

Lady Jays outclassed by Lady Panthers

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The Norton Community High School girls basketball team did their best on Thursday night in the Stull Gym but were outclassed by a more athletic team when they lost 49-32 to the visiting Phillipsburg Lady Panthers.

Norton was outscored 13-8 in the first quarter and trailed 25-12 at intermission. A 14-7 third period in Phillipsburg's favor extended their lead to 39-19. Norton did outscore the visitors 13-10 in the final stanza but it made no difference in the final outcome.

"We had trouble shooting the ball and our defense was lacking at times," said Norton head coach George Rossi. "We had 29 fouls and they had only 18 so we sent them to the line a lot.

"We didn't quit; we played hard but struggled shooting. Defensively, we did a better job of blocking out in the second half.

"Our bench played well. We have a lot of sophomores and freshmen fighting for spots and that will help in the future.

"It will be fun to play more at home in the coming weeks."

Leading scorer for Norton was Katie Bohl with 10 points on 5 of 13 from the field for 38 percent.

Mattison Dusin led Phillipsburg with 16 points and Katelyn Swanson added 10.

As a team, the Lady Jays hit 1 of 6 from beyond the arc for 17 percent, 11 of 40 two-point tries for 28 percent and 12 of 46 overall for 26 percent. The Lady Panthers hit 1 of 7 trey tries for 14 percent, 14 of 34 two-point attempts for 41 percent and 15 of 41 overall for 37 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton was 7 of 14 for 50 percent but the Lady Panthers shot 34 charities and hit 18 for 53 percent accuracy.

Norton grabbed 6 offensive and 19 defensive rebounds for 25 total. Phillipsburg pulled down 10 offensive and 24 defensive boards for 34 total.

Katie Bohl was leading rebounder for the Lady Jays with 6, followed by Caitlyn Cox, 5; Katelyn Engelbert, 4; Hanna Brooks, 3; Bailey Ambrosier, Miah Melvin, 2 each; Darcy Bainter, Johnnye Ruder, Casey Ambrosier, 1 each.

Peyton Renner and Miah Melvin each had 3 of Norton's 9 offensive assists, followed by Darcy Bainter, Johnnye Ruder, Baylee Miller, 1 each.

Norton had 7 steals and Phillipsburg had 8.



Norton's Katelyn Engelbert makes an extra effort to pull down a rebound during the Lady Jays' basketball game with Phillipsburg in the Stull Gym on Thursday evening. Shown right behind her, also blocking out Lady Panthers, is Bailey Ambrosier.

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Bohl was credited with 2 steals, followed by Cox, Engelbert, Bailey Ambrosier, Baylee Miller, Miah Melvin, 1 each.

Norton had 24 turnovers and Phillipsburg lost the ball just 17 times.

Bohl blocked 2 shots and Miller rejected 1.

Junior varsity

The Norton junior varsity girls basketball team had a great first quarter, scoring 19 points and lim-

iting Phillipsburg to just 4, to set the tone for an impressive 41-26 victory.

Norton led 31-5 at halftime and 39-15 after three quarters.

Fourteen girls saw action for Norton in the contest.

Leading scorer for Norton was Peyton Renner with 9 points, followed by Hanna Brooks, 7; Casey Ambrosier, 6; Caitlyn Cox, 5; Baylee Mill-

er, 5; Miah Melvin, 5; Lexi Voss, 4.

Leading scorer for Phillipsburg was Orianna Ratzlaff with 11.

"Our girls were really ready to play for our home crowd tonight," said Norton assistant coach Joan Bolt. "We played with great discipline and moved well on defense.

"I continue to see improvement. All of our girls worked hard on offense and had great timing on defense."

C-team

The Norton girls C-team also defeated Phillipsburg as they outscored the Lady Panthers 39-27.

Norton held quarter leads of 12-7, 24-13 and 35-21.

Leading scorer for the Lady Jays was Lexi Voss with 8 points, followed by Alexus Hartwell, 6; Molly Maddy, 6; Kira Robertson, 6; Erin Archer, 5; Adrienne Hager, 4; Kylie Perez, 4.

Hannah Hoover and Jen Townsden each tallied 6 points for Phillipsburg.

"I was very pleased with our girls discipline tonight," said Norton assistant coach Cheri Brooks. "They executed well on offense and were able to get some good shots.

"Our girls worked on defense to create numerous turnovers, which is always a nice reward for your hard work."

Norton girls

Caitlyn Cox 1 0 1-4 3, Marisa Maddy 0 0 0-0 0, Katelyn Engelbert 2 0 0-0 4, Hanna Brooks 1 0 0-0 2, Katie Bohl 5 0 0-0 10, Bailey Ambrosier 2 0 1-2 5, Johnnye Ruder 0 1 2-2 5, Miah Melvin 0 0 3-5 3; Totals 11 1 7-14 32.

Phillipsburg girls

Katelyn Swanson 1 1 5-8 10, Dakota Wilkison 1 0 3-6 5, Shania Wilkison 2 0 2-4 6, Madysen Frantz 1 0 0-0 2, Mindy Gower 1 0 3-6 5, Kollette Keeten 1 0 0-0 2, Tatum Bartels 1 0 1-3 3, Mattison Dusin 6 0 4-4 16; Totals 14 1 18-31 49.

Next action

Norton will host Trego Community in games this evening.

The junior varsity boys game will be played at Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym at 4:45 p.m. and will be the only game there.

Beginning at 4:45 p.m. in the Stull Gym will be the junior varsity girls, varsity girls and varsity boys games.

Norton wins dual of State ranked wrestling teams

By DICK BOYD

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The No.1 state ranked in Class 3-2-1A Norton Community High School wrestling team defeated No.7 state ranked in Class 4A Colby in dual action on Thursday in Colby.

Winning nine matches and losing five, the Blue Jays scored 40 points compared to 22 for the Eagles. Norton won four matches by pins.

Individual matches

1-6 - Skylar Johnson pinned Tate Carney in 3:53.

113 - Kade Unterseher won a

6-2 decision over Tanner Reed.

120 - Branson Addington won a 9-6 decision over Tanner Elias.

126 - Kyle Bell lost a 12-0 major decision to Travis Finley.

132 - Trenton Wright lost a 6-2 decision to Andrew Voss.

138 - Alec Hager won a 13-4 major decision over Brett Schroeder.

145 - Jared Tallent won a 4-1 decision over Brady Holzmeister.

152 - Weston Erbert lost a 6-3 decision to Bryce Arrnberger.

160 - Mike Kasson won a 7-3

decision over Matthew Pieper.

170 - Kendall Miller pinned Chase Holzmeister in 1:57.

182 - Cole Renner pinned Evan Olson in :49.

195 - Jordan Dole was pinned in 2:55 by Brady Slinger.

220 - Jacob Green pinned Austin Hart in 3:36.

285 - Michael Johnson was pinned in 1:25 by Ethan Jay.

Coach's comments

"I was pleased with our performance," said Norton head coach Bill Johnson. "We had four junior varsity wrestlers in the lineup and only five of our

varsity wrestlers were in their normal weight class. In Colby's defense, they also had several wrestlers out of their lineup as well.

"I was super pleased with our junior varsity wrestlers, two of four won matches. Both Skylar Johnson and Kade Unterseher won against varsity wrestlers.

"Even our junior varsity wrestlers who lost battled hard and didn't get pinned. From 160 pounds up, we dominated and pulled away. We had a great performance."

Wrestler of the Week

Skylar Johnson got the winning dual started in great fashion when he pinned Tate Carney, the No.4 state ranked wrestler in Class 4A, who also placed third in the Newton Tournament of Champions.

For his upset win over Carney, the Norton coaches chose Skylar Johnson as the "Norton Wrestler of the Week".

Next action

Norton will compete in the Western Kansas Tournament of Champions on Saturday, Feb. 1 in Ellis.

Wrestling, in addition to Nor-

ton and Ellis, will be teams from Oakley, Hill City, Smith Center, Greeley County, Leoti, Trego, Atwood, Hoxie, St. Francis, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Stockton, Oberlin and Thomas More Prep-Hays.

The first round will begin at 10 a.m. and the tournament will run straight through with minimal breaks.

The top three teams will receive plaques. Medals will be given to the top six wrestlers in each weight class.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students (K-12).

The Trojans bring home two wins in one night

By MIKE STEPHENS

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The Logan/Damar Middle School boys basketball team hosted Wheatland/Grinnell on Thursday, Jan. 23, and won both the varsity and junior varsity games by 10 points each over the Thunderhawks.

The Trojans varsity squad was led by David Thompson's 13 points and the junior varsity's leading scorer was Bodey LeRoux.

Varsity

Logan/Damar - 42
Wheatland/Grinnell - 32

Scoring:

Garrett Handley - 5
Blake Bouchey - 4
Riley Allen - 3
Vincent McLaughlin - 3
Colton Greving - 7
Michael Daniels - 2
Bodey LeRoux - 4
David Thompson - 13

Junior Varsity

Logan/Damar - 30
Wheatland/Grinnell - 20

Scoring:

Vincent McLaughlin - 3
Trey Kats - 2
Michael Daniels - 6
Dawson Goble - 7
Bodey LeRoux - 10
Cody Brown - 2

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