.

• 285 — Alex Thomas kept his season record perfect. He drew a bye, pinned No.4 seed Cody Tucker, Smith Center, in 3:01 and pinned No.2 seed Michael Hiss, Ellis, in 3:49 to win the championship.

With the win, Thomas extended his perfect record to 23-0.

No.3 seed Jace Smith, Phillipsburg, won third by pinning Tucker.

### Next action

The Norton varsity and junior varsity will wrestle Hays and Kearney in Wilmett Kirk Memorial Gym today.

Beginning at 5 p.m., Norton will wrestle Hays, followed by Kearney vs. Hays. After senior night recognition, Norton will wrestle Kearney.

Norton will wrestle Plainville and Ellis in Plainville on Friday, beginning at 5 p.m.

The Norton wrestlers will complete a busy week by competing on Saturday in the annual Panther Classic in Phillipsburg. Both varsity and junior varsity wrestlers will compete. Wrestling will begin at 9 a.m.

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## High School Sports This Week

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Trojans

**WRESTLING:**  
Norton Varsity, Junior Varsity vs. Hays, Kearney (Senior Night)  
Wilmett Kirk Memorial Gym ..... 5 p.m., Today  
Norton vs. Plainville, Ellis in Plainville ..... 5 p.m., Friday  
Norton Varsity, Junior Varsity in Panther Classic in Phillipsburg ..... 9 a.m., Saturday

**BASKETBALL:**  
Norton Varsity, Junior Varsity, C-team vs. Smith Center (There) ..... 4 p.m., Today  
Norton Varsity, Junior Varsity, C-team vs. Hill City (Here) ..... 4 p.m., Friday  
Norton C-team Girls, Boys vs. Colby (Here) ..... 6 p.m., Monday  
Norton Varsity, Junior Varsity vs. Oberlin (There) ..... 6:30 p.m., Tuesday  
Northern Valley vs. Alma, Neb. (There) ..... 4 p.m., Today  
Northern Valley vs. Bertrand, Neb. (There) ..... 4 p.m., Friday  
Northern Valley vs. Arapahoe, Neb. (in Almena) ..... 3:30 p.m., Tuesday  
Logan vs. Stockton (There) ..... 4:30 p.m., Today  
Logan vs. Kensington (There) ..... 4 p.m., Friday  
Logan vs. Jewell (There) ..... 4:30 p.m., Tuesday

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