

# Blue Jays end their season with a loss

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Junior Deon Lyle and senior Drew Schrum were on target but the rest of the No.6 seeded Norton Community High School boys basketball team had a cold shooting night as the Blue Jays lost 58-37 to No.3 seed Thomas More Prep in Hays on Monday in the first round of the Class 3A Sub-State Basketball Tournament.

The loss ended Norton's season with an 8-13 record.

Lyle hit 3 of 7 long range shots for 43 percent, 4 of 6 two-point tries for 67 percent and 7 of 13 overall for 54 percent from the field. He added 1 of 4 from the free throw line for a total of 18 points.

Schrum swished 3 of 5 two-point attempts for 60 percent and 5 of 10 from the charity stripe for 50 percent and 11 points.

With Lyle hitting 7 points and Schrum 5, Norton trailed by just 17-13 after one quarter but the Blue Jays scored just 5 points in the second quarter compared to 14 for TMP and trailed 31-18 at intermission. Lyle and Schrum accounted for 4 of the 5 points with a basket apiece.

Norton held the Monarchs to

just 11 points in the third quarter, their lowest scoring of the four, but could only manage 9 points themselves and still trailed 42-27. Tanner Furbush hit his only field goal of the game and added two free throws. Schrum hit four charities and sophomore Quinton Porter, who has been lighting up the scoreboard all season, hit one free throw for his only point of the game.

Lyle returned to action in the fourth quarter, swishing three from long range for Norton's only field goals. Furbush added a free throw. TMP scored 16 more points in the final stanza on just 2 field goals and 12 points from the charity stripe.

"I thought we lacked the toughness we needed against TMP to give ourselves a chance to win," said Norton head coach Doug Reusink. "Our half court team defense was not what it had been most of the year and we did not block out and rebound, which has been a weakness all year.

"Offensively, we just did not attack the basket consistently and struggled at the free throw line, which may have been able to keep us in the game.

"Many thanks to the Norton crowd that made the trip to



Blue Jay senior point guard Drew Schrum dribbles at top speed down court past a Thomas More Prep Marian player who can't keep up during Norton's Sub-State Tournament play on Monday in Hays.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Hays. We really appreciate the support they gave us all year long.

"We will miss our four seniors that leave us. They gave us some great effort along the way. I just wish it could have ended differently for them."

Norton's senior players in the final game of their high school career were Drew Schrum, Tanner Furbush, Marc Miller and Trevor Lewis.

Assistant coaches this season were David Stover and Chris Henson. Student manager was

Ruby Shirley.

Leading scorer for TMP was Jordan Gottschalk with 12 points. Cameron Fouts added 11.

As a team, Norton hit 3 of 12 from long range for 25 percent, 8 of 28 two-point tries for 29 percent and 11 of 40 overall for 28 percent. TMP hit 2 of 7 from beyond the arc for 29 percent, 17 of 43 two-point attempts for 40 percent and 19 of 50 overall for 38 percent.

From the free throw line, the Blue Jays hit 12 of 28 for 43 percent and the Monarchs swished 18 of 23 for 78 percent.

Norton had 4 offensive and 19 defensive rebounds for 23 total. TMP grabbed 11 offensive and 26 defensive caroms for 37 overall. Tanner Furbush led Norton in rebounds with 6, followed by Marc Miller, 4; Drew Schrum, 4; Deon Lyle, 3; Conor Cox, 3; Quinton Porter, 2; Breven Sondergaard, 1.

Norton had just 3 offensive assists and Schrum got credit for all of them.

The Blue Jays had 8 steals and the Monarchs stole the ball 1 time. Schrum had 3 thefts, followed by Quinton Porter, Deon Lyle, 2 each; Kobie Unterseher, 1.

Norton had 18 turnovers and TMP lost the ball 14 times.

In other first round Sub-State Tournament games on Monday, No.1 seed Beloit defeated No.8 seed Ellsworth 76-46, No.5 seed Lyons upset No.4 seed Phillipsburg 66-59 and No.2 seed Minneapolis beat No.7 Hoisington 75-44.

Hoisington is the host school. In Thursday's semi-finals, Beloit played Lyons and Minneapolis played TMP. Winners will play Saturday for the Sub-State championship and a trip to Hutchinson next week to compete in the Class 3A State Tournament.

#### Norton boys

Deon Lyle 4 3 1-4 18, Breven Sondergaard 0 0 1-2 1, Quinton Porter 0 0 1-4 1, Drew Schrum 3 0 5-10 11, Tanner Furbush 1 0 4-8 6; Totals 8 3 12-28 37.

#### TMP boys

Kameron Schmidt 0 2 2-2 8, Max Megaffin 3 0 0-1 6, Peton Hoffman 0 0 6-8 6, Jared Schumacher 1 0-0 2, Jared Vitztum 2 0 0-4, Mryan Mayorga 3 0 3-5 9, Cameron Fouts 3 0 5-6 11, Jordan Gottschalk 5 0 2-2 12; Totals 17 2 18-22 58.

# Norton Lady Jays basketball season comes to an end

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The No.7 seeded Norton Community High School girls basketball team was in the game the first half against No.2 seed Minneapolis but lost out with a poor third quarter and suffered a season-ending 51-34 loss in the first round of the Class 3A Sub-State Tournament in Minneapolis on Tuesday evening.

Norton's season ended with an 8-13 record.

Norton senior Darcy Bainter hit two baskets, senior Johnnye Ruder buried a three-pointer and junior Katie Bohl hit a free throw in the first quarter as the Lady Jays trailed by just 11-8.

The second period was also low scoring with Norton tallying 8 points and Minneapolis hitting 9 and taking a slight 20-16 halftime lead. Miah Melvin swished a shot from beyond the arc, senior Katelyn Engelbert hit her only basket of the game, Ruder added two charities and Bohl hit another free throw.

The Lady Jays lost out in the

third quarter where their only points were two charities by Melvin and Minneapolis had their best scoring period, putting 19 points on the scoreboard. That quarter increased the Minneapolis lead to 39-18.

Norton outscored Minneapolis 16-12 in the fourth quarter but did not come close to closing the gap created in the third period. Bohl hit four free throws and her only basket of the game in the final period. Caitlyn Cox hit a basket and two charities, Bailey Ambrosier swished a basket and Hanna Brooks and Baylee Miller each hit a basket, as well.

"We were beaten by a better and more aggressive team tonight," said Norton head girls coach George Rossi. "Our girls did a great job of hanging in the first half but we came out flat again in the second half and never recovered.

"This was a fun group of girls. They work hard and are great girls. Our five seniors Bailey Ambrosier, Darcy Bainter,

Katelyn Engelbert, Marisa Maddy and Johnnye Ruder will be greatly missed. All five of these girls also met the criteria to be Academic All-State by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association. That is a tremendous feat!

"These girls gave it their all the entire season and I am proud to be associated with them.

"The younger girls did a good job all year as well. We have a good group coming back but they must understand that they have a great deal of work to do in order to become the team they want to be. Wanting to be good and working to be good are two different things. Time will tell.

"Many thanks to everyone who supported us this year."

Norton's assistant coaches this season were Cheri Books and Joan Bolt. Student managers were Raenee Patterson and Dakota Rose.

Norton's leading scorer on Tuesday night was Katie Bohl with 8 points on 1 of 4 field goal tries for 25 percent and 6 of 13 free throws for 46 percent. Kynedi Allison led Minneapolis with 13 points.

As a team, Norton hit 2 of 8 from beyond the arc for 25 percent, 8 of 27 two-point attempts for 30 percent and 10 of 35 overall for 29 percent.

In comparison, Minneapolis hit 3 of 12 three-pointers for 25 percent, 18 of 38 two-point tries for 47 percent and 21 of 50 overall for 42 percent.

From the charity stripe, the Lady Jays hit 12 of 25 for 48 percent and the Lady Lions swished 6 of 12 for 50 percent.

Norton pulled down 11 offensive and 18 defensive rebounds for 29 total. Minneapolis grabbed 11 offensive and 16 defensive caroms for 27 total.

Eight different Norton girls brought down at least one rebound. The leader was Bailey Ambrosier with 8, followed by Johnnye Ruder, Katelyn Engelbert, Katie Bohl, 4 each; Caitlyn Cox, 3; Darcy Bainter, 3; Hanna Brooks, 2; Miah Melvin, 1.

Norton had 10 steals and Minneapolis had 18 thefts. Leading Norton in steals were Bailey Ambrosier and Miah Melvin with 3 each, followed by Caitlyn Cox, 2; Baylee Miller, Darcy Bainter, 1 each.

Norton had 4 offensive assists.

Bainter, Ruder, Engelbert and Melvin each had 1 assist.

The Lady Jays had 31 turnovers and the Lady Lions turned the ball over 19 times.

In other first round Sub-State Tournament games on Tuesday, No.1 seed Phillipsburg defeated No.8 seed Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays 70-43, No.5 seed Lyons outscored No.4 seed Beloit 64-50 and No.3 seed Ellsworth edged No.6 seed Hoisington 47-45.

Semi-finals on Friday and

championship finals on Saturday will be played at host school Hoisington. The winner will advance to the Class 3A State Tournament in Hutchinson next week.

#### Norton girls

Caitlyn Cox 1 0 2-2 4, Katelyn Engelbert 1 0 0-3 2, Hanna Brooks 1 0 0-0 2, Darcy Bainter 2 0 0-2 4, Katie Bohl 1 0 6-13 8, Bailey Ambrosier 1 0 0-0 2, Johnnye Ruder 0 1 2-4 5, Baylee Miller 1 0 0-0 2, Miah Melvin 0 1 2-2 5; Totals 8 2 12-26 34.

#### Minneapolis girls

Lucy Giles 3 0 2-2 8, Shay Allison 1 0 0-0 2, Kate Steinbrock 0 2 0-0 6, Jace Ownes 3 0 2-5 8, Kynedi Allison 6 0 1-2 13, Lindsay Shupe 4 0 0-2 8, Mara Pounds 0 1 1-2 4, Jaidra Lott 1 0 0-0 2; Totals 18 3 6-13 51.



Norton Lady Jay senior guard Marisa Maddy drives into the circle and eyes the basket as a Minneapolis defender trails during Sub-State Tournament action on Tuesday in Minneapolis.

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Prior to the championship finals in the Class 3-2-1A State Wrestling Tournament at Gross Coliseum in Hays on Saturday, the large crowd witnessed the presentation of a national award to Norton head coach Bill Johnson. David Cherry, left, Assistant Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, presented a plaque to coach Johnson from the National Federation of State High School Associations Coaches Association naming him one of the few high school coaches in the United States selected as "2013 National Coaches of the Year". The words on the plaque are: "Presented to Bill Johnson in grateful appreciation of outstanding service and unselfish devotion to interscholastic athletics."

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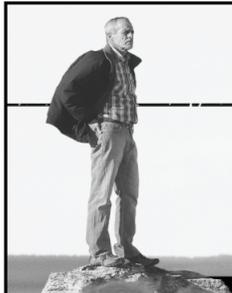
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