

# Lady Jays take second in home tourney



Norton sophomore Jessica White returns the ball during play Saturday in the Junior Varsity Round Robin Tennis Tournament held at the Norton Tennis Courts. She played very well and placed runner-up in the tournament.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

## Norton tennis team plays hard in Phillipsburg quad

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The Norton Community High School tennis team placed fourth in the Phillipsburg Quad on Tuesday, Sept. 13 in Phillipsburg.

Phillipsburg No.1 was the team champion with 23 points, followed by Concordia, 21; Phillipsburg No.2, 11; Norton, 5.

Norton sophomore Jessica White played No.1 singles for the Lady Jays. She defeated Suzanne Carlgren, Concordia 8-7 (12-10), lost to Amy Stapel, Phillipsburg No.2, 8-2 and lost to Sage Ratliff, Phillipsburg No.1, 8-2 to place third.

"Jessica White at No.1 singles started the evening in fine form, defeating Suzanne Carlgren of Concordia in a tiebreaker 12-10. It was a very close match from the start and was not decided until the very last point. Jessica led most of the match but fell behind right at the end. She fought back and tied it up at 7-all. The tiebreaker was another nail biter with the score going back and forth with each player gaining an advantage. Jessica showed a lot of poise to win the match," said Norton head tennis coach Jim Green.

At No.1 doubles, senior Rhees Carlson and sophomore Ashley Hildebrand played for Norton. They lost to Emily Trigg and Heather Letourneau, Concordia, 8-3; lost to Cassidy Roth and Mariah Coomes, Phillipsburg, 8-5 and lost to Shelby Christensen and Laurie Beard, Phillipsburg No.1, 8-0 to place fourth.

"Ashley Hildebrand and Rhees Carlson played together for the first time and it took a few matches for the girls to learn how to work with each other,"

## Stardust Bowling League results

Week of Sept. 5

Team Standings: Team 1, won 6, lost 2; FSBT 1, won 6, lost 2; Little People Daycare, won 5, lost 3; The PC's, won 4, lost 4; FSBT 2, won 2, lost 6.

High Line: Bev Miller, 193; Cindy Linner, 172; Peggy Sevier, 164; FSBT 1, 353; The PC's, 336; FSBT 2, 313.

High Line Handicap: Bev Miller, 239; Tami LeBeau, 228; Peggy Sevier, 220; FSBT 1, 443; The PC's, 433; Team 1, 404.

High Series: Bev Miller, 468; Peggy Sevier, 455; Cindy Linner, 448; The PC's, 903; FSBT 1, 858; FSBT 2, 839.

High Series Handicap: Carrie Fentiman, 626; Peggy Sevier, 623; Bev Miller, 606; The PC's, 1194; Team 1, 1190; Little People Daycare, 1156.

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The Norton Community High School Junior Varsity Round Robin Tennis Tournament was held on Saturday in Norton and the young Lady Jays placed second after losing a tiebreaker to Colby.

Both Norton and Colby scored 27 points but Colby won 62.3 percent of the time and Norton won 59.2 percent.

Third place went to Hays with 25 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 18 and Norton B, 3.

"Our Norton junior varsity team had another outstanding day on Saturday," said Norton assistant tennis coach Crystal Montgomery.

"We tied with Colby for first place but Colby had a better game percentage overall and received first place so we took second.

"There are still things we need to work on and get better at. We are still making little mistakes that cost us too many points. We are improving on placing the ball and hitting better strokes."

Sophomore Jessica White played No.1 singles for the Lady Jays. She defeated Norton B sophomore Shauna Gibson 6-3, drew two byes, outscored Julie Balzer, Hays, 6-2 and lost to Marie Lorent, Colby, 6-2, to place second.

"Jessica White is a tough op-

ponent to beat at No.1 singles," said coach Montgomery. "She is becoming more and more consistent and has a powerful serve that opponents struggle getting back over."

Norton's No.1 doubles team of juniors Ruth Kendall and Carla Jo Robinson defeated sophomore Jordyn Gosselin and freshman Brooke Sumner of Norton B 6-3, outscored Alex Isernhagen and Brittini Groothoff, Phillipsburg, 6-5 (3-7) and drew a bye before playing Abby Rupke and Ashley Cossaart, Hays, in the match that ended 2-2 due to injury. Ruth and Carla Jo placed third.

"Ruth and Carla Jo started the day well by winning their first match," said coach Montgomery. "Unfortunately, they did not get to finish the tournament because of an injury. They were tied 2-2 in the match in progress."

Lady Jay freshman Molly Scott played No.2 singles. She drew a bye, then played Amy Stapel, Phillipsburg, and lost 6-3. Next, she drew another bye and then outscored Autumn Snavelly, Hays, 6-1 and defeated Alexa Schlinder, Colby, 6-4, to place second.

"Molly is continuously working on her strokes to become a better tennis player," said coach Montgomery. "She works on getting topspin on her strokes

all the time and it's paying off in her matches. Her opponents have trouble returning her shots."

Playing No.2 doubles for Norton were senior Rhees Carlson and sophomore Kristen Burge. They defeated sophomores Danielle Wagoner and Hannah Pollock of the Norton B, 6-2; outscored Amy Pugh and Danelle Slack, Phillipsburg, 6-1; drew a bye; lost to Emily McPherson and Moly Barnett, Hays, 6-4 and defeated Olivia Wetter and Tresta Urban, Colby, 6-2, to finish second.

"Kristin and Rhees were very consistent in their doubles matches," said coach Montgomery. "Their consistency allowed them to place second in the tournament."

Sophomore Shauna Gibson played No.1 singles for the Norton B squad. After losing 6-3 to Jessica White of Norton, she drew a bye, lost to Julie Balzer, Hays, 6-4; lost to Marie Lorent, Colby, 6-0 and drew a bye. She placed fourth.

"Shauna showed a lot of determination on the court at No.1 singles for our B team," said coach Montgomery. "She never gave up and always tried for every ball even if it seemed out of reach.

"She had some close matches that gave her experience on being pressured."

Playing No.1 doubles for the Norton B team were sophomore Jordyn Gosselin and freshman Brooke Sumner. After losing to Robinson and Kendall of Norton, they drew a bye, then lost to Rupke and Cossaart of Hays, 6-2. Next, they lost to Kim DeBie and Samantha Lindberg of Colby, 6-2 and lost to Isernhagen and Groothoff of Phillipsburg, 6-0, to place fifth.

Sophomores Danielle Wagoner and Hannah Pollock played No.2 doubles for the Norton B team. After losing to Norton's Burge and Carlson, they drew a bye; then played McPherson and Barnett of Hays and lost 6-1. Next, they lost to Wetter and Urban of Colby, 6-2 and then lost to Pugh and Slack of Phillipsburg, 6-2, to place fifth.

"Hannah and Danielle improved in their doubles play throughout the day," said coach Montgomery. "They were getting more balls back over the net and winning more and more points."

Next action

The Norton junior varsity tennis team was scheduled to play in the Phillipsburg Quad on Thursday but results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

The Norton junior varsity will also play next Tuesday in Goodland versus Tribune and Greeley County, beginning at 3 p.m.

## Lady Jays JV places third in Trego tourney

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis team placed third in the Trego JV Round Robin Tournament held Thursday, Sept. 8 in WaKeeney.

Phillipsburg 1 was the champion with 28 points, followed by Colby, 26; Norton, 25; Trego, 23; Scott City, 10; Phillipsburg 2, 10; Mixed, 7; Norton 2, 3.

"Our junior varsity team had an outstanding day at WaKeeney, placing third," said Norton assistant tennis coach Crystal Montgomery. "Our girls are improving with every match they play and this makes it promising for the future."

Sophomore Jessica White played No.1 singles for Norton and placed runner-up. She defeated Scott City's Brenna Beeson 6-5 (7-3), outscored Trego's Kimberly Day 6-4 and defeated Phillipsburg 2's Tifani Eller 6-2. In the finals, she lost to Colby's Marie Lorent 6-0 to place runner-up.

"Jessica had some close matches but she was able to stay positive throughout the matches and pull out the win. She was down 2-5 in her first match of the day but she persevered and came back to win it in a tiebreaker. It was good to see her place second overall," said coach Montgomery.

Playing No.1 doubles for the Lady Jays were juniors Carla Jo Robinson and Ruth Kendall and they placed fifth. They lost to Scott City's Evelyn Craig and Breanna Emahizer 6-2, lost to Trego's Shaylee Flax and Tabitha Wolf 6-1 and defeated Phillipsburg 2's Taylor Beach and Karlye Stephen 6-3. In the finals, they outscored the mixed team of Morgan Powell and Crystal Day from Trego 6-2 to finish fifth.

"Carla Jo and Ruth showed great im-

provement throughout the tournament," said coach Montgomery.

"They struggled at first but then they started working together as a doubles team. They were able to finish their day with a win to take fifth place."

The No.2 singles player for Norton was freshman Molly Scott and she finished runner-up. She defeated the Mixed Team's Samantha Fox, Hoisington, 6-1, shutout Trego's Bethany Schneider 6-0 and shutout Phillipsburg No.2's Amy Pugh 6-0. In the finals, she lost to Phillipsburg No.1's Brittini Groothoff 6-2 to place runner-up.

"Molly is a very consistent player which is very important in tennis," said coach Montgomery.

"She is able to get a lot of tennis balls back over and she gets to a lot of tennis balls that are hit away from her. She has a great attitude on the court and is always trying to become a better tennis player."

No.2 doubles players for Norton were senior Rhees Carlson and sophomore Kristen Burge. They defeated Scott City's Leah Artz and Anna Miller 6-2, outscored Trego's Abigail Buchholz and Shayna Spivy 6-3 and beat Phillipsburg 2's Alex Isernhagen and Danielle Slack 6-3. In the finals, they lost to Phillipsburg No.1's Victoria Main and Heather Miller 6-3 to place runner-up.

"Kristen and Rhees were a great doubles team at WaKeeney," said coach Montgomery. "Both were hitting cross court away from the net player. They were also placing their volleys away from their opponents, so they couldn't get to them."

Sophomore Shauna Gibson played No.1 singles for Norton No.2. She lost to Phillipsburg No.1's Sidney Coomes 6-2, was defeated by Colby's Marie Lorent 6-2 and

lost to Hoisington's Jessica Schauf 6-4. In the finals, she lost to Scott City's Brenna Beeson 6-4 to place eighth.

"I saw so much improvement from Shauna with each match she played," said coach Montgomery.

"She runs the court well, enabling her to get to a lot of tennis balls that seem out of reach. She will never give up on trying to get to a ball."

Playing No.2 singles for Norton No.2 was sophomore Danielle Wagoner. She lost to Sidney Coomes of Phillipsburg No.1 6-0, lost to Colby's Alexa Schindler 6-1 and lost to Hoisington's Samantha Fox 6-2. In the finals, Danielle outscored Phillipsburg No.2's Amy Pugh 6-4 to place seventh.

"Danielle has improved greatly from last season," said coach Montgomery.

"She is hitting the ball and getting around the court much better. She was able to end her day with a win as well."

Sophomore Jordyn Gosselin and freshman Brooke Sumner played No.2 doubles for the Lady Jays' No.2 team. They lost to Phillipsburg No.1's Victoria Main and Heather Miller 6-1, lost to Colby's Olivia Wetter and Tresta Urban 6-4 and defeated the mixed team of Ashley Simmons and Allison Craig from Scott City 6-3. In the finals, they lost to Phillipsburg No.2's Alex Isernhagen and Danielle Slack 6-3 to place sixth.

"Jordyn and Brooke played great doubles together at WaKeeney," said coach Montgomery.

"Brooke covers the court well and will get to many balls. Jordyn made some great volleys that her opponents couldn't get to."

## Norton JV volleyball competes in Quinter

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity volleyball team competed on Saturday in the Quinter Junior Varsity Tournament.

The young Lady Jays lost to Wheatland-Grinnell 25-23, 22-25 and 8-15, lost to Oakley 14-25, 25-27 and defeated Quinter 25-9, 25-18.

Wheatland-Grinnell

Juniors Bri Karnopp and Antjelica Pfannenstiel each had 4 kills, followed by freshman Morgan Farber with 1 kill.

Farber also had 7 assists and freshman Adrienne Hager had 2 assists.

Freshman Kenzie Esslinger

had 3 digs and junior Rachel Slipke had 1 dig.

Slipke served 2 aces and Pfannenstiel served 1 ace.

Oakley

Pfannenstiel had 6 kills and 1 block. Farber had 4 assists and Hager had 1 assist.

Karnopp had 1 block.

Quinter

Pfannenstiel and Karnopp led in kills with 3 each.

Farber had 4 assists and Hager had 2 assists.

Slipke, Pfannenstiel and Hager each had 1 serving ace.

Coach's comments

"Serve receiving was our biggest downfall," said Norton head volleyball coach Kevin Jilka.

"We very easily could have

been 3-0 in our pool as the scores indicate but we just made crucial mistakes either receiving the serve or getting the ball set at the key moments in the game.

"Our mental toughness in those games has to show up and

we are going to have to improve in that area.

"Our girls were playing hard and trying to do the right thing and we will just keep getting better in practice working on fundamental things."

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