

Lady Jays end tennis season

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The Norton Community High School girls tennis team completed their 2009 season by playing in the Class 3A Regional Tennis Tournament on Friday in WaKeeney.

The tournament finals were held on Monday.

Clafin won the team championship with 20 points and was followed by Hoisington, 12; Tribune, 11; Trego Community, 8; Beloit, 3; Phillipsburg, 2; Osborne, 1; Victoria, 1; Norton, 0; Plainville, 0.

Rachel Shepard and Morgan Baumann played singles for Norton in the single elimination tournament. Rachel lost 8-2 to Jennifer Funk, Hoisington and Morgan lost 8-4 to Meagan Luckey, Beloit.

"Rachel was a last minute substitute in singles and played extremely well against Jennifer

Funk," said Norton head tennis coach Jim Green.

"Rachel has been playing doubles all year long and it was a big change moving to singles.

"Morgan drew a match against Meagan Luckey, who we had not seen all season. Morgan played well early in the match but was unable to get the win."

In doubles play, Emily Juenemann and Kyra Fulton lost 8-7(7-6) to Courtney Nemecheck and Kelcy Crittenden, Tribune and Allie Corbin and Meagan Peterson lost 6-0, 6-0 to Karisa Kaiser and Lindsey Ney, Hoisington, who eventually placed fourth.

"Emily and Kyra gave us our best opportunity to win," said coach Green.

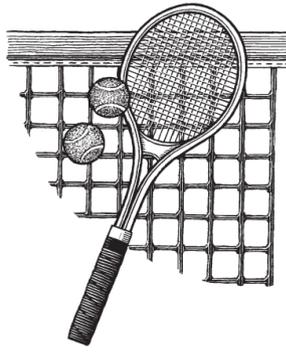
"They were ahead of Nemecheck and Crittenden, a team they had defeated earlier in the season. The Tribune team came from behind and forced a tie-

breaker. Our girls played tough in the tiebreaker but didn't win.

"Allie and Meaghan played the No.3 seed Kaiser and Ney, a team they had lost to twice during the season. Playing a team we had played before but had not been able to defeat made it tough. Our girls had moments of good play but could not win the close games."

Norton will lose two seniors from this year's tennis squad: Emily Juenemann and Allie Corbin.

The top six placers in singles and doubles won berths in the State Tournament today in Hays. Qualifying for state play in the singles were: Nina Bwalya, Hoisington, first, 29-3 record; Allie Hipp, Clafin, second, 22-9; Shalee Myers, Tribune, third, 28-3; Kendi Hinkel, Clafin, fourth, 19-10; Rachael Newcomer, Trego, fifth, 21-9; Malorie Witmer, Phillipsburg, sixth, 18-7.



Doubles state qualifiers were: Morgan Hekele, Courtney Liebl, Clafin, first, 24-6; Haylie Greeson, Kelli Crittenden, Tribune, second, 28-3; Amelia Fabrizius, Leah Flax, Trego, third, 20-11; Karisa Kaiser, Lindsey Ney, Hoisington, fourth, 18-7; Hillary Schartz, Norel Kirmer, Clafin, fifth, 18-8; Jamie Boeckman, Shelbi Wiles, Beloit, sixth, 3-2.

JV ladies place fifth in round robin

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The Norton Community High School girls junior varsity tennis team placed fifth in the Phillipsburg JV Round Robin on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Hays won the championship with 46 points, followed by Colby, 30; Beloit, 28; Phillipsburg, 25; Norton, 15; Phillipsburg B, 6.

"Our girls played tough matches and won some really close battles," said Norton head girls tennis coach Jim Green.

"We were short a No.2 doubles team, which hurt our team score;

however, we did have girls who placed individually."

Emily Juenemann played No.1 singles for the Lady Jays and placed third. After a first round bye, she defeated Katera Harter, Colby, 6-5(7-3), lost to Laurie Beard, Phillipsburg, 6-5(8-6); lost to Jill Taylor, Hays, 6-4 and lost to Shelbi Wiles, Beloit, 6-3.

"Emily played some close matches and fought for many long points," said coach Green.

"She is a strong player who is never afraid to come to the net."

Playing No.1 doubles for Norton were Ashley Millan and Kait-

lyn Ross and they were the runner-up team. They drew a first round bye, then lost to Laura Juenemann and Jenessa Williams, Colby, 6-2; defeated Kaci Ferguson and Stephanie Stutterheim, Phillipsburg, 6-4; lost to Whitney Hickert and Abbey Homburg, Hays, 6-1 and defeated Jessica Hughs and Traci Lawrence, Beloit, 6-3.

"Ashley and Kaitlyn had another outstanding day," said coach Green. "Overcoming their slow start, they played great tennis and made some great shots."

In No.2 singles, Norton was represented by Rhees Carlson

and she placed sixth. In the first round, she lost to Heather Miller, Phillipsburg, B, 6-4; then lost to Paige Roopchan, Colby, 6-1; lost to Victoria Mann, Phillipsburg, 6-1; lost to Anne Bannister, Hays, 6-0 and lost to Brandi Watson, Beloit, 6-1.

"Rhees saw some good competition at the round robin," said coach Green. "I could see how much she improved each match she played and I was impressed with some of the shots she made."

Jays defeat Logan

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The Norton Community High School varsity girls volleyball team defeated Logan but lost to Golden Plains on Tuesday evening at Golden Plains.

After losing to Golden Plains in a very close 22-25, 23-25 match, the Lady Jays defeated Logan 25-12, 25-22.

Golden Plains

"We played better but it wasn't enough to beat the ladies from Golden Plains," said Norton head volleyball coach Peggy Cox.

"In close games, the little things can make a difference between a win and a loss. We didn't make up enough points in blocks or aces to counterbalance the mistakes we made in not covering, timing the block correctly or finding holes in their defense."

Individual statistics: kills - Erin Terrell, Alyssa Thomson, 4 each; Kaitlyn Wolf, 3; Shelby Jones, Bethany Roy, Bethany Winkel, 2 each; Kendra Engelbert, 1; aces - Wolf, 2; Engelbert, Winkel, 1 each; digs - Raven Brown, Ashlie Stewart, 5 each; Wolf, 3; Engelbert, Winkel, 1 each; assists - Jones, 7; Winkel, 6; Engelbert, Thomson, 1 each; blocks - Wolf, 1.

Logan

"We came back from our close match with Golden Plains and defeated the Lady Trojans," said

coach Cox. "I'm glad to see us finally starting to play the whole match and not giving up after one game. It's better late than never."

"I was disappointed in our start, however, as we missed our first two serves. Our girls came back with a vengeance and beat Logan fairly easily in the first set. The second set was a different story as we went back and forth with the lead changing several times. With the score tied at 22-all, we managed to finish the match by pushing three more points to take the win."

Individual statistics: kills - Wolf, 6; Roy, 3; Shaylyn Boteler, 2; Jones, Thomson, Winkel, 1 each; aces - Stewart, 3; Roy, Winkel, Wolf, 2 each; digs - Stewart, 4; Brown, Jones, Wolf, 1 each; assists - Jones, Winkel, 5 each; Thomson, 1; blocks - Erin Terrell, Thomson, 1 each.

Next action

Norton played Plainville Thursday evening in Plainville in a preliminary match for the Mid-Continent League Volleyball Tournament.

The winner will play Phillipsburg at 9 a.m. on Saturday in Hill City. Results of Thursday's play were not available at Telegram press time.

Norton was also scheduled to play last Saturday in the Scott City Invitational but it was canceled due to inclement weather.

Jays place sixth in JV tournament

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis team placed sixth in the Colby JV Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 3 in Colby.

Trego Community won the championship with 40 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 34; Colby, 32; Scott City, 30; Liberal, 22; Tribune, 22; Norton, 14.

Ashley Millan played No.1 singles for the Lady Jays and placed fifth. She lost her first three matches before winning her last three.

First, she lost to Anna Yeager, Scott City, 6-4; was defeated by Katera Harter, Colby, 6-3; was beaten by Jessica Pugh, Phillipsburg, 6-5; defeated Allison Carr, Trego, 6-5; shutout Kiersten Klinger, Phillipsburg, 6-0 and outscored Shelby Hild, Tribune, 6-2.

"Ashley had a slow start in the beginning but then played extremely well in the fourth round when she beat the No.2 player in the tournament," said Norton

assistant tennis coach Crystal Montgomery.

"Ashley has the ability to be an outstanding player."

Representing Norton in No.1 doubles were Kelsie Griffith and Kaitlyn Ross and they finished sixth. They lost to M. Tuttle and Idalia Chavez, Trego, 6-0; lost to Janessa Williams and Hannah Giebler, Colby, 6-5; lost to Laurie Beard and Mary Kearns, Phillipsburg, 6-2; lost to Tria Brunswig and Beth Hafliger, Trego, 6-0; defeated Kim Varley and Jesse Piper, Liberal, 6-1 and lost to Stevie Ellis and Megan Reding, Tribune, 6-2.

"This was the first experience for Kelsie and Kaitlyn in playing No.1 doubles," said coach Montgomery. "They had good competition and played hard."

No.2 singles player for Norton was Rhees Carlson and she placed fifth. Rhees defeated M. Tuttle, Trego, 6-3; lost to Madison Gawith, Colby, 6-0; lost to Victoria Main, Phillipsburg, 6-1; defeated Morgan Powell, Trego, 6-4; lost to Jacque Nguyen, Lib-

eral, 6-3; lost to Marissa Patton, Tribune, 6-1.

"Rhees has made tremendous improvement this season," said

coach Montgomery. "She played well, winning two matches and staying close in another match against Liberal."

JV football finishes season with victory

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity football team completed their 2009 season with an impressive 36-20 victory over Colby on Monday evening at Travis Field in Norton.

Norton scored on their first offensive series on a 40 yard pass from Spencer Shirk to Robert Blecha. Colby countered with a 70 yard touchdown run to tie the score at 8-all.

After a Blue Jay turnover, the Eagles scored on an 8 yard run. Norton battled back and scored again, this time on a Shirk 1 yard run to give Norton a 16-14 lead after one quarter.

Colby took a 20-16 lead on a 40 yard touchdown run in the second quarter. After that, Norton tallied two more touchdowns in the second quarter on runs of 2 yards and 8 yards and added a third on a 3 yard run in the third quarter. Trey Millan scored two of



the touchdowns and Tye Nickell scored one.

"We had great run and pass defense in the second half to hold them scoreless," said Norton assistant football coach Wade Church. "Lane Archer ended the game with an interception to seal our victory."

"Our whole team did a great job. They played hard from start to end. I am proud of how we responded when things didn't go our way and how we finished the game when we got the lead."

"I couldn't have asked for a better game for our team to end the season."

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