

# Blue Jays take sixth in league

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Coach Doug Reusink's No.6 seeded Norton Community High School boys basketball team finished sixth in the annual Mid-Continent League Tournament with a 50-35 loss to No.4 Stockton on Saturday in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

The game was very close other than at the free throw line, where the Tigers gave a clinic on hitting charities. Field goal shooting was close with Stockton making 16 shots from the field and Norton hitting 14 but free throws were another story. The Tigers hit 13 of 16 free throws and they were scattered through all four quarters. The Blue Jays shot just 9 but hit only 1 charity.

Norton was outscored 16-10 in the first quarter. The Blue Jays' points came on a basket from beyond the arc and a two-pointer by Jacob Brooks, another shot from long range by Andrew Ellis and a two-point basket by Tanner Furbush.

An 8-7 second quarter in

Stockton's favor ended the first half with the Tigers on top 24-17. Brooks repeated the first quarter by hitting another three and two-point basket and Carson McKenna hit a two-pointer.

The third quarter was the best for Norton with the Blue Jays hitting 13 points; however, Stockton also hit 13 to stay on top 37-30. In the period, Dalton Miller hit his first two baskets and free throw in the game, followed by Brooks with another repeat from the first two quarters when he hit a three and a two-point basket. McKenna also buried a three-pointer.

The Blue Jays couldn't buy a basket in the critical fourth quarter when they scored only 5 points on a trey by Drew Schrum and two-point basket by McKenna. Stockton ended with 13 more points in the final stanza.

"We played hard and did the right things defensively," said coach Reusink. "We're struggling offensively and that puts pressure on the defense."

Jacob Brooks was leading scorer for Norton with 15 points on 3 of 6 from long range for 50 percent, 3 of 7 two-point tries for 43 percent and 6 of 13 overall for 46 percent.

Koby Beougher led Stockton with 17 points, 6 of them coming from the charity stripe. Reed Stephens added 13 points for the Tigers.

As a team, Norton hit 6 of 19 from long range for 31 percent, 8 of 26 two-point tries for 31 percent and 14 of 45 overall for 31 percent.

The Tigers swished 5 of 21 from downtown for 24 percent, 11 of 23 two-point tries for 48 percent and 16 of 44 overall for 36 percent.

As noted earlier, Stockton hit 81 percent from the free throw line compared to 11 percent for Norton.

Norton grabbed 7 offensive and 18 defensive rebounds for 25 total.

Stockton pulled down 8 offensive and 19 defensive boards for 27 total.

Leading rebounder for Norton

was Brooks with 8, followed by Schrum, Ellis, Miller, Bigge, 3 each; Cox, McKenna, 2 each; Furbush, 1.

Schrum had 2 of Norton's 7 offensive assists, followed by Brooks, Ellis, Miller, Furbush, Bigge, 1 each.

Stockton had 6 assists.

The Blue Jays had 5 steals, led by Brooks with 2. Schrum, Ellis, and McKenna each had 1 theft.

Norton had 12 turnovers and Stockton had 7.

### Results of other games

In the championship game on Saturday, No.1 seed Phillipsburg defeated No.2 Plainville ---.

No.5 Ellis outscored No.3 Smith Center 80-52 to place third.

The fifth place game was won 67-53 by No.8 Hill City over No.7 Trego.

### Next action

Norton will travel to Colby tonight for non-league games with the Eagles, beginning at 4:45 p.m.

### Norton boys

Jacob Brooks 3 3 0-0 15;



Norton's Carson McKenna drives past a Stockton defender to score during the Blue Jays' battle with Stockton during the Mid-Continent League Tournament on Saturday in Hays.

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Drew Schrum 0 1 0-2 3; Andrew Ellis 0 1 0-1 3; Dalton Miller 2 0 1-2 5; Tanner Furbush 1 0 0-2 2; Carson McKenna 2 1 0-0 7; Lane Bigge 0 0 0-2 0; Totals 8 6 1-9 35.

Reed Stephens 1 3 2-2 13; Christian Hamel 1 1 2-2 7; Jaden Williams 2 0 2-2 6; Koby Beougher 4 1 6-8 17; Justin Wiltfong 3 0 1-2 7; Totals 11 5 13-16 50.

### Stockton boys

# Lady Jays place fourth in Mid-Continent

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Coach George Rossi's No.4 seeded Norton Community High School girls basketball team placed fourth in the annual Mid-Continent League Tournament, following a 44-31 loss to No.3 seed Osborne

The contest was played on Saturday afternoon in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

Osborne outshot and out-rebounded Norton and that was the story of the game.

Both teams started slowly as Osborne led by 4-3 after one quarter. Norton's only points in the period came on a three-point basket by Tawni Griffey.

Osborne's shots started to click in the second quarter when the Lady Bulldogs outscored Norton 16-8 to lead 20-11 at halftime. The Lady Jays' points came on three-point baskets by Johnnye Ruder and Kamilla Jones and a two-point basket by Katie Bohl.

The third quarter was closer

but Norton was still outscored 12-9 as Osborne extended their lead to 32-20. Griffey hit a shot from long range and a two-pointer and Ambrosier hit her first two baskets of the game.

Norton's best quarter was the fourth where the Lady Jays scored 11 points but Osborne added 12 more to their total. Katelyn Engelbert scored her first points of the game in the final period as she put in two baskets. Ambrosier hit another basket and Ruder hit a basket and free throw. Griffey added two free throws.

Leading scorer for Norton was Griffey with 10 points on 2 of 7 from downtown for 29 percent, 1 of 5 two-point attempts for 20 percent and 3 of 12 overall for 25 percent. She also hit 2 of 2 free throws.

In contrast, Osborne had two players who were offensive leaders. Jessica Princ and Caitlyn Miller each hit 17 points.

As a team, Norton swished 4 of 14 from beyond the arc for

29 percent, 8 of 30 two-point tries for 27 percent and 12 of 44 overall for 27 percent.

Osborne missed all 8 shots from long range, hit 20 of 38 two-point tries for 53 percent and was 20-46 overall for 43 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton hit 3 of 9 for 33 percent and Osborne swished 4 of 5 for 80 percent.

Norton had 8 offensive and 12 defensive rebounds for 20 total. Osborne pulled down 10 offensive and 21 defensive boards for 31 total.

Leading rebounder for Norton was Bailey Ambrosier with 5, followed by Katelyn Engelbert, 4; Katie Bohl, 4; Johnnye Ruder, 2; Kamilla Jones, 2; Tawni Griffey, 1; Darcy Bainter, 1; Alec Melvin, 1.

Griffey had 2 of Norton's 5 offensive assists. Engelbert, Ambrosier, Ruder each had 1.

The Lady Jays had 8 steals compared to 7 for the Lady Bulldogs. Griffey led with 3

thefts, followed by Ambrosier, 2; Bohl, Ruder, Jones, 1 each.

Norton had 16 turnovers and Osborne had 13.

"Osborne was more physical than our girls and much more aggressive," said coach Rossi.

"They took their game to us.

"I was disappointed that we were not more physical.

"We can't let this game get us down. We'll have to bounce back."

Ellis won the championship with a 73-63 win over previously unbeaten Smith Center. Fifth place went to Plainville with a close 36-35 win over Hill City and Phillipsburg won seventh place with a 50-21 win over Stockton.

### Next action

Norton plays tonight when the Lady Jays travel to Colby for non-league play, beginning at 4:45 p.m.

### Norton girls

Tawni Griffey 1 2 2-2 10; Katelyn Engelbert 2 0 0-3 4; Katie Bohl 1 0 0-0 2; Bailey



The Lady Jays' Katie Bohl pulls down a rebound during Norton's third place game with Osborne in the Mid-Continent League Basketball Tournament on Saturday in Hays.

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Ambrosier 3 0 0-2 6; Johnnye Ruder 1 1 1-2 6; Kamilla Jones 0 1 0-0 3; Totals 8 4 3-9 31.

### Osborne girls

Rachel St. Clair 3 0 0-0 6; Jessica Princ 7 0 3-3 17; Taylor Noel 2 0 0-1 4; Caitlyn Miller 8 0 1-1 17; Totals 20 0 4-5 44.

# Another win for the Junior Huskies

By Mike Stephens

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The Northern Valley Junior High boys basketball team continued their winning ways with a 43-26 victory over the Damar Lopers on Thursday, Jan. 17 in Almena.

Seven Huskies scored to con-

tribute to the 17 point win. Riley Sides led all scorers with 17 points, Caden Kinderknecht and Carson Wallace followed with six points each, Drake Shearer and Briely Yocum accounted for four points each, and Nick Stutsman and Damian Wellman added three points each.

The Huskies are 9-1 on the season.

B-team Boys (10-0) Northern Valley- 16 Damar- 12

Scoring: Briely Yocum 6 points, Ross Cole 6 points, Caden Bach 4 points.

# Fourth win of season for Lady Huskies

By Mike Stephens

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The Northern Valley Junior High girls basketball team earned their fourth win of the season with a 27-11 win over the Damar Lopers on Thursday, Jan. 17 in Almena.

The Lady Huskies ran an aggressive full court press which contributed to the win.

"We played very good defense

especially in the second half," said head coach Jim Cole.

As in the boys game, seven Lady Huskies scored contributing to the 16 point victory. Chaylee Lowry was the leading scorer with seven points, Katie Johnson and HalLee Linner added five points each, Paige Baird four points, Kylie Kinderknecht two points, Brittany Wright two points and Morgan Wright two

points.

The Lady Huskies improved their record to 4-6 on the season.

B-team Girls (2-8) Northern Valley- 10 Damar- 15

Scoring: Paige Baird 4 points, Brianna Sammons 2 points, Jaden Smith 2 points, and Brianna Johns 2 points.

# Local athletes named to All-League team

The 2013 WKLL All-League Academic Team has been announced. In order to qualify for this team, a senior must have a 3.70 cumulative grade point average through the 1st semester of their senior year, have participated in six athletic activities and six non-athletic activities through the 1st semester of their senior year. Those seniors meeting the aforementioned criteria are selected for the WKLL All-League Academic Team for 2013.

The members are listed in alphabetical order and not by their GPA rank.



### 2013 WKLL All-League Academic Team

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**Becker, Katie**  
 Benoit, Elizabeth  
 Busse, Stephanie  
**Chandler, Erika**  
 Gaskill, Jesse  
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 Hernandez, Luis  
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 Mays, Crystal  
 McKinney, Jared  
 McKinney, Samuel  
**Mulder, Whitney**  
 Newell, Kali  
 Ostmeyer, Brooke  
 Reeh, Kenan  
 Rein, Colton  
 Ritter, Angela  
 Showalter, Katherine  
 Smith, Nick  
**Tharman, Alex**  
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