

# Norton Lady Jays beat Oberlin in 2011 opener on Tuesday night

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Anyway you look at it, the Norton Community High School girls basketball team was dominant in their 59-35 victory over Oberlin in the 2011 opener on Tuesday night in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium.

The Lady Jays outshot the Lady Red Devils from both the field and free throw line, outbounded the visitors, had more steals, more assists and fewer turnovers.

From the opening tipoff, there was no doubt who would win.

Norton held quarter leads of 16-2, 31-16 and 52-23.

Sophomore point guard Tawni Griffey led Norton scoring in the first quarter with a three and a two point basket. Senior Dustyna Sprigg hit two baskets, senior Kaylen Rossi buried a three-pointer and junior Erin Terrell gave a hint of things to come with a basket and two free throws.

Meanwhile, the Lady Jay defense was relentless, allowing only one field goal.

Terrell hit three baskets, Griffey repeated her first quarter performance with a double and triple basket and Sprigg and sophomore Kamilla Jones each hit a basket in the 15-point second period.

Oberlin was able to score 14 points in the second quarter but still trailed Norton by 15 points.

Terrell was unstoppable in the third period, hitting four baskets and three of four charity tosses in the best scoring quarter for the Lady Jays as they added 21 more points to their total. They limited Oberlin to 7 and extended their

advantage to 29 points.

Junior Caren Thomson had a good third quarter, hitting three baskets. Sprigg and Griffey each added a bucket.

Terrell did all the scoring for Norton in the fourth period as she hit three more baskets and a free throw. Oberlin scored 12 points but it was too little, too late.

The fourth quarter was shortened by the continuous scoreboard clock when the Lady Jays' lead reached 30 points.

"I'm really pleased; we played hard," said Norton head coach Kevin Jilka.

"We put in a lot of hard work during the Christmas break.

"Our biggest improvement was on defense. All night we played good defense. We had great help and rotation on the defensive end.

"Our offense executed really well, too, and we had nice balance offensively. We really got on the offensive boards.

"Some of our former players were home from college and we practiced against them. They made us work harder and it showed tonight.

"I hope we can bottle this and keep going when we play Friday at Osborne. They have a great tradition and that's a tough place to play."

Norton is now 3-3 for the season and Osborne is 3-4.

Terrell ended with a career high 28 points on 11 of 15 shots from two-point range for a net smoking 73 percent accuracy and an equally accurate 6 of 7 from the free throw line for 86 percent!

Griffey finished with 12 points on 2 of 3 from long range for 67 percent, 3 of 5 two-point tries for 60 percent and 5 of 8 overall for 63 percent.

Kiah Blau led Oberlin in scoring with 14 points.

As a team, Norton hit 3 of 11 from beyond the arc for 27 percent, 22 of 42 two-point tries for 52 percent and 25 of 53 overall for 47 percent.

Oberlin swished 4 of 11 long range shots for 36 percent, 9 of 22 two-pointers for 41 percent and 13 of 33 overall for 39 percent.

Terrell was the only Norton player to shoot any free throws. Oberlin hit 5 of 7 charities for 71 percent.

The Lady Jays pulled down 16 offensive and 13 defensive rebounds for 29 total compared to 12 offensive and 6 defensive and 18 total for Oberlin.

Terrell grabbed 10 caroms, followed by Griffey, Sprigg, 5 each; Thomson, 4; Katelyn Engelbert, 3; Kaylen Rossi, 2.

The Lady Jays had 14 steals compared to just 3 thefts for the Lady Red Devils. Sprigg was the leader with 5, followed by Terrell, 4; Griffey, Rossi, 2 each; Thomson, 1.

Griffey led assists for Norton with 7, followed by Sprigg, 4; Rossi, Terrell, 3 each; Engelbert, Thomson, 2 each; Jones, 1. Norton had 22 assists and Oberlin recorded 13.

Norton had 15 turnovers and the Lady Jay defense caused Oberlin to lose the ball 25 times.

### Junior varsity

The Norton junior varsity girls



Lady Jay senior Erin Terrell knocked the ball out of the hands of an Oberlin player and drove for a layup during Norton's 59-35 victory over the Lady Red Devils in Norton on Tuesday evening. In addition to four steals, Terrell hit a career high 28 points and also led the Lady Jays in rebounds with 10.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

also won their game by a score of 31-20.

Norton held quarter leads of 4-3, 10-5 and 18-14.

Leading scorer for the young Norton girls was Bailey Ambrosier with 10, followed by Darcy Bainter, 7; Johnnye Ruder, 6; Alec Melvin, 4; Rিকে Green, 2; Kamilla Jones, 2.

Jamie Soderlund led Oberlin with 10 points.

"This was a good game for us coming off the Christmas break," said Norton assistant girls coach George Rossi.

"Our girls improved in most areas tonight. We still need to work on shooting. That is a constant.

"Our girls also still need to understand that practice speed needs to be as fast as game speed. We need to do everything quicker and with confidence."

### Next action

Norton will travel to Osborne today to play the Lady Bulldogs in Mid-Continent League action.

Junior varsity play will begin at 4 p.m.

### GAME STATISTICS Norton Girls

Tawni Griffey 3 20-0 12; Kaylen Rossi 0 10-0 3; Erin Terrell 11 0 6-7 28; Dustyna Sprigg 4 0-0 8; Kamilla Jones 1 0-0 2; Caren Thomson 3 0-0 6; Game Totals 22 3 6-7 59.

### Oberlin Girls

Darbi Rouse 1 0-0 2; Cassidy Shields 0 0 2-2 2; Jamie Soderlund 0 0 1-1 1; Taylor Macfee 1 0 0-2; Kiah Blau 5 1 1-2 14; Miki Dorshorst 1 1 1-2 6; Jordan Dreher 1 2 0-0 8; Game Totals 9 4 5-7 35.

# Twelve schools to compete in Durham tournament

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The 46th annual Norton and 14th annual J.R. Durham Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held on Saturday in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium in Norton.

Competing in addition to the Norton varsity and junior varsity teams will be wrestling squads from Atwood, Beloit, Cozad, Thomas More Prep of Hays, Hoxie, Leoti, McCook, Mill Valley, Oakley, Scott City and Smith Center.

The first session will begin at 9:30 a.m. on two or three mats. It will be followed by the championship quarterfinals on three mats, championship semifinals on two front mats and consolation round one on the back mat.

Following the lunch break, consolation quarterfinals will be held on three mats and will be followed by the consolation semifinals on three mats.

The second session will begin at approximately 5 p.m. and will feature fifth and sixth place matches on two mats and third and fourth place matches on two mats.

The NCHS Pep Band will begin playing at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by the performance of the NCHS Dance Team.

Next, Norton's state medal winners from 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991 and 2001 will be introduced to the crowd. Each will receive a certificate of wrestling excellence from J.R. "Jake" Durham in honor of the anniversary of their state medal.

The tournament championship finalists will be introduced, fol-

lowed by the pep band playing the Star Spangled Banner.

The championship finals will then be held on one mat.

The Norton tournament was renamed 12 years ago in honor of J.R. "Jake" Durham of Norton, the former longtime wrestling coach for the Blue Jays.

Jake's many honors include membership in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Kansas High School Wrestling Hall of Fame. Jake and his wife, Ruth, still reside in Norton.

Plaques will be awarded to the top three teams and medals to the top four wrestlers in each weight class. There will be no public recognition for fifth and sixth places but they will earn points.

An "Outstanding Wrestler" will be chosen by vote of the coaches.

"Headed into this tournament, we are in better physical condition than when we left for Christmas break," said coach Johnson. "I'm pleased with the work we did over the break.

"A lot of our wrestlers could have been out of town for an extended time during the holiday but most everyone was at practice all the time. I'm pleased that they came in for our mini-training camp to get ready to wrestle in front of our home crowd.

"It should be a good tournament. We'll have to wrestle well to win it.

"We're anxious to get out of the wrestling room and compete against someone in a different colored singlet."

Norton is the defending tourna-

ment champion, having won it the past seven years. When Norton won the tournament in 2003-04, it broke a Hoxie winning streak of seven straight championships.

### Admission

Admission to the entire tournament is \$6 for adults and \$5 for students.

Admission to session No. 2 only is \$3 for kindergarten through adults. Pre-school children are admitted free.

### Norton lineup

The tentative Norton varsity wrestlers for Saturday and their records are: 103 - freshman Branson Addington, 2-4; 112 - sophomore John Risewick, 13-1; 119 - junior R.J. Ellis, 7-6; 125 - junior Justin Waggoner, 12-3; 130 - senior Troy Bainter, 14-1; 135 - senior Brett Terrell, 12-0; 140 - senior Billy Broeckelman, 10-3; 145 - sophomore Eli Bozarth, 6-7; 152 - sophomore Jared Bohl, 3-4; 160 - senior Landon "Tug" Keiswetter, 14-1; 171 - senior Spencer Shirk, 12-1; 189 - junior Caleb Campbell, 9-4; 215 - Open;

285 - senior Josh Asbury, 7-5.

### Former wrestler honorees

Norton Community High School has a long and rich wrestling tradition. Since beginning wrestling in 1931, NCHS has crowned 10 state championship teams, 89 individual champions and a total of 282 individual state medalists.

Being honored from the 1951 team will be Duaine Foley, 154, fourth, Norton. His coach was Harlan Swanson.

Coach Durham's 1961 team placed third in the state tournament, which included all classes of enrollment. Medal winners were: Darrel Rule, 112, second, Grand Junction, Colo.; Richard Wyatt, 154, second, Norton; John Kent, 138, third, Olsburg; Dean Lawson, 95, fourth, Norton; Jim Horning, 103, fourth, Niceville, Fla.

To be honored from the 1971 team, which won second place in the Class 3A state tournament under the guidance of coach Durham, will be Joe Durham,

98, champion, Tamaqua, Pa.; Tom Ankenman, 119, champion, Hutchinson; Mark Klein, 126, champion, Norton; Mark Ward, 112, second, Springfield, Mo.; Rex Harmon, 185, second, Phillipsburg; Jerry Roeder, 145, fourth, Norton.

Coach Durham's 1981 Blue Jay team placed fourth in the Class 4A state tournament. To be honored from that team will be Kurt Hahn, 145, champion, Derby; Lance Atwell, 155, champion, Ventura, Iowa; Robert Millan, 112, third, Evanston, Ill.; Kent Hahn, 105, fourth, Stockton.

To be honored from the 1991

team, which was coached by Marty McCurdy and competed in the Class 3-2-1A state tournament, will be Matt Jensen, 119, champion, Wichita; Curt Cuthbertson, 125, fourth, Dodge City.

Coach Bill Johnson's 2001 Norton Blue Jay wrestling squad placed third in the Class 3-2-1A state tournament. To be honored from that team will be Eric Johnson, 130, champion; Brett McChesney, 103, second; J.B. Harding, 119, second; Jon Hausermann, 160, third; Chuck Delimont, 275, third; Tim Sprigg, 152, fourth; Justin Brown, 125, fifth.

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**FINAL REGISTRATION:**  
**Saturday, January 22 — 1-4 p.m.**  
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