

Huskies rock Rock Hills 44-35

This time it was 44-35 as the Northern Valley basketball Ladies rocked Rock Hills.

The victory brought these comments from coach Chuck Zimmerman.

"Oh, what a difference between game one and game two. First difference was about 11 days and only one practice. Second difference the girls were within 2-3 pages of each other concerning doing what was asked of them. So, when we get all of them on the same 'page' we should be able to compete against our opponents," he said.

"First big difference was the energy level given off by our players; we had not played for so long they were ready and gave a great effort. What stats tell me this was so in deflects and steals. Our team hustled to get a hand on the ball 29 times which in turn led to 14 steals and our defense created 35 turnovers on the part of the Grizzlies.

"I was also very pleased with our defensive's effort toward guarding their shooters as we hassled them enough that they only shot

21 percent from the field. "Our pressure caused many of their turnovers as we created some of our offense off of our defense which is the way it should be.

"In our offense we did run the patterns more efficiently. We will just have to work on making the shots that were open.

"In all a good second game one in which we won 44-35," the coach said.

Here are the states leaders for the game: Deflects — Alison Cole with 10 followed by Jessica Largent who tipped 7 and Christina Anderson with 6.

Steals were taken by Anderson with 4 while Alison Cole, Joni Hilburn, and Jessica Largent each took 3.

Rebounds were grabbed by Largent with 11 and Alison Cole with 10 while guard Megan Cole worked her way for 8.

Assists were dished out by Hilburn with 5, Anderson with 4 and Staci Dole with 3.

Scoring: Megan Cole 6; Alison Cole 18; Joni Hilburn 5; Christian Anderson 6; Brittney Braun 2; Jessica Largent 7.

Scoring for the Huskies were Callaway leading the way with 12 points; Britt 9; Jessup and Marble with 4 each; Lowry 2; and Woodside 1. Leading the way for Golden Plains was Bruggeman with 10.

Northern Valley scored 28 points from 2-point range and 4 from the line.

Golden Plains scored 36 points from 2-point range, 12 from beyond the arc and 6 from the line.

The Huskies won the junior varsity game 45-44. Dusty Eagleburger and Colton Lowry each bucketed 14 points and Ethan Hays 13 to lead the charge.

Boys lose to Golden Plains

The Northern Valley varsity basketball boys went down to defeat, 54-32, at the hands of Golden Plains in Rexford on Dec. 18.

The Huskies held a one-point, 8-7 lead at the first buzzer, but were overwhelmed by Golden Plains in the second period (20-6) to fall behind at half-time 27-14.

The third quarter wasn't much better with the home team putting up 14 points and Northern Valley 8 to trail 41-22.

It was a 13-10 Golden Plains fourth period leading to the eventual setback for the Huskies, 54-32

Seventh boys 1-1 on road

The Norton Junior High seventh grade boys lost to Ellis 43-36 on Dec. 6 on the road.

"Ellis came into the game undefeated and had been winning games by a large margin," said Coach Myers. "I thought we played them a very good game. But we just did not have enough to beat them."

The coach also said that he was proud of the effort the kids gave, "and they gave it all they had."

By quarters, Norton was on top at the end of the first 12-8, fell behind at half-time 22-20 and was down 32-28 going into the final period.

Jacob Brooks led the charge for Norton with 14 points, while close behind was Dalton Miller with 12.

As a team, Norton was 16 of 37 from the field for 43 percent vs. Ellis's 19 of 42 for 45 percent. From the line, the Blue Jays were 2 of 2 and Ellis was 3 of 7.

Norton and Ellis tied in rebounding with 25 each. Norton managed 12 steals to Ellis' 9.

Individually for Norton, Brooks had 14 points; John Renner 4; Miller 12; John Risewick 4; and Lane Archer 2.

Individually in rebounding, Brooks pulled down 7; Renner 5; Miller 7; Carson McKenna 3; Risewick 3; and Archer 1.

Luke Lohmeyer led Ellis and

the game with 22 points.

The varsity boys are now 6-2 on the season.

The junior varsity won 45-16.

Win over Hill City
The seventh grade boys won over Hill City on the road on Nov. 30, 42-30.

Norton was on top at the end of the first quarter 11-2, 21-8 at half-time and 33-20 going into the last quarter.

"Hill City gave us a great effort and we never seemed to put them away. To their credit, they hung tough," said Coach Myers.

"Hill City had a tall player who really affected our shooting," Myers said.

Scoring for Norton were: Brooks 14; Renner 9; Miller 10; McKenna 4; Risewick 3; and Dylan Sprigg 2.

Salomon Wilson and Thatcher Brown both scored 12 for Hill City.

Rebounds found Brooks with 7; Renner 4; Miller 9; McKenna 1; Archer 4; and Sprigg 1.

As a team, Norton was 18 of 62 from the field for 29 percent vs. Hill City's 14 of 36 for 39 percent. From the charity stripe, Norton was 6 of 9 for 67 percent and Hill City 4 of 6, also for 67 percent.

The Jayvee lost 12-9, and only had two quarters of playing time.

C-team tournament scheduled

The annual Joe Green Invitational Boys Basketball Tournament for C-teams will be held Friday, Saturday and Monday, Dec. 28-29-31 at the Hill City High School.

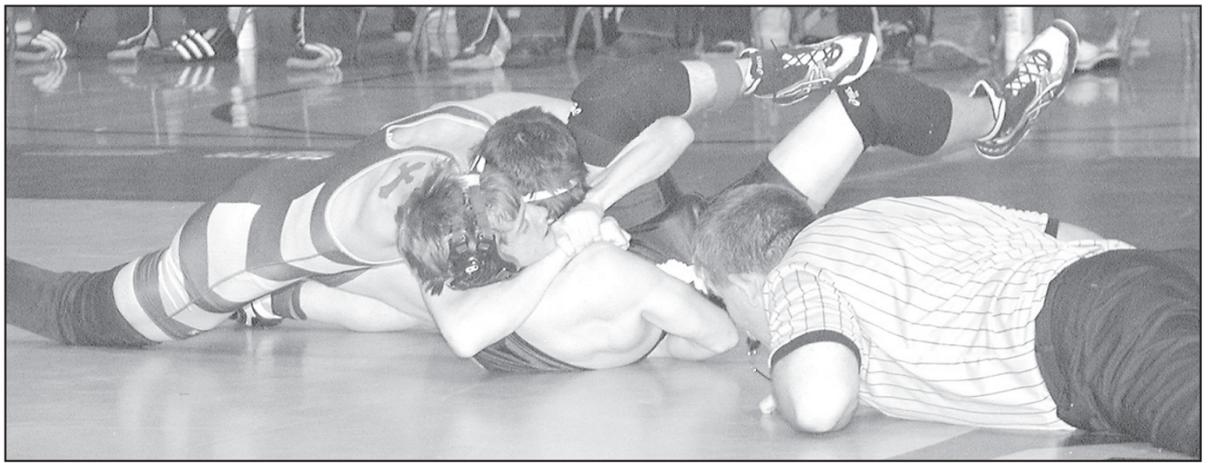
Teams competing will be Norton, Northern Valley, Phillipsburg, Quinter, Oberlin, Osborne, Stockton and Hill City.

The tournament will begin at 1

p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 10 a.m. on Monday.

A plaque will be awarded to the tournament champion. Medals will be presented to the top three teams. A 10-member All-Tournament Team will be chosen and those honored players will also receive medals.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.



Norton's 125-lb. sophomore wrestler Kaenon Keiswetter put Phillipsburg's Keo Roth "down for the count" in just 1:25 of their match during the Blue Jays' dual win over the Panthers here Friday evening. —Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Jayvee wrestlers finish 2nd

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity wrestlers placed second in the Alma Invitational varsity tournament on Monday in Alma, Neb.

The tournament had been rescheduled due to a snowstorm the opening weekend of the season.

Kearney Catholic won the championship with 159 points. Norton was second with 149.5 and Alma placed third with 123.

"Even though this tournament was on a Monday, our Blue Jays were ready to wrestle," said Norton assistant coach Shane Miller. "We were one of the top three teams throughout the tournament but it came down to the finals to decide who would win the tournament."

"Overall, our Blue Jays wrestled very well and have shown that they should not be overlooked in these varsity tournaments."

Norton had three individual champions, Brett Terrell, 119; Kaid McKenna, 140 and Casey Robison, 171.

Terrell was named "Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week" for his performance. He defeated Matthew Klinginsmith, Kearney Catholic, 3-2 to win the gold medal. Klinginsmith placed fourth in the Nebraska state tournament last season.

"McKenna was the only wrestler with a full eight man bracket and he dominated everyone he wrestled," said coach Miller. McKenna shutout Jacob McCann, Kearney Catholic, 6-0 to win the 140 pound championship.

Robison pinned Trevor Sparks, Kearney Catholic, in 5:31 to win the 171 pound title.

Other Norton wrestlers in the championship finals and their results were:

*103 -- Colby Poage was pinned in 41 seconds by Marcus Ramirez, Wauneta-Palisade.

*135 -- Spencer Shirk lost an 8-6 decision to Brandon Pachero, Kearney Catholic.

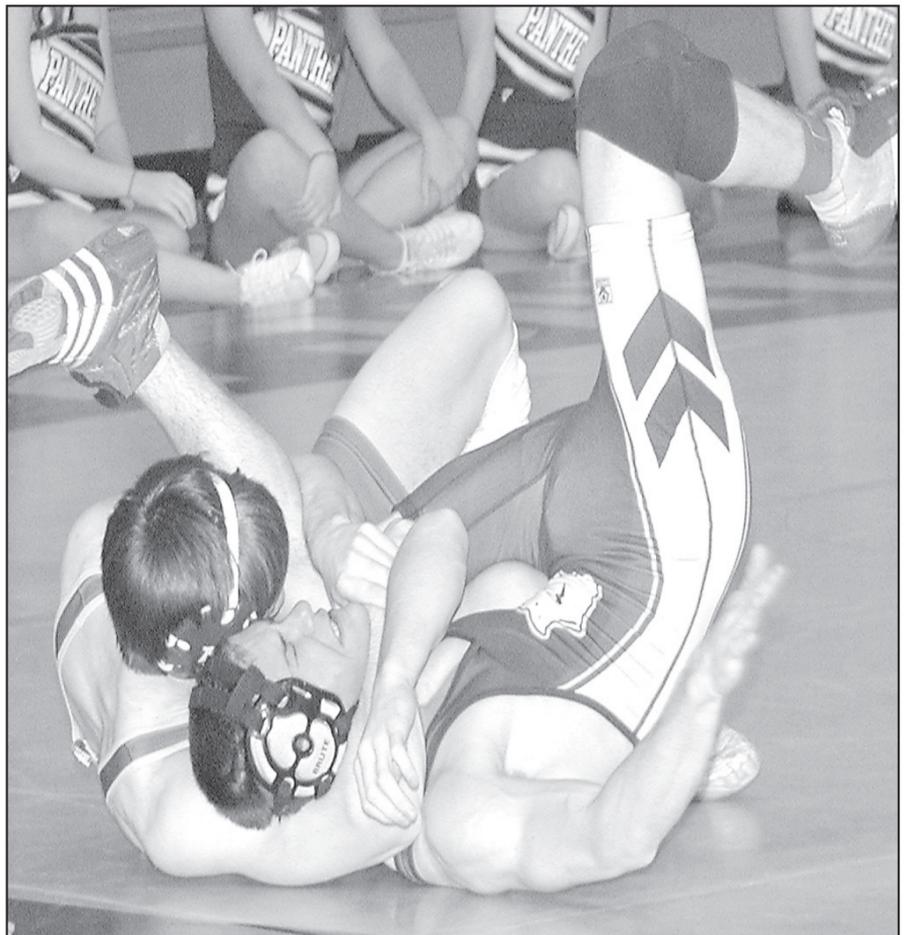
*145 -- Austin Brown was pinned in 5:59 by Scott Matson, Kearney Catholic.

*160 -- Brad Nuzum was pinned in 13 seconds by Corey Liemann, Alma.

*189 -- Tyler Cook was pinned in 1:47 by Adam Simpson, Wauneta-Palisade.

Two Norton wrestlers placed third in their weight classes. Cody Bredemeier pinned Michael Zern, Overton, in 2:53 at 130 pounds and Logan Kelly pinned Mark Florom, Alma, in 45 seconds at 156 pounds.

"Ryan Blecha wrestled at 152 and did not place but wrestled well," said coach Miller.



Norton senior Todd Bolt made Clint Reese, Phillipsburg, "count the lights" in 1:47 of their 140-lb. match during the dual win over the Panthers in Norton Friday night. —Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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