

# Senior night successful for Lady Jays

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The Norton Community High School volleyball team defeated Ellis 25-22, 25-22 but lost to Goodland 25-22, 15-25, 26-28 last Thursday in the Stull Gym during Senior Night and Pink Out Night for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Honored with their parents were Norton senior players Johnnye Ruder and Bailey Ambrosier, senior cheerleaders Brandy Davis and Rিকেle Green and senior yell-leader Jared Shelton.

"It was a very exciting and eventful night in Norton," said Norton head volleyball coach Christine Thompson.

"It was good to honor our two dedicated senior players and cheerleaders plus the team and crowd wore their pink to support the fight against breast cancer.

"It was also a great night for volleyball. All three teams came ready to play and the crowd was able to see highly competitive volleyball the entire night.

"Our first match against Goodland was very aggressive and competitive by both teams. The first set came down to who got to 25 first, which was us. In the second set, our girls were not passing very well which hurt our offense and Goodland won.

"In the third set, both teams

were very aggressive and played well; we just fell short of coming away with the victory. The last match was spectacular; our girls played very well and the crowd was very much into the game. Ellis is a very competitive team and has beaten many other good teams. Our varsity came out and was aggressive and everything just fell into place. Our offense and defense were unstoppable and made Ellis very flustered. We were able to shut down their top hitters, which helped us come away with the victory in two sets.

"Our varsity team is doing very well and I have been very happy with their play over the last couple of weeks. Our girls have grown both individually and as a team. It has been a great joy for myself and our coaches to coach and watch these young ladies.

"Also, thanks to everyone for their support in making our Senior and Pink Out night a success."

## GOODLAND

Freshman Baylee Miller had 2 serving aces, followed by senior Johnnye Ruder, junior Adrienne Hager, freshman Caitlyn Cox, 1 each.

Ruder led in setting assists with 20; Cox had 1.

Senior Bailey Ambrosier was kills leader with 9, followed by junior Katie Bohl, 8; Cox,



Lady Blue Jay junior Adrienne Hager passes a serve during Norton's volleyball victory over Ellis in the NCHS Stull Gym last Thursday during Senior Night and Pink Out Night for Breast Cancer Awareness. Also pictured is junior Katie Bohl.

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5; Ruder, 3; sophomore Casey Ambrosier, 2; sophomore Peyton Renner, 1.

Digs leader was Bailey Ambrosier with 19, followed by Miller, 10; Bohl, 7; Hager, Cox,

4 each; Ruder, 3; Renner, 2. Bailey Ambrosier led in blocks with 3, followed by Ruder, Cox, Renner, 2 each; Bohl, Casey Ambrosier, 1 each.

## ELLIS

Hager and Miller each had 2 serving aces, Cox had 1.

Ruder was setting assists leader again with 17, followed by Cox, Casey Ambrosier, 1 each.

Kills leader was Bohl with 9, followed by Bailey Ambrosier, 8; Ruder, 4; Cox, 3; Renner, 1.

Miller, Hager and Bailey Ambrosier each had 8 digs, followed by Ruder, Cox, 3 each; Bohl, Renner, 2 each.

Bailey Ambrosier had 3 blocks, Bohl 2 and Renner 1.

## JUNIOR VARSITY

The Norton junior varsity volleyball team ended their 2013 season on Thursday versus Goodland and Ellis.

Norton defeated Goodland 24-26, 25-18, 15-13 but lost to Ellis 20-25, 25-20, 5-15.

"This was the third time we had played Goodland and it was great to finally win," said Norton assistant volleyball coach Traci Uehlin.

"We played well against Ellis the first two sets but really struggled in the third set with our passing."

## GOODLAND JV

Serving: junior Erin Archer, 5 points, 2 aces; freshman

Miah Melvin, 11 points, 3 aces; sophomore Cayanna Campbell, 3 points, 2 aces; sophomore Lexi Hartwell, 8 points, 1 ace; sophomore Nickala O'Hare, 11 points, 3 aces.

Kills: sophomore Hanna Brooks, 5; sophomore Lauren Mordecai, 3; O'Hare, 2; Melvin, 1; freshman Kristen Dole, 1.

Assists: Hartwell, 4; Brooks, 3; Dole, 1.

Blocks: Mordecai, 2; Brooks, 1; Dole, 1.

Digs: Archer, 1; Dole, 1.

## ELLIS JV

Serving: Campbell, 8 points, 1 ace; Brooks, 5 points, 3 aces; Hartwell, 3 points, 1 ace; Melvin, 2 points, 1 ace; Mordecai, 1 point; O'Hare, 1 point ace.

Kills: Brooks, 3; Dole, 3; O'Hare, 2; Mordecai, 2.

Blocks: Mordecai, 1.

## Final coach's comments

"Our overall record of 9-21 does not reflect the improvement and growth our girls have made this season," said coach Uehlin.

"We lost several games by two or three points a set. Each player on this team has shown improvement with her volleyball skills.

"The highlight of our season was definitely taking third place at the Quinter JV Tournament."

# Blue Jay volleyball team takes third at Scott City

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The Norton Community High School girls volleyball team turned in another good performance with a third place finish in the tough Scott City Tournament, which was held on Saturday, Oct. 12.

The Lady Jays defeated Wheatland 15-25, 25-23, 25-23; outscored Leoti 25-20, 25-14; lost to Holcomb 16-25, 24-26; lost to Dodge City 15-25, 13-25 and defeated Oakley 25-16, 28-26.

"It was another great day for our Lady Blue Jays," said Norton head volleyball coach Christine Thompson.

"In pool play, we came out of the pool seeded second. Our first match with Wheatland/Grinnell was tough but we were able to win in three sets. Then, we were able to come away with a victory over Leoti.

"Our third match was against Holcomb, which determined

the first and second seed of our pool. Holcomb ended up winning due to our errors and we were not able to stop one of their senior hitters.

"We advanced into bracket play and ended up against Dodge City. This was our worst match of the day and we were not able to win. At the end of the tournament, we played Oakley. We were aggressive and played strong against Oakley, which helped us beat them in two sets and come away with third place.

"Overall, our team performed very well in the tournament. We were able to see teams that will be in our sub-state and know the little things we need to work on to help us be prepared for them in two weeks.

"It was a good opportunity to play five matches, which will help us prepare mentally to play in the Mid-Continent League Tournament and Sub-State."

Holcomb defeated Dodge City to win the championship.

## WHEATLAND

Freshman Baylee Miller had 4 serving aces, followed by freshman Caitlyn Cox, 3; seniors Bailey Ambrosier and Johnnye Ruder, 1 each.

Setting assists leader was Ruder with 15, followed by Cox, 4.

Bailey Ambrosier led in kills with 12, followed by junior Katie Bohl, 6; Ruder and Cox, 3 each; sophomore Casey Ambrosier, 2; sophomore Peyton Renner, 1.

Digs leaders were junior Adrienne Hager and Miller with 9 each, followed by Bailey Ambrosier, 8; Bohl, 6; Cox, 5; Ruder and Renner, 2 each; Casey Ambrosier, 1.

Cox had 2 blocks and Renner had 1.

## LEOTI

Ruder had 5 serving aces, followed by Cox, 4; Hager, 1.

Setting assists leader was Ruder with 13, followed by Bailey Ambrosier, Cox, 1 each.

Bohl led in kills with 8, followed by Cox, 5; Bailey Am-

broser, 4; Ruder, 3; Casey Ambrosier, 1.

Digs leaders were Cox and Ruder with 5 each, followed by Bailey Ambrosier, Hager, 4 each; Miller, 3; Bohl, 2; Casey Ambrosier, 1.

Renner had 3 blocks and Cox and Bohl had 2 each.

## HOLCOMB

Cox and Ruder each had 1 serving ace.

Ruder led in setting assists with 12, followed by Cox, 2; Bohl, Hager, 1 each.

Kills leaders were Bailey Ambrosier and Cox with 6 each, followed by Ruder, Bohl, 3 each; Miller, 1.

Cox and Miller each had 8 digs, followed by Bohl, 6; Ruder, 5; Bailey Ambrosier, Hager, 3 each.

Renner had 2 blocks, followed by Bailey Ambrosier, Casey Ambrosier, Ruder, 1 each.

## DODGE CITY

Miller, Cox and Ruder each had 1 serving ace.

Ruder was leader in setting assists with 6, followed by Cox, 3; Miller, 1.

Kills leaders were Cox, Ruder and Bohl with 4 each, followed by Bailey Ambrosier, 2; Casey Ambrosier, 1.

Cox led in digs with 8, followed by Miller, Bohl, 7 each; Bailey Ambrosier, Hager, 3 each; Ruder, 2; Casey Ambrosier, Renner, 1 each.

Renner had 2 blocks while Bohl, Bailey Ambrosier, Ruder and Cox each had 1 block.

## OAKLEY

Ruder led in serving aces with 4, followed by Cox, 3; Miller, 2.

Setting assists leader was also Ruder with 20, followed by Cox, Casey Ambrosier, Miller, 1 each.

Cox led in kills with 9, followed by Bohl, Bailey Ambrosier, 8 each; Ruder, 4; Casey Ambrosier, 1.

Digs leader was Cox with 11, followed by Bailey Ambrosier, 7; Hager, 5; Bohl, 3; Ruder,

Casey Ambrosier, 2 each; Miller, 1.

Ruder had 3 blocks, followed by Renner, Bohl, Bailey Ambrosier, 2 each; Cox, 1.

## Next action

Norton is now 16-14 for the season with seven of the losses coming to state ranked teams and will play in the Mid-Continent League Volleyball Tournament this Saturday in Plainville.

The Lady Jays will play their first match in their pool versus Ellis at 10 a.m. and will also play Phillipsburg at 11 a.m. and Stockton at 1 p.m.

Smith Center, Plainville, Oakley and the winner of Thursday's feather bracket match between Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays and Hill City will play in the other bracket.

Winners of each pool will play for the championship with the runner-up teams from each pool playing for third place.

# Norton junior varsity team defeats Colby on home playing field

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity football team defeated Colby 24-14 on Monday evening at Travis Field in Norton.

Norton scored first by driving the length of the field. The Blue Jays fumbled into the end zone where junior offensive lineman Tyler Kuhn recovered the

fumble for a touchdown. A pass from sophomore quarterback Quinton Porter to sophomore fullback Riley Hager was good for a two point conversion and an 8-0 lead with 6:15 left in the first quarter.

Norton kept the offense going in the second quarter when Porter sneaked into the end zone for the Blue Jays' second touchdown with 11:57 left. A pass

from Porter to sophomore tight end Tevin Brown was good for two extra points, extending Norton's lead to 16-0.

With 5:21 remaining in the first half, Colby scored their first touchdown. The Norton defense stopped the two-point try, making the score 16-6.

The Eagles were threatening with 1:15 left when safety Porter intercepted a long Colby

pass to end their final offensive effort of the half.

The third quarter was played without any scoring.

With 11:01 remaining in the fourth period, Colby fumbled and linebacker Hager recovered.

Norton put together a long offensive drive the length of the field which ended when Hager ran into the end zone with 4:28

left. The two point conversion attempt was not successful but Norton led 22-6.

Colby kept fighting and scored another touchdown with 3:23 left in the game. They added a two point conversion to cut the Blue Jay lead to 22-14.

With 1:13 left in the game, Colby recovered a fumble on the goal line. The Norton defense held them for two plays

and a bad center snap gave Norton a safety for two more points and a final score of 24-14.

## Next action

This Monday, the Norton junior varsity will conclude their 2013 season when they travel to Phillipsburg for a 5:30 p.m. game.

# High winds don't deter junior Huskies abilities

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The Northern Valley Junior Huskies traveled to Grinnell on Thursday and beat the Thunderhawks in high winds, 52-8.

The Huskies scored 14 points in the first quarter. Nick Stutsman scored first for the Huskies on a 13 yard run, and Briely Yocum scored from 27 yards out.

In the second quarter, more of the same, Caden Kinderknecht scored on a 5 yard touchdown pass from Riley Sides, and Yocum scored on a 10 yard run, giving the Huskies a 28-0 lead at halftime.

The Huskies scored twice in the third quarter. The first score came on Kinderknecht's 11 yard run and Sides dove in from the 1 yard line for the other score, 44-0 Huskies over the Thunderhawks.

Grinnell/Wheatland got rid of

the goose egg when Chandler Ostmeier scored on a 27 yard run, but the result was never in doubt. Caden Bach added a late 42 yard TD run to give the Huskies an easy 52-8 win over the Thunderhawks.

## Coach Cole's Comments-

"This was our fourth win in a row and we remain undefeated in the Western Kansas Liberty League. With such high winds it was hard to pass, but we ran the ball very well. Five different Huskies ran for touchdowns. The linemen did a great job of blocking and the backs ran hard. This was our best defensive game of the season, holding the Thunderhawks offense to 33 total yards and eight points. We have improved our tackling from the start of the season. Our players are more aggressive tackling, blocking and running the ball," said head coach Jim Cole.

## Huskies rushing (369 yards):

Caden Kinderknecht - 9 rushes, 62 yards, 1 TD, 1 2-point conversion

Briely Yocum - 9 rushes, 74 yards, 2 TD's, 1 2-point conversion

Nick Stutsman - 8 rushes, 116 yards, 1 TD

Caden Bach - 6 rushes, 56 yards, 1 TD

Riley Sides - 6 rushes, 31 yards, 1 TD

Jesus Saenz - 5 rushes, 13 yards, 1 2-point conversion

Cooper Mussman - 1 rush, 3 yards, 1 2-point conversion

Aidan Baird - 3 rushes, 12 yards

Ross Cole - 2 rushes, 2 yards

Huskies passing (38 yards):

Caden Kinderknecht - 0 for 4, for 0 yards

Riley Sides - 3 for 3, for 38 yards, 1 TD, 1 2-point conversion

## Huskies receiving:

Ross Cole - 2 receptions, 33 yards, 1 2-point conversion

Caden Kinderknecht - 1 reception, 5 yards, 1 TD

Huskies tackling:

Caden Bach - 7 solo, 4 assists

Nick Stutsman - 4 solo, 5 assists

Riley Sides - 4 solo, 0 assist

Jesus Saenz - 3 solo, 3 assists

Caden Kinderknecht - 3 solo, 1 assist

Dawson Stevens - 3 solo, 0 assist

Briely Yocum - 2 solo, 5 assists

Ross Cole - 2 solo, 3 assists

Aidan Baird - 1 solo, 3 assists

Jaycon Miller - 0 solo, 3 assists

Brady Rogers - 0 solo, 2 assists

Kale Cox - 0 solo, 2 assists

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