



The Lady Jays' sophomore forward Kamilla Jones surprised a Trego basketball player during Friday night's 52-37 win when the Lady Golden Eagle's attention was on the Norton defenders in front of her. Jones came up from behind and cleverly stole the ball right out of her hands! Also on defense for Norton were, from left, junior forward Caren Thomson, senior guard Kaylen Rossi (partially hidden) senior forward Dustyna Sprigg and sophomore guard Tawni Griffey.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton senior post Luke Ninemire fights for a rebound during the Blue Jays' 56-37 Mid-Continent League victory over Trego Community in WaKeeney on Friday night. No. 10 is junior post Jordan Wahlmeier who grabbed 11 rebounds and No.23 for Norton is senior guard Terrell Lane who ended with 11 rebounds for the night.

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Another win for Norton

By DICK BOYD

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 The Norton Community High School boys basketball team wasted no time in taking the lead and extending it to a 19-point 56-37 victory when they played Trego Community in a Mid-Continent League game on Friday in WaKeeney.
 Norton held quarter leads of 16-10, 25-18 and 42-25.
 Junior post Jordan Wahlmeier jump started the Norton offense with three two-point baskets and one from beyond the arc in the first quarter. Senior guard Terrell Lane buried a trey as well along with a two-point basket and junior forward Dillon McConney added a basket.
 The Blue Jays scored only 9 points in the second period on another trey by Lane, two more two-point baskets by Wahlmeier and a two-pointer by sophomore forward Jacob Brooks. Trego scored just 8 points so Norton still led by seven points at intermission.
 Norton really extended their lead after halftime, pouring in 17 points in the third quarter. Lane hit another shot from beyond the arc and a two-pointer. Wahlmeier connected on two more shots, junior guard Tye Nickell hit a basket and two free throws, Brooks hit for two more points and senior forward Dakota Dreher hit a basket.
 Trego did not hit a single basket in the third period with the Golden Eagles' only points coming on seven free throws.
 Norton added 14 more points in the final stanza. Wahlmeier

swished a basket and four free throws, Lane hit two baskets and two charities and Dreher added another basket.
 Trego scored 12 points for their best scoring quarter of the night but it was too little, too late for the Golden Eagles.
 Wahlmeier led scoring for Norton with 23 points on 1 of 2 from beyond the arc for 50 percent, 8 of 17 two-point attempts for 47 percent and 4 of 7 free throws for 57 percent.
 Lane finished with 19 points on 3 of 7 from long range for 43 percent, 4 of 11 two-point tries for 36 percent and 7 of 18 overall for 39 percent. He was 2 of 3 from the charity stripe for 67 percent.
 Brad Pfannenstiel led Trego with 16 points.
 As a team, Norton hit 4 of 20 trey tries for 20 percent, 18 of 46 two-point attempts for 39 percent and 22 of 66 overall for 33 percent.
 The Golden Eagles swished 2 of 12 from beyond the arc for 17 percent, 9 of 38 two-pointers for 24 percent and 11 of 50 overall for 22 percent.
 From the free throw line, the Blue Jays hit 8 of 16 for 50 percent and the Golden Eagles connected on 13 of 21 for 62 percent.
 Norton had 19 offensive and 25 defensive rebounds for a season high total of 44. Trego had just 8 offensive and 21 defensive caroms for 29 total.
 Wahlmeier and Lane led Norton in rebounds with 12 and 11, respectively. They were followed by Brooks, 8; McConney, 5; Nickell, 4; Dreher, Ninemire, 2 each.

Norton blocked 4 shots. Brooks rejected 2 and Nickell and Wahlmeier 1 each.
 The Blue Jays had 20 offensive assists and the Golden Eagles had just 5. Lane and McConney led with 4 each, followed by Dreher, Brooks, 3 each; Wahlmeier, Ninemire, Nickell, 2 each.
 The Blue Jays had 12 steals and Trego had just 2. Leader was Nickell with 5, followed by Wahlmeier, McConney, 2 each; Dreher, Lane, Brooks, 1 each.
 Norton had a season low 4 turnovers and caused Trego to turn the ball over a whopping 20 times!
Junior varsity
 Norton lost the junior varsity game by a score of 50-43.
 Norton led 19-5 after one quarter, 26-21 at halftime and 34-33 after three periods but was outscored 17-9 in the final stanza.
 Leading scorer for the Blue Jays was Zach Hartwell with 14 points, followed by John Renner, 10; Trey Millan, 7; Andrew Ellis, 6; Taylor Meder, 4; Carson McKenna, 2.
 Brad Pfannenstiel led Trego with 12; John Griffith added 10.
GAME STATISTICS
Norton Boys
 Dakota Dreher 20-0-4; Jordan Wahlmeier 8 14-7-23; Dillon McConney 1 0 0-0 2; Tye Nickell 1 0 2-4 4; Terrell Lane 4 3 2-3 19; Jacob Brooks 2 0 0-2 4; Game Totals 18 48-16 56
Trego Boys
 Devin Ghumm 2 0 1-3 5; John Griffith 1 0 3-4 5; Clayton Riedel 2 0 2-2 6; Brad Pfannenstiel 4 2 2-4 16; Blake Fritts 0 0 3-4 3; Will Papas 0 0 1-2 1; Chad Uhrich 0 0 1-2 1; Game Totals 9 2 13-21 37.

Lady Jays defeat Trego

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 The Norton Community High School girls basketball team won another Mid-Continent League game on Friday night when they defeated Trego Community 52-37 in WaKeeney.
 The Lady Jays held quarter leads of 14-8, 25-18 and 42-29.
 Norton's best quarter was the third when they outscored the Lady Golden Eagles 17-11.
 "In the first half, we were a little lethargic; we were a half step slow on defense," said Norton head girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka.
 "We got more aggressive in the second half on defense and started executing a little better on the offensive end. We got in some foul trouble but did what we needed to win.
 "It was a nice road victory for us. We need to keep it going when we host Ellis on Tuesday in the first game of the league tournament."
 Norton's 14 first quarter points came on two three-point baskets by sophomore point guard Tawni Griffey, a basket each by senior guard Kaylen Rossi and senior forward Dustyna Sprigg and basket and two free throws by junior post Erin Terrell.
 Griffey continued to hit well in the second quarter when she connected on three two-point baskets. Junior forward Caren Thomson and freshman forward Katelyn Engelbert each hit a basket and Sprigg added a free throw.
 Terrell led the way in Norton's 17 point third period by hitting two field goals and four free throws. She was followed by Rossi with a trey and two-point basket and Sprigg with two baskets.
 In the fourth quarter, Terrell hit two more baskets and Griffey,

Thomson and sophomore forward Alec Melvin each hit one.
 Terrell was scoring tops for the Lady Jays with 16 points on 5 of 11 two-point shots for 45 percent and 6 of 8 free throws for 75 percent.
 Griffey added 14 points on 2 of 6 from beyond the arc for 33 percent, 4 of 9 two-point tries for 44 percent and 6 of 15 overall for 40 percent.
 Bailee Fritts led Trego with 14 points and Haley Dietz added 11.
 As a team, Norton hit 3 of 11 treys for 27 percent, 18 of 37 two-point attempts for 43 percent and 21 of 48 overall for 44 percent.
 Trego connected on 2 of 4 from beyond the arc for 50 percent, 14 of 30 two-point tries for 47 percent and 16 of 34 overall for 47 percent.
 From the free throw line, the Lady Jays swished 7 of 14 for 50 percent while the Lady Golden Eagles hit 3 of 12 for 25 percent.
 Norton had 7 offensive and 8 defensive rebounds for 15 total. Trego pulled down 7 offensive but 15 defensive caroms for 22 total.
 Terrell and Thomson each had 4 rebounds, followed by Sprigg, Jones, 3 each; Rossi, 1.
 The Lady Jays' aggressive defense came up with 23 steals compared to just 11 for Trego. Terrell was thefts leader for Norton with 6, followed by Sprigg, 5; Griffey, 4; Jones, Thomson, 3 each; Rossi, 2.
 The Lady Jays had 7 assists and the Lady Golden Eagles recorded just 4. Terrell, Jones and Thomson each had 2 assists and Rossi had 1.
 Norton had 18 turnovers and Trego had 38.
 The Norton girls increased their season record to 6-3 and Trego

dropped to 4-6.
Junior varsity
 Norton won the junior varsity game by a score of 22-13.
 Only two quarters were played; Norton led 8-4 after the first period.
 Leading scorer for Norton was Bailey Ambrosier with 7, followed by Kamilla Jones, 5; Katelyn Engelbert, 4; Alec Melvin, Darcy Bainter, 2 each; Antjelica Pfannenstiel, Abby Bainter, 1 each.
 Addie Zeman led Trego with 7 points.
 "Our girls really got after Trego tonight," said Norton assistant girls basketball coach George Rossi.
 "This was one of our better defensive halves as well as offensive. Our man defense was better tonight.
 "The bench did a good job for us tonight as well."
Next action
 The Norton girls are seeded No.4 in the Mid-Continent League Tournament this week.
 The Lady Jays will host No.5 Ellis at 7 p.m. today in a first round game in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium.
GAME STATISTICS
Norton Girls
 Tawni Griffey, 4 20-2 14; Katelyn Engelbert 1 0 0-0 2; Kaylen Rossi 2 1 0-1 7; Erin Terrell 5 0 6-8 16; Alec Melvin 1 0 0-0 2; Dustyna Sprigg 3 0 1-2 7; Caren Thomson 2 0 0-1 4; Game Totals 18 3 7-14 52
Trego Girls
 Haley Dietz 5 0 1-1 11; Jerris Reeder 1 0 0-0 2; Allison Carr 1 0 0-2 2; Kaylee Smith 0 1 0-0 3; Bailee Fritts 6 0 2-7 14; Amelia Fabrizius 1 1 0-2 5; Game Totals 14 2 3-12 37.

Northern Valley loses to Logan

By DANA PAXTON

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 On January 6, the Northern Valley junior high girls basketball teams took on Logan. No wins were brought home this night.
 In A-team play, during the first quarter Kortney Cunningham led scoring with two, 2 pointers followed by Kirsten Burger and Elexsa Anderson with two each. Logan almost tied the quarter with Goble leading the score with two, 2 pointers followed by VanLaeys with two ending the quarter at 8-6 for Northern Valley.
 During the second quarter Burger sank two, 2 pointers followed by Brooke Baird's two pointer. Logan maintained scoring with six more points, Two each by Braun and Goble followed by Greving's two free throws. The score going into the second half was 14-12 for the Junior Huskies.
 In the third quarter, Cunningham once again hit two, 2 pointers and this time Tea VanPatton added two more. The Junior Trojans also scored six this quarter with Braun, Goble and Greving each hitting a basket ending the quarter at 20-18.
 The Lady Junior Huskies slowed in the fourth quarter, costing them the game. They only

scored on one free throw made by Anderson. Logan maintained scoring with four more, two each for Braun and Goble ending the game in a defeat over the Huskies, 22-21.
 Head coach Amy McKinney said, "The A-team game did not go smoothly despite the effort the girls put forth. I hope that we can overcome the challenges as we look towards the tournament."
 In B-team play of the Huskies against Logan another loss of 2-6 is put in the record books.
 In the first quarter of the game Logan took a strong lead over Northern Valley's team. Tea VanPatten of the Huskies was the only one to score. Logan's Hilburn led for the Trojans with two, 2 pointers and one of four free throws followed by Greving hitting two and one of two free throws and Becker with a two pointer. Ending the quarter at 10-2, Logan.
 The second quarter left the Huskies scoreless and only gave up two points to Logan scored by Hilburn. The second half of play would start with a score of 12-2.
 During the third quarter VanPatten of Northern Valley added two more to the tally while Logan managed six. Two each were made by Hilburn, Warren and Becker ending the quarter at

18-4.
 The final quarter left Northern Valley in a defeat. Sarah Baird was the only Husky to score for the team. Logan put six more on the board with Hilburn hitting two, 2 pointers and Bonner getting two more ending the game with a win over Northern Valley of 24-6.
 Northern Valley's coach Dibble said, "The B-team had a difficult time making the shots fall; they moved the ball will but we were simply out powered."
 The C-team only played two quarters against Logan and lost 8-4.
 In the first quarter, Talia Lowry was the only Husky to score. Logan's, Hofaker and Edwards each scored two taking the lead 4-2.
 The final quarter of play was a repeat of the first for Northern Valley. Once again Lowry was the only player to score for the Huskies. Logan also had a repeat in scoring with Hofaker scoring two and Braun also scoring two to win the game 8-4 over the Huskies.
 Husky coach Dibble stated, "The C-team made numerous improvements versus the last time that we played Logan."

High School Sports This Week



WRESTLING:

Norton vs. Colby Dual "Senior Night" in Wilmeth Kirk Gym 6 p.m. Thursday
 Norton vs. Kearney, Neb. Dual in Kearney 5 p.m. Tuesday

BASKETBALL:

Norton Girls vs. Ellis in MCL Tournament in Norton. 7 p.m. Today
 Mid-Continent League Tournament Consolation Semi-Finals on Thursday and Championship Semi-Finals and Finals on Friday, Saturday, Gross Coliseum, Hays
 Norton vs. Goodland V, JV, C Boys at Wilmeth Kirk and Stull Gyms 4 p.m. Tuesday
 Northern Valley Girls, Boys vs. Thunder Ridge in Kensington 4 p.m. Friday
 Northern Valley Girls, Boys vs. Logan in Logan 4 p.m. Tuesday
 Logan Girls, Boys vs. Palco in Logan 4 p.m. Today
 Logan Girls, Boys vs. Northern Valley in Logan 4 p.m. Tuesday