

Lady Jays defeat Osborne in MCL tourney

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Coach Kevin Jilka's No.6 seeded Norton Community High School girls basketball team avenged a 52-41 loss earlier this season to No.4 seeded Osborne when they outscored the Lady Bulldogs 45-43 on Saturday in Gross Memorial Coliseum to place fifth in the annual Mid-Continent League Basketball Tournament.

Although the final score doesn't show it, Norton did not trail in the contest. After junior guard Kamilla Jones and junior point guard Tawni Griffey hit back-to-back three point shots to start the fourth quarter, Norton led 43-34.

The Lady Jays were still on top 45-36 with 1:31 remaining but Osborne did not give up and scored the final 7 points in the game. Osborne's Rachel St. Clair hit a three-point basket as time

expired to cut Norton's final margin of victory to 2 points.

Norton held quarter advantages of 12-8, 24-21 and 37-34.

"It was a huge win for us," said coach Jilka. "We played awfully well all night.

"We played with more confidence; we played the way we need to play.

"We had poise and were under control.

"Good things are starting to happen for the Lady Jays!"

Once again, Norton had balanced scoring. Senior post Erin Terrell hit 12 points, Jones swished 9 and Griffey and sophomore guard Katelyn Engelbert each added 8 points. Senior post Caren Thomson hit 6 points and sophomore post Bailey Ambrosier scored 2.

Terrell was 4 of 10 from the field for 40 percent and 4 of 6 from the charity stripe for 67 percent. Jones left the

nets smoking by hitting 3 of 4 shots from beyond the arc for 75 percent accuracy.

Engelbert and Griffey also scored well from long range. Engelbert tallied on 2 of 3 from beyond the arc for 67 percent and also hit a two-point shot. Griffey was 2 of 5 from long range for 40 percent and also hit a two-point field goal.

Caitlyn Miller led Osborne with 17 points and Rachel St. Clair added 13.

As a team, Norton actually hit better from three-point land than from two-point range. The Lady Jays tallied on 7 of 12 from beyond the arc for 58 percent, 10 of 31 two-point tries for 32 percent and were 17 of 43 overall for 40 percent.

The Lady Bulldogs hit just 3 of 15 from beyond the arc for 20 percent, 14 of 37 two-point attempts for 38 percent and 17 of 52 overall for 33 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton tallied on 4 of 6 tries for 67 percent and Osborne hit 6 of 8 for 75 percent.

The Lady Jays had 9 offensive and 19 defensive rebounds for 28 total. The Lady Bulldogs grabbed 14 offensive and 14 defensive caroms, also for 28 total. Terrell was leading rebounder for Norton with 8, followed by Thomson, 6; Jones, 4; Engelbert, 4; Griffey, 2; Nickell, 2; Ambrosier, 1; Melvin, 1.

Both teams had 6 steals. Griffey led with 2 thefts, followed by Engelbert, Ambrosier, Terrell, Jones, 1 each.

Norton had 9 offensive assists and Osborne had 8. Engelbert led with 5, followed by Griffey, 3; Terrell, 1.

The Lady Jays had 12 turnovers and the Lady Bulldogs lost the ball 11 times.

Other tourney game scores

No.1 seeded Smith Center won the championship with a 68-36 victory

over No.2 Hill City. No.3 seeded Phillipsburg outscored No.5 Trego 67-42 to finish third. No.7 Ellis defeated No.8 Plainville 59-24 to place seventh.

Next action

Norton will return to regular season Mid-Continent League action this evening when the Lady Jays travel to Plainville for junior varsity and varsity games, beginning at 4:45 p.m.

Norton Girls 45

Tawni Griffey, 1 2 0-0 8; Katelyn Engelbert 1 2 0-0 8; Bailey Ambrosier 1 0 0-0 2; Erin Terrell 4 0 4-6 12; Kamilla Jones 0 3 0-0 9; Caren Thomson 3 0 0-0 6; Game Totals 10 7 4-6 45.

Osborne Girls 43

Rachel St. Clair 2 3 0-0 13; Baylee Wolters 2 0 0-0 4; Taylor Noel 0 0 2-2 2; Caitlyn Miller 7 0 3-4 17; Alyssa Windle 3 0 1-2 7; Game Totals 14 3 6-8 43.

Blue Jays take win over Hill City

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Coach Doug Reusink's No. 7 seeded Norton Community High School boys basketball team surprised No.2 seed Smith Center with a 65-58 first round win on Tuesday and continued their Mid-Continent League Tournament success on Friday night with a 41-39 win over No.3 Hill City in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

The Blue Jays jumped out to a 10-3 lead after one quarter on the strength of three-point and two-point baskets by senior point guard Tye Nickell and junior guard Jacob Brooks.

The second quarter was even with Norton outscoring Hill City 12-11 to remain on top 22-14 at intermission. Senior post Jordan Wahlmeier hit three baskets and junior forward Andrew Ellis swished two baskets in the second period.

The Ringnecks outscored the Blue Jays 15-8 in the third quarter to narrow the Norton lead to 30-29. The fourth quarter was also even until senior guard Zach Hartwell's calm heroics. Hartwell saved his scoring in the game until the last two minutes. With 1:41 left in the game and Norton trailing 38-36, Hartwell took aim and hit nothing but net from three-point range! With 26 seconds remaining in the game and Norton still leading 39-38, Hartwell was fouled and calmly swished both free throws to extend the advantage to 41-38.

A single Hill City free throw in the final seconds still left Norton with a two-point lead and a long, last second shot by a Ringneck missed badly as the Blue Jays

prevailed 41-39 and moved on to Saturday's championship finals!

"We're happy with the win but we can play better," said coach Reusink.

"When the game gets tight we panic. We don't run the offense correctly and take ourselves out of position defensively. We need to remember what to do when a game gets close and settle down and play our game."

Senior power forward Jordan Wahlmeier led Norton in scoring with 14 points on 7 of 15 shots from the field for 47 percent accuracy. Junior guard Jacob Brooks added 7 points on 1 of 4 from long range for 25 percent and 2 of 8 two-point tries for 25 percent and 3 of 12 overall for 25 percent.

Hartwell and Nickell ended with 5 points each.

Leading scorer for Hill City was Adam Pfeifer with 13 points.

As a team, Norton hit 3 of 18 from long range for 17 percent, 15 of 37 two-point tries for 41 percent and 18 of 55 overall for 33 percent.

Hill City swished 1 of 9 from beyond the arc for 11 percent, 14 of 33 two-point attempts for 42 percent and 15 of 42 overall for 36 percent.

From the free throw line, the Blue Jays hit 2 of 4 for 50 percent and the Ringnecks found the range on 8 of 15 for 53 percent.

Norton grabbed 11 offensive and 17 defensive rebounds for 28 total. Hill City pulled down 8 offensive and 19 defensive caroms for 27 total. Wahlmeier had a double-double as he had 15 caroms, followed by Brooks, 7; Nickell, 3; Dillon McConney, 3.

Wahlmeier also blocked 5 Hill City

shots!

Norton had 4 steals and Hill City had 7. Nickell, Hartwell, Wahlmeier and McConney each had 1 theft.

The Blue Jays had 10 offensive assists and the Ringnecks had 5. Nickell and McConney led with 4 assists each; Brooks recorded 2 assists.

Norton had 17 turnovers and Hill City lost the ball 19 times.

Other tourney scores

In the other boys championship bracket game on Friday in Hays, No.1 seed Plainville continued unbeaten for the season with a 68-52 win over No.4 Ellis to advance to Saturday's finals versus Norton.

In the consolation bracket on Thursday, No.8 Trego defeated No.5 Phillipsburg 75-63 and No.2 Smith Center outscored No.6 Stockton 59-28.

Next action

Norton will return to regular Mid-Continent League action this evening with varsity and junior varsity games at Plainville, beginning at 5 p.m.

Norton Boys 41

Tye Nickell 1 1 0-0 5; Jacob Brooks 2 1 0-0 7; Zach Hartwell 0 1 2-2 5; Jordan Wahlmeier 7 0 0-0 14; Dillon McConney 2 0 0-2 4; Andrew Ellis 2 0 0-0 4; Dalton Miller 1 0 0-0 2; Game Totals 15 3 2-4 41.

Hill City Boys 39

Matt Craig 2 1 2-2 9; Solomon Wilson 3 0 1-4 7; Adam Pfeifer 5 0 3-4 13; Shane Jones 3 0 1-2 7; Jerry Isakson 1 0 1-3 3; Game Totals 14 1 8-15 39.

Norton boys fall to Plainville in tourney

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Coach Doug Reusink's No.7 seeded Norton Community High School boys basketball team defeated No.2 seeded Smith Center and No.3 Hill City in the Mid-Continent League Tournament en route to the championship game on Saturday in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays but couldn't get by the undefeated and state ranked No.1 seeded Plainville, who won 64-46.

Norton led early in the game but Plainville tied the game at 7-all with 3:49 left in the opening quarter and went on to outscore Norton and lead 17-10 after one period.

The Cardinals outscored the Blue Jays 19-14 in the second quarter to take a 36-24 advantage into the locker room at intermission. A 12-9 third quarter in Plainville's favor extended their lead to 48-33. They also outscored Norton 16-13 in the final stanza.

"I was proud of the way we competed," said coach Reusink. "A couple of times we got close but then they'd go on a run.

"We didn't block out very well on the boards but we played hard the entire game."

Senior power forward Jordan Wahlmeier was leading scorer again for Norton with 16 points on 6 of 12 from the field for 50 percent and 4 of 6 from the charity stripe for 67 percent.

Junior guard Jacob Brooks was second high scorer with 10 points on 2 of 4 from beyond the arc for 50 percent and 4 of 5 free throws for 80 percent. Senior guard Dillon McConney added 9 points on 1 of 3 from long range for 33 percent, 3 of 6 two-point tries for 50 percent and 4 of 9 overall for 45 percent.

Leading scorer for Plainville was Kyle Becker with 19 points. Andrew Casey added 12 points and Hadley Gillum and Jameson Klein each hit 10.

As a team, Norton hit 4 of 19 from beyond the arc for 21 percent, 12 of 33 two-point tries for 36 percent and 16 of 52 overall for 31 percent.

Plainville swished 3 of 7 from long range for 43 percent, 23 of 41 two-point attempts for 56 percent and 26 of 48 overall for

54 percent.

From the free throw line, the Blue Jays converted 10 of 15 for 67 percent and the Cardinals hit 9 of 18 for 50 percent.

Norton grabbed 13 offensive and 10 defensive rebounds for 23 total. Plainville pulled down 13 offensive and 21 defensive boards for 34 total.

Brooks and Wahlmeier led Norton with 7 caroms each, followed by Dalton Miller, 5; Tye Nickell, Zach Hartwell, McConney, Joe LeClair, 1 each.

Wahlmeier blocked 2 Cardinal shots.

Norton had 5 steals and Plainville had 6. Brooks had 2 thefts, followed by Nickell, Wahlmeier, McConney, 1 each.

Both teams had 11 offensive assists. Nickell and Hartwell led with 3 each, followed by Wahlmeier, McConney, 2 each; Miller, 1.

The Blue Jays had 14 turnovers but the Cardinals lost the ball 15 times to the aggressive Norton defense.

Other tourney scores

In the contest for third place, No.3 seed Hill City edged No.4

Ellis 52-51. No.8 seed Trego outscored No.2 Smith Center 75-57 for fifth place. Phillipsburg, the No.5 seed, defeated No.6 seed Stockton 54-40 to place seventh.

Next action

The Norton boys will face another challenge this evening when they travel to Plainville to play the unbeaten Cardinals.

Junior varsity and varsity games will be played, beginning at 5 p.m.

Norton Boys 46

Tye Nickell 2 0 0-0 4; Jacob Brooks 0 2 4-5 10; Zach Hartwell 0 1 0-0 3; Jordan Wahlmeier 6 0 4-6 16; Dillon McConney 3 1 0-0 9; Dalton Miller 1 0 0-2 2; Alec Gilgenbach 0 0 2-2 2; Game Totals 12 4 10-15 46.

Plainville Boys 64

Hadley Gillum 4 0 2-4 10; Andrew Casey 3 2 0-0 12; Nolan Weiser 2 0 2-2 6; Bryan Brungard 0 1 2-2 5; Kyle Becker 8 0 3-3 19; Jameson Klein 5 0 0-7 10; Dustin Chew 1 0 0-0 2; Game Totals 23 3 9-18 64.

Lady Jays defeat Ellis in consolation

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After losing the first round game to No.3 seed Phillipsburg on Monday, the No.6 seed Norton Community High School girls basketball team played a solid game on both offense and defense in defeating No.7 seed Ellis 42-31 last Thursday in the NCHS Stull Gym in Norton in the consolation side of the Mid-Continent League Tournament.

Although Norton never trailed in the game, Ellis did not let the Lady Jays get very far ahead until the third period. Norton was on top 11-10 after one quarter, 23-17 at halftime and 34-21 after three quarters. The Lady Jays outscored the Lady Railroaders 11-4 in the third quarter when they allowed Ellis just one field goal and two free throws.

A fourth quarter in which Ellis outscored Norton 10-8 narrowed the final margin of victory.

"We had good defense all night long and also good offensive execution," said Norton head girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka. "We played good post defense.

"We were pretty consistent on the offensive side. We took good shots inside and out. It was nice to see balanced scoring.

"Our student body showed up good for our players and it was good to see that support."

Eight different girls scored for Norton and none were in double figures. Senior post Erin Terrell and senior post Caren Thomson each hit 8 points, followed by junior point guard Tawni Griffey, 7; sophomore guard Katelyn Engelbert, 6; junior guard Kamilla Jones, 6; junior guard Teslee Nickell, 4; junior post Alec Melvin, 2; sophomore post Bailey Ambrosier, 1.

Leading scorer for the Lady Railroaders was Mikayla Gottschalk with 10 points.

Thomson hit 4 of 7 two-point shots for 57 percent accuracy and Terrell swished 3 of 9 for 33 percent and hit 2 of 2 free throws.

As a team, the Lady Jays connected on 2 of 13 from beyond the arc for 15 percent, 15 of 41 two-point tries for 36 percent and 17 of 54 overall for 31 percent.

Ellis missed all six shots from long range and was 13 of 45 from two-point land for 28 percent.

From the charity stripe, the Lady Jays hit 6 of 7 for 86 percent and the Lady Railroaders swished 5 of 7 for 71 percent.

Norton had 10 offensive and 18 defensive rebounds for 28 total. Ellis pulled down 8 offensive and 13 defensive caroms for 21 total. Engelbert was leading rebounder for Norton with 8, followed by Terrell, 6; Griffey, 4; Nickell, 3; Thomson, 3; Melvin, 2; Jones, 2.

Norton had 7 steals compared to 3 for Ellis. Engelbert was thefts leader with 3, followed by Thomson, 2; Griffey, 1; Terrell, 1.

The Lady Jays were credited with 12 offensive assists while Ellis had just 5. Griffey was assists leader with 4, followed by Engelbert, 3; Jones, 3; Nickell, 2.

Neither team had many turnovers. Norton had 6 and Ellis lost the ball 7 times.

In the other consolation game on Thursday, No.4 seed Osborne defeated No.8 seed Plainville 49-34. That meant Norton would play Osborne on Saturday in Hays for fifth place and the Lady Jays responded with a win. (See related story)

Norton Girls 42

Tawni Griffey 1 1 2-2 7; Katelyn Engelbert 3 0 0-0 6; Bailey Ambrosier 0 0 1-2 1; Teslee Nickell 2 0 0-0 4; Erin Terrell 3 0 2-2 8; Alec Melvin 1 0 0-0 2; Kamilla Jones 1 1 1-1 6; Caren Thomson 4 0 0-0 8; Game Totals 15 2 6-7 42.

Ellis Girls 31

Bailey Hensley 1 0 3-5 5; Sidney Gottschalk 1 0 0-0 2; Kaleigh Soneson 3 0 0-0 6; Monica Towns 1 0 0-0 2; Stephanie Greenway 2 0 0-0 4; Mikayla Gottschalk 4 0 2-2 10; Megan Honas 1 0 0-0 2; Game Totals 13 0 5-7 31.

BOWLING RESULTS

Ladies Inter-City League

Standings as of Jan. 2

1. Nelson Bros.- 7 wins, 1 loss
1. Logan Gals- 7 wins, 1 loss
3. BEB & Assoc.- 4 wins, 4 losses
3. Geezeretts- 4 wins, 4 losses
5. Animal Health- 1 win, 7 losses

High Line: Kathleen Berlier-173, Kathleen Berlier-170, Lynn Nelson-158, BEB & Assoc.-457, BEB & Assoc.-446, BEB & Assoc.-406.

High Line Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-223, Lynn Nelson-223, Kathleen Berlier-220, Evah Dougherty-218, Nelson Bros.-618, BEB & Assoc.-617, BEB & Assoc.-606.

High Series: Kathleen Berlier-489, Becky Williams-473, Lynn Nelson-426, BEB & Assoc.-1309, Nelson Bros.-1152, Logan Gals-958.

High Series Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-639, Lynn Nelson-621, Becky Williams-605, Nelson Bros.-1794, BEB & Assoc.-1789, Logan Gals-1678.

Ladies Inter-City League

Standings as of Jan. 9

1. Nelson Bros.- 8 wins, 4 losses
1. Logan Gals- 8 wins, 4 losses
3. BEB & Assoc.- 7 wins, 5 losses
3. Geezeretts- 7 wins, 5 losses
5. Animal Health- 4 wins, 8 losses

High Line: Becky Williams-188, Becky

Williams-167, Becky Williams-163, Carol Ross-163, BEB & Assoc.-444, BEB & Assoc.-405, Geezeretts-403.

High Line Handicap: Becky Williams-231, Carol Ross-228, Donna VanKooten-222, Geezeretts-641, BEB & Assoc.-602, Animal Health-572.

High Series: Becky Williams-518, Carol Ross-392, Donna VanKooten-372, BEB & Assoc.-1232, Geezeretts-951, Logan Gals-948.

High Series Handicap: Becky Williams-647, Jean Johnson-599, Thelma Bushnell-598, BEB & Assoc.-1706, Logan Gals-1665, Geezeretts-1665.

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