

# Outstanding tennis season for Norton

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Coach Jim Green's Norton Community High School girls tennis team had another outstanding season in 2013, finishing in the top three teams in five different tournaments, which included one championship.

In addition, their No.1 doubles team of seniors Ashley Hildebrand and Jessica White qualified for and played in the Class 3-2-1A State Tournament.

The other senior on this season's squad was letter winner Rickele Green. Other returning letter winners were Molly Scott and Brooke Sumner, juniors and Audrie Burge, sophomore.

It was coach Green's 29th season as head coach of the Lady Jay tennis team. Assistant coach again this season was Crystal Montgomery.

## Season roundup

Norton opened the season with 14 girls on the team: three seniors, two juniors, five sophomores and four freshmen.

Their first tournament was the Trego Round Robin on Saturday, Aug. 31. Norton placed fourth. Team scores were Trego, 31; Phillipsburg, 24; Osborne, 19; Norton, 15; Russell, 11.

Brooke Sumner placed fifth in No.1 singles, followed by Ashley Hildebrand and Jessica White, third, No.1 doubles; Audrie Burge, fourth, No.2 singles and Molly Scott and sophomore Hailey Branek, third, No.2 doubles.

It was Brooke's first experience as a varsity player. It was the first time for Ashley and Jessica to play together and it was Hailey's first varsity matches as well.

On Tuesday, Sept. 3, Norton's junior varsity players opened the season in the Russell Singles Junior Varsity Tournament. Two sophomores and four freshmen from Norton played. No team scores were kept.

Sophomore Morgan Griffey

placed fourth at No.1 singles; followed by sophomore Lexi Voss, fourth, No.2 singles; freshman Brianna White, lost all three matches, No.3 singles; freshman Kennedy Leibbrandt, fifth, No.4 singles; freshman Alexandria Aldridge, lost all three matches, No.5 singles; freshman Cristine Figurski, fifth, No.6 singles.

In just their second outing of the season, the Lady Jays placed runner-up in the Hays Invitational held on Thursday, Sept. 5. Victoria won with 16, followed by Norton, 14; Hays High, 13; Colby, 8; Russell, 2. Hildebrand and White won No.1 doubles and Rickele Green and Molly Scott were No.2 doubles champions. Sumner placed third in No.1 singles and Burge was fourth in No.2 singles.

"We had a great performance being only two points out of first," said coach Green. "We finished second on the strength of our two doubles teams. Ashley and Jessica marched through the No.1 doubles bracket and Rickele and Molly were awesome."

On Saturday, Sept. 7, Norton continued to play well, tying for third in the Colby Invitational. Phillipsburg won with 18, followed by Ulysses, 14; Norton, 13; Tribune, 13; Osborne, 10; Colby, 4; Scott City, 0.

Norton placed as follows: Sumner, fifth, No.1 singles; Hildebrand, White, runner-up, No.1 doubles; Burge, lost both matches, No.2 singles; Green, Scott, champions, No.2 doubles.

Norton traveled to Phillipsburg on Tuesday, Sept. 10 for a Quad and placed third. Trego won with 22, followed by Phillipsburg, 16; Norton, 11; Russell, 2. Rain delays showed play. Sumner placed third at No.1 singles, followed by Hildebrand, White, champions, No.1 doubles; Green, fourth, No.2 singles; Branek, Griffey, third, No.2 doubles. Branek and



Norton's Molly Scott serves while Lady Jay Rickele Green awaits a return hit from another doubles team during competition this season. Scott and Green were a solid twosome this season, winning one No.1 doubles championship, three No.2 doubles championships and two No.2 doubles second places.

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Griffey played varsity for the first time.

Norton hosted their annual Junior Varsity Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 14. Victoria won with 38 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 24; Colby, 19; Hays, 10; Norton, 6. Norton placings were: Griffey, third, No.1 singles; Voss, Brianna White, fifth, No.1 doubles; sophomore Rachel Jones, fifth, No.2 singles; Figurski, Aldridge, fifth, No.2 doubles. It was the first time for

Voss and White to play doubles. Leibbrandt played for Colby and tied for fourth.

Another Phillipsburg Quad was held on Tuesday, Sept. 17 and, this time, Norton won the championship! The Lady Jays scored 20 points, followed by Scott City, 15; Phillipsburg, 14; Concordia, 11. Norton finishes were: Sumner, third, No.1 singles; Green, Scott, champions, No.1 doubles; Burge, champion, No.2 singles; Branek, Griffey,

third, No.2 doubles.

"Rickele and Molly played together well and were very consistent," said coach Green. "Audrie gave us another first place at No.2 singles. It was nice to finish first. All four entries contributed to the win."

The Russell Invitational was held on Thursday, Sept. 26 and Norton finished fourth. Team placings were: Larned, first, followed by Sterling, Victoria, Norton, Phillipsburg, Osborne, Colby, Russell. Norton finishes were: Sumner, eighth, No.1 singles; Hildebrand, White, champions, No.1 doubles; Burge, lost all matches, No.2 singles; Green, Scott, runner-up, No.2 doubles.

Norton returned to WaKeeney for the Trego Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 28. The Lady Jays placed fifth but were only four points out of third. Team scores were Central Plains, 31; Hoisington, 30; Phillipsburg, 21; Victoria, 18; Norton, 17; Tribune, 15; Trego, 14; Osborne, 10.

Norton placings were: Burge, lost both matches, No.1 singles; Hildebrand, White, fourth, No.1 doubles; Griffey, lost both matches, No.2 singles; Green, Scott, fifth, No.2 doubles.

The Colby Tournament was held on Tuesday, Oct. 1 and Norton placed third. Champion was Tribune with 23 points, followed by Trego, 20; Norton, 19; Colby, 14; Russell, 10; Scott City, 6. Sumner placed fourth in No.1 singles, followed by Hildebrand-White, third, No.1

doubles; Burge, second (best of year), No.2 singles; Green, Scott, champions, No.2 doubles.

The Mixed Leagues Championship Tournament was held on Saturday, Oct. 5 in Phillipsburg and Norton tied for fourth. Trego won with 37, followed by Phillipsburg, 23; Osborne, 16; Norton, 12; Victoria, 12.

Norton finishes were: Sumner, fifth, No.1 singles; Hildebrand, White, third, No.1 doubles; Burge, fifth, No.2 singles; Green, Scott, runner-up, No.2 doubles.

The Class 3-2-1A Regional Tournament was held on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11-12 in WaKeeney. Hildebrand and White were among six doubles teams qualifying for the State Tournament as they placed sixth with a 2-2 record. Sumner, Burge and Green, Scott also competed for Norton. Sumner won one match but Burge and Green, Scott each lost their first match and were eliminated.

"Ashley and Jessica finished one place higher than their seed in sixth," said coach Green. "It was a great accomplishment for them to make it to the state tournament."

The State Tournament was held in Pratt on Friday, Saturday, Oct. 18-19. Hildebrand and White won two matches but also lost two to place 16th and finish the season with a 22-13 record.

"Our girls were happy that they played well and were able to get two victories in the state tournament," said coach Green.

# Area teams in State Playoffs

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Among area high school football playoff teams, Beloit and Scott City in Class 3A, La Crosse in Class 2-1A, Osborne in Class Eight-Man I and Sharon Springs in Class Eight Man II survived weekend contests and will continue to play for possible state championships.

Beloit (12-0) outscored Sedgwick (10-2) by a score of 66-41 and defending state champion Scott City (11-1) defeated previously unbeaten Conway Springs (11-1) by a score of 20-7.

La Crosse (11-0) edged Oakley (8-2) by a score of 12-7.

Osborne (12-0) got by Clifton-Clyde (9-3) by a score of 42-34.

Sharon Springs (12-0) won the battle of the unbeaten by outscoring Beloit St. John's (11-1) by 31-6.

Seasons ended for Smith Center (8-3) in Class 2-1A when

they were shutout 20-0 by Meade (10-1) and Hoxie (10-2) who lost 58-26 to Hodgeman County (12-0).

## Upcoming games

In the Class 3A semifinals this Friday, Beloit (12-0) will play at Scott City (11-1) at 6 p.m. with the winner to advance to the state championship game versus the winner of Silver Lake (11-1) at Rossville (12-0).

In the Class 2-1A semifinals on Friday, Meade (10-1) will play at La Crosse (11-0) and Centralia (11-0) will play at Lyndon (11-0) with winners to advance to the state championship game.

The Eight-Man championship games will be played this Saturday. In Eight Man I, Osborne (12-0) will play Hodgeman County (12-0) at 11 a.m. in Newton. In Eight Man II, Baileyville (11-1) will play Sharon Springs (12-0) at 3:30 p.m. in Newton.

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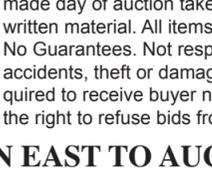
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