

# Three pointers lead to Lay Jay win!

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Let's see. A three-point basket scores 50 percent more points than a two.

The Norton Community High School girls basketball players knew that so they just kept shooting and hitting baskets from beyond the arc on Tuesday in the Stull Gym in Norton.

The result was an impressive 58-21 Mid-Continent League victory over Stockton!

Four different players hit long range baskets for the Lady Jays. Senior Johnnye Ruder swished 5 of 10 tries for 50 percent and 15 points and senior Darcy Bainter buried 4 of 5 for a net smoking 80 percent accuracy and 12 points. Freshman Miah Melvin was accurate on 2 of 4 triple-pointers for 50 percent and freshman Baylee Miller hit her only attempt from beyond the arc.

Norton hit 12 of 20 three-point tries for 60 percent accuracy. From the normal two-point range, the Lady Jays swished 10 of 34 for 29 percent. They were 22 of 54 overall for 41 percent.

With Ruder hitting three long range shots, Bainter burying one, senior Katelyn Engelbert hitting two two-point baskets and freshman Caitlyn Cox hitting a free throw, Norton forged a 17-6 first quarter lead.

Melvin hit her two long range shots in the second quarter when Bainter added two more and Engelbert hit a two-pointer to lead 31-11 at intermission.

As it turned out, the Lady Jays were just getting warmed up. With Ruder swishing two more from long range, Bainter adding another, Cox hitting two two-point shots, senior Bailey Ambrosier hitting a two-point shot and free throw, junior Katie Bohl swishing a two-pointer and sophomore Casey Ambrosier hitting a two-pointer as well, Norton tallied 20 points in the third quarter to extend their lead to 51-17.

With the continuous clock, the fourth quarter went fast. Norton outscored the visitors 7-4. Oh yes, Miller's three-point basket came in that period.

Leading scorer for Stockton was Caitlin Lingg with 6 points.

While Norton hit 41 percent from the field, Stockton tallied on 1 of 13 long range tries for 8 percent, 6 of 30 two-point attempts for 20 percent and 7 of 43 overall for 16 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton was 2 of 3 for 67 percent and the Lady Tigers were 6 of 9 for 67 percent.

Norton pulled down 9 offensive and 19 defensive rebounds for 28 total. Stockton grabbed 12



Norton junior post Katie Bohl uses her six feet of height to jump above defenders for a shot in the lane during the Lady Jays impressive 37 point victory over Stockton in the Stull Gym on Tuesday evening.

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Bailey Ambrosier was leading rebounder for the Lady Jays with 8, followed by Caitlyn Cox, 7; Katie Bohl, 4; Johnnye Ruder, Baylee Miller, 2 each; Katelyn Engelbert, Peyton Renner, Darcy Bainter, Casey Ambrosier, Miah Melvin, 1 each.

Norton had 18 offensive assists. Leaders were

Engelbert and Ruder with 4 each, followed by Bailey Ambrosier, Miah Melvin, 3 each; Peyton Renner, 2; Marisa Maddy, Darcy Bainter, 1 each.

The Lady Jays had 14 steals and the Lady Tigers had 6. Leading in thefts for Norton was Ruder with 4, followed by Engelbert, Bainter, Bailey Ambrosier, 2 each; Maddy, Renner, Hanna Brooks, Bohl, 1 each.

The Lady Jays had just 14 turnovers while the Lady Tigers lost the ball 24 times to the aggressive Norton defense.

"This was a great way to come off the Goodland Tournament with not much rest," said Norton head girls basketball coach George Rossi.

"Our girls came out and ran the offense well, shot great and played good defense.

"Again, our bench did a great job. We have a lot of girls who can contribute and that is to our advantage.

"We also did a much better job of taking care of the ball. We had half the turnovers we've been having. We've been too much in a hurry in previous games."

#### Junior varsity

The Norton girls junior varsity also won but not by as great a margin. Norton held quarter leads of 12-6 and 25-13 before winning 33-28 in a three-quarter contest.

Lexi Voss led Norton in scoring with 10 points, followed by Miah Melvin, 9; Hannah Brooks, 4; Casey Ambrosier, 4; Peyton Renner, 2; Brittany Wright, 2; Baylee Miller, 2.

Emily Conyac led Stockton with 10 points.

"We were like a whole different team since our first outing," said Norton assistant coach Joan Bolt. "Our girls played very good defense and were patient on offense. Our bench did a great job of keeping the tempo up and pressure on.

"We do need to spend time working on free throws because they could be a factor later this year. Overall, we did a great job!"

#### Norton girls

Caitlyn Cox 2 0 1-2 5, Katelyn Engelbert 3 0 0-0 6, Darcy Bainter 0 4 0-0 12, Katie Bohl 2 0 0-0 4, Bailey Ambrosier 1 0 1-1 3, Johnnye Ruder 0 5 0-0 15, Casey Ambrosier 2 0 0-0 4, Baylee Miller 0 1 0-0 3, Miah Melvin 0 2 0-0 6; Totals 10 12-2-3 58.

#### Stockton girls

Rilee Brown 0 1 1-2 4, Morgan Beougher 2 0 0-0 4; Cecelia Beck 0 0 0-1 0 Caitlin Lingg 3 0 0-0 6; Paige Pedigo 0 0 1-1 1, Janassa Swaney 0 0 4-4 4, Emily Conyac 1 0 0-0 2; Totals 6 1 6-8 21.

#### Next action

Norton will continue Mid-Continent League action today when the Lady Jays travel to Phillipsburg to play the Lady Panthers.

Junior varsity contests will begin at 4:45 p.m.

The Norton junior varsity girls will also compete on Saturday in the Junior Varsity Tournament in Oakley, beginning at 9 a.m.

## Huskies win at Grinnell/Wheatland in double overtime

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The Northern Valley Junior High boys basketball team was pushed to the limit when they hosted the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks on Monday in Alma, but came away with a hard fought victory in double overtime, 41-36.

"The Huskies were behind at the end of every quarter and behind 22-14 at halftime," said head coach Jim Cole.

"Riley Sides hit a running shot in the lane to tie the game 28-28 at the end of regulation. Sides also hit a three pointer at the end of the first overtime, but a Thunderhawk (player) had enough time left to hit a three pointer at the buzzer to tie the game, 36-36. The Huskies scored five points in the second overtime to win 41-36, and remain undefeated at 7-0 on the season. Seventh graders, Riley Sides and Caden Bach led the team in scoring with 17 and 12 points (respectively)," said Cole.

A-team Boys (7-0)  
Northern Valley - 41 (double OT)

Grinnell/Wheatland - 36

Huskies scoring:

Riley Sides - 17

Caden Bach - 12

Briely Yocum - 6

Ross Cole - 4

Caden Kinderknecht - 2

The Huskies B-team also remained undefeated at 7-0, with a 22-7 win over the Thunderhawks. Ross Cole led the B-team with 10 points.

B-team Boys (7-0)

Northern Valley - 22

Grinnell/Wheatland - 7

Huskies scoring:

Ross Cole - 10

Jesus Saenz - 4

Kale Cox - 2

Aidan Baird - 2

Chris Lowry - 2

Cooper Mussman - 2

The Northern Valley girls basketball team improved their record to 6-1 on the season, with a 26-14 win over Grinnell/Wheatland on Monday in Alma. The Lady Huskies trailed the Thunderhawks 10-1, after the first quarter, but played outstanding defense in the three following quarters holding the Thunderhawks to just four points.

"Our defense and rebounding was a key in winning the game," said head coach Jim Cole. "Seventh grader Paige Baird led the offense scoring 18 points."

A-team Girls (6-1)

Northern Valley - 26

Grinnell/Wheatland - 14

Huskies scoring:

Paige Baird - 18

Chaylee Lowry - 4

Brianna Johns - 2

HalLee Linner - 2

The Lady Huskies B-team played a very good game against the Thunderhawks, winning 27-15.

B-team Girls (5-2)

Northern Valley - 27

Wheatland/Grinnell - 15

Huskies scoring:

Jasmine Covington - 10

Makensy Schroeder - 8

Jaden Smith - 4

Kailey Hammond - 3

Micah Kasson - 2

The C-team had trouble hitting their shots and lost a close contest, 4-2.

C-team Girls (2-2)

Northern Valley - 2

Grinnell/Wheatland - 4

Huskies scoring:

Shayna Speer - 2

*Hope you have  
a wonderful  
holiday  
season!*

Our office will be closing  
Tuesday, December 24 at  
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on Wednesday to observe the holiday

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