

Norton boys edge Trego 41-40

By DICK BOYD

Coach Doug Reusink's Norton Community High School boys basketball team rallied in the third quarter to overcome an eight point first half deficit, then outscored the visiting Trego quintet by one point in the fourth period to earn a hard fought 41-40 Mid-Continent League victory here Friday.

The win extends Norton's record to 6-1; Trego fell to 8-2.

The visiting Golden Eagles held an 8-5 lead after a low scoring first quarter and outscored Norton 13-8 in the second period to take a 21-13 halftime advantage. Norton's only points in the first quarter came on two-point and three-point shots by senior forward Dan Roeder. In the second quarter, junior center Ryan Maddy swished two baskets and two free throws and senior center Jered Sloan hit his first basket of the night on a jumper in the lane with six seconds left.

Maddy hit three baskets, Sloan scored on two baskets and junior point guard Kyle Kats hit his first points of the night as he buried a trey and swished a free throw in Norton's 14 point third quarter. Trego scored just six points in the quarter and the score was knotted at 27-all with one quarter remaining.

Kats buried another three-ball to start the final stanza and Norton led 30-27. Sophomore Casey Crossland hit his second basket of the night for Trego at the 7:00 mark.

Sloan got free on a fast break,

scored, was fouled and hit the free throw for a three point play but Trego's sophomore point guard Nathan Locke hit a basket and two free throws in quick succession to tie the score at 33-all. Maddy found the range again for the Blue Jays to break the tie. Junior Mark Aschenbrenner hit a free throw for Trego but Roeder answered with a jumper to put the Jays ahead 37-34 with 3:27 remaining.

Locke kept it close with a basket at the 2:35 mark but Sloan's two free throws with 1:19 left put the Norton lead at three points again. Locke hit a jumper with 58 seconds showing and it was 39-38. Sloan was fouled but missed the free throw and Locke scored again with 37 seconds remaining to put Trego on top 40-39.

With just 18 seconds left on the scoreboard clock, Maddy hit a jumper in the lane to put Norton ahead 41-40. Trego had one last possession but lost the ball out of bounds with 4 seconds left. Norton threw the ball in bounds and the game was over.

"We played great defensively all night but just weren't scoring in the first half," said Coach Reusink. "We played especially good defense in the second half and hit some shots early in the third quarter to get in the game. At halftime, we talked about finding open spots in their defense and were able to do that."

Maddy was leading scorer for Norton with 16 points, 10 of them in the second half. He hit 7 of 12 two-point shots for 58 percent and

missed his only trey try to end with 7 of 13 overall for 54 percent accuracy. He was 2 of 2 from the free throw line.

Sloan ended with 11 points. He hit 4 of 11 shots from the field for 36 percent and was 3 of 4 from the charity stripe for 75 percent.

Leading scorer for Trego was Locke with 15 points, ten of them coming in the fourth quarter.

Both teams hit only 38 percent from the field. The Blue Jays were 3 of 16 from three point range for 19 percent, 13 of 29 from two-point land for 45 percent and 16 of 42 overall.

The Golden Eagles missed all three trey tries, hit 16 of 39 two point tries for 41 percent and were 16 of 42 overall as well.

From the free throw line, Norton swished 6 of 8 for 75 percent while Trego connected on 8 of 16 for 50 percent.

Norton was outrebounded 33-17. The Golden Eagles pulled down 13 offensive and 20 defensive caroms compared to 5 offensive and 12 defensive for Norton.

Maddy was the rebounding leader for Norton with 6, followed by Sloan, 5; Roeder and Aaron Overlease, 2 each; Kats and Heath Vincent, 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 10 steals. Kats was the leader with 4, followed by Sloan, 3; Roeder, 2; Maddy, 1.

Kats had Norton's only assist.

Sloan blocked 4 Trego shots and Kats rejected 1.

Norton had 15 turnovers and Trego lost the ball 17 times.

Junior varsity won

Coach David Stover's Norton boys junior varsity team defeated Trego 49-35.

Norton trailed 6-5 after one quarter but led 15-14 at halftime. A 20 point third quarter for Norton broke the game open and the Jays led 35-23 with one period remaining. Norton outscored Trego 14-11 in the final stanza.

Leading scorer for Norton was Justin Shirk with 11 points, followed by Derek Volgamore, 10; Josh Jackson and Jared Engelbert, 8 each; Nathan Morse, 5; Heath Vincent, 3; Nick Evans and Nic Lewis, 2 each.

Brent Deines was the leading scorer for Trego with 10. Tate Lang added 8 points.

Freshmen contest shortened

Due to a shortage of Trego players, the boys freshman game was limited to two quarters.

Coach Todd Fulton's Norton quintet led 12-10 after one quarter but was outscored 12-8 in the second quarter and lost 22-20.

Corey Rutherford led Norton scoring with 8 points, followed by Lucas Bailey, 5; Brian Juene-mann, 4; Jared Engelbert, 3.

Sophomore Kevyn Goodman led Trego with 10 points.

Next action

The Norton boys varsity is seeded No. 3 in the Mid-Continent League Tournament and will host No. 6 seed Stockton tonight at 7 p.m. in the NCHS Memorial Gym.

"There is not a weak team in the league," said Coach Reusink. "We will have to play well to beat Stockton."

Norton boys 41

Kats 0 2 1-2 7, Roeder 2 1 0-0 7, Maddy 7 0 2-2 16, Sloan 4 0 3-4 11, Totals 13 3 6-8 41

Trego boys 40

Locke 5 0 5-6 15, Newcomer 1 0 0-2 2, Ummel 2 0 2-4 6, Knapp 4 0 0-0 8, Aschenbrenner 2 0 1-4 5, Totals 16 0 8-16 40.

Girls basketball team falls 33-28 to WaKeeney

By DICK BOYD

Coach Kevin Jilka's Norton Community High School girls basketball team lost their second straight game to Trego Community High School on Monday as the Lady Golden Eagles outscored the Lady Jays 33-28 in WaKeeney in the opening round of the Mid-Continent League Tournament.

In regular season play in Norton on Friday, the visiting Lady Golden Eagles defeated the homestanding Lady Jays 41-33.

Norton is now 3-5 for the season and will host Hill City in a 6 p.m. game on Thursday in Memorial Gym. The opponents in the second game of the night will be determined by the outcome of tonight's games. Norton hosts Stockton in a first round game tonight at 7 p.m.

Hill City lost to Phillipsburg on Monday 46-42 in overtime.

In the other two first round games on Monday, Smith Center defeated Stockton 46-37 and Osborne edged Victoria 44-43.

Coach Jilka praised his team's defense for holding Trego to just 33 points but was not pleased with his offense. "Offensively, we're not very good right now," he said. "We're timid offensively. We're not playing with much confidence. We miss a couple of shots and then lose confidence. It's very frustrating because we're a better team and don't show it."

"We did a good job defensively; we played harder on defense than we did Friday night.

Trego scored just 7 points in the first quarter but Norton went scoreless. The Lady Jay defense limited the Lady Golden Eagles to just 4 in the second quarter but Norton's offense produced just 5, making the halftime score 11-5. Trego edged Norton 7-6 in the

third quarter to make it 18-11 with one quarter remaining.

The fourth quarter was the best for both teams. Although Norton scored 17 points in the final stanza, the Lady Golden Eagles tallied 15 points.

Leading scorer for Norton was sophomore center Chelsea Cox with 9 points on 4 of 9 from the field for 44 percent accuracy and 1 of 2 from the free throw line for 50 percent. Junior forward Amber Engelbert and senior center Anna Berry each added 6 points.

As a team, Norton hit 3 of 16 three-point attempts for 19 percent, 9 of 30 two-point shots for 30 percent and 12 of 46 overall for 26 percent.

Norton shot just two free throws and hit one for 50 percent.

Norton was outrebounded 28-24. The Lady Jays pulled down 11 offensive and 13 defensive caroms compared to 11 offensive and 17 defensive rebounds by Trego.

Cox was leading rebounder for Norton with 8, followed by Berry, 7; Newell and Engelbert, 4 each and Jones, 1.

Norton had 10 steals and Trego had 9 thefts. Newell and Engelbert each had 3 steals, followed by Cox, Nicole Wolf, Jones, Berry, 1 each.

The Lady Jays had 9 assists compared to 5 for the Lady Golden Eagles. Newell was the leader with 4, followed by Engelbert, 2; Wolf, Jones and Berry, 1 each.

Norton had 18 turnovers but Trego gave up the ball 21 times.

Norton girls 28

Newell 1 1 0-0 5, Cox 4 0 1-2 9, Jones 1 0 0-0 2, Engelbert 0 2 0-0 6, Berry 3 0 0-0 6, Totals 9 3 1-2 28

Trego girls 33

Cindy Riedel 1 0 2-4 4, Deines 2 0 4-6 8, Courtney Riedel 8 0 3-4 19, Locke 1 0 0-2 2, Totals 12 0 9-16 33

Lady Jays lose to Trego

By DICK BOYD

The Lady Jays rallied for a 30-29 lead in the fourth quarter in league play against Trego in Norton on Friday night but couldn't hold it and lost 41-33.

After a first half where they were outscored 20-8, the Lady Jays outpointed the Lady Golden Eagles 15-9 in the third quarter to cut the Trego advantage to 29-23. Norton scored the first 7 points of the fourth quarter to take the 30-29 lead with 5:30 remaining in the game but found a lid on the basket until Whitney Newell buried a three-point shot with three seconds left.

"The first half we didn't block out on rebounds, were timid shooting the ball and just weren't very aggressive," said Coach Jilka. "The second half, we came back and got the lead but just couldn't hold it. It was a mental thing."

Karlie Jones and Newell were leading scorers for Norton with 8 each, followed by Amber Engelbert, 7; Anna Berry, 6; Nicole Wolf, 4.

Neither team shot very well. Norton had a higher shooting percentage but was beaten badly at the free throw line. Norton hit 4 of 17 three-point tries for 24 percent, 9 of 25 two-point attempts for 36 percent and 13 of 42 overall for 31 percent.

Trego missed all seven trey tries. They hit 11 of 35 two-point attempts for 31 percent and were 11 of 42 overall for 26 percent accuracy.

It was a different story from the free throw line where Norton hit just 3 of 8 for 38 percent and Trego connected on a whopping 19 of 25 for 76 percent.

Norton was also outrebounded. The Lady Jays had 6 offensive and 12 defensive caroms for 18 total. The Lady Golden Eagles pulled down 16 offensive and 15 defensive rebounds for 31 total.

Berry was leading rebounder for Norton with 5, followed by Engelbert, 4; Jones and Chelsea Cox, 3 each; Nicole Wolf, 2; Newell, 1. Norton had 10 steals compared to 7 for Trego. Cox and Engelbert had 3 each, followed by Jones, 2; Newell and Berry, 1 each.

The Lady Jays had 8 assists compared to 3 for Trego. Newell led with 4, followed by Cox and Engelbert, 2 each.

Norton had 12 turnovers and Trego gave up the ball 15 times.

Junior varsity won

Coach George Rossi's Norton girls junior varsity defeated Trego 31-21.

Norton held quarter leads of 4-0, 14-8 and 25-15.

Dane'e Payne was leading scorer for Norton with 11 points, followed by Amber Overlease, 8; Becca Ebert, 6; Stacy Reeves, 4; Darci Darling, 2.

Amber Waggoner, Brooke Newcomer and Melia Matke each scored 4 points for Trego.

"We are still slow to start the game," said Coach Rossi. "Our press worked very well, causing many turnovers."

"Our bench did a good job, both with scoring and great hustle."

"We have a lot of work to do the next week while the varsity is in the league tournament. We are working to get better."

Freshmen girls won

Coach Joan Bolt's Norton freshmen girls quintet defeated Trego 14-7.

Norton held quarter leads of 4-2, 8-4 and 10-4.

Leading scorer for Norton was Dana Hillebrand with 6 points, followed by Lacey Roe, Ashley Traxler, Maggie Nielsen and Laura Delimont, 2 each.

Stephanie Mauk led Trego with 3 points.

"It was pretty much a defensive game," said Coach Bolt. "We re-

ceived our first look at a press tonight and, after we settled down and figured out the press offense, we executed it to score.

"We're more comfortable with our offenses each game and we are continuing to improve. We are going to work on our post players getting more comfortable and tougher offensively."

"Overall, we had a good effort tonight."

Norton girls 33

Newell 1 2 0-0 8, Wolf 2 0 0-1 0, Jones 2 1 1-2 8, Engelbert 1 1 2-2 7, Berry 3 0 0-0 6, Totals 9 4 3-8 33.

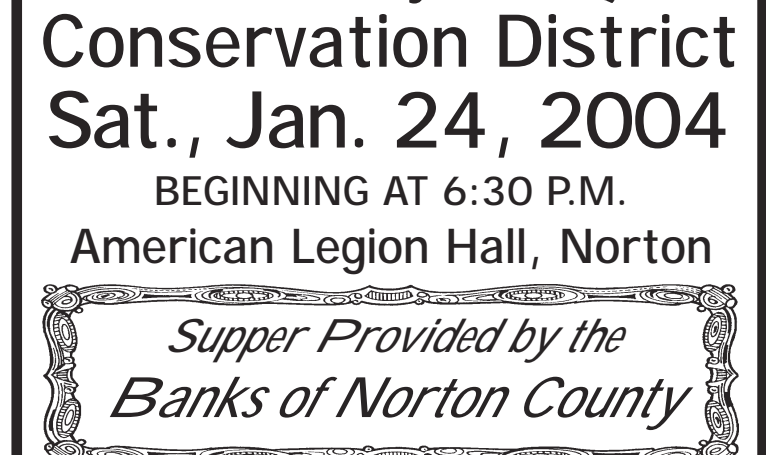
Trego girls 41

Cindy Riedel 4 0 5-7 13, B. Newcomer 0 0 0-1 0, Maley 0 0 1-2 1, Courtney Riedel 4 0 4-4 12, Locke 3 0 9-11 15, Totals 11 0 19-25 41.



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