

Boys defeat Stockton team at tournament

By DICK BOYD

Coach Doug Reusink's No. 3 seeded Norton Community High School boys basketball team played one of their better games of the season on Tuesday night in Norton when they easily defeated No. 6 seed Stockton 66-39 in the first round of the Mid-Continent League Tournament.

Hitting 57 percent of their shots from the floor, the Blue Jays never trailed as they outscored the visiting Tigers 23-11 in the first quarter.

After a 7-4 second quarter, Norton led 30-15 at halftime then exploded for 25 points in the third quarter while holding Stockton to 10 points to extend their lead to 55-25 with one quarter remaining.

Although he had been sprinkling the lineup with reserves since early in the contest, Coach Reusink put the junior varsity on the floor following a dunk by senior center Jered Sloan with 6:10 left in the game.

Nine different Norton players scored in the game, led by Sloan's 16 points on a red hot 7 of 8 from the floor for 88 percent accuracy and 2 of 2 from the free throw line.

Junior point guard Kyle Kats was also a sharpshooter as he hit 2 of 3 shots from beyond the arc for 67 percent, was a perfect 3 of 3 on two-point shots and was 5 of 6 overall for 83 percent accuracy and hit 1 of 2 free throw attempts for 13 points.

Junior center Ryan Maddy also scored 13 points as he hit a sizzling 6 of 9 from two-point land for 67 percent. He missed his only trey try. Maddy was also 1 of 1 from the free throw line.

Senior forward Dan Roeder was also on target as he hit 3 of 4 from the field for 75 percent accuracy and 6 points. He missed his only free throw try.

Ty Brown, a 6'5" senior center, led Stockton in scoring with 20 points.

As a team, Norton hit 3 of 7 from three-point range for 43 percent, 26 of 44 from two-point land for 59 percent and 29 of 51 overall for an outstanding 57 percent.

Meanwhile, the visiting Tigers could manage only 1 of 3 from long range for 33 percent, 14 of 38 from two-point range for 37 percent and 15 of 41 overall for 37 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton swished 5 of 8 for 63 percent com-

pared to 8 of 13 by Stockton for 62 percent.

Norton outrebounded Stockton 26-21. The Blue Jays pulled down 8 offensive and 18 defensive caroms while the Tigers grabbed 9 offensive and 12 defensive rebounds.

Ten different Norton players pulled down at least one rebound. The leaders were Sloan, Heath Vincent and Jared Foley, 4 each, followed by Aaron Overlease, 3; Charlie Foley, Brian Luft, Maddy, Nathan Morse, Justin Shirk, 2 each; Kats, 1.

Norton had 15 steals and Kats was high with 6 thefts. He was followed by Overlease, Luft and Maddy, 2 each; Shirk, Sloan, Jared Foley, 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 10 assists. Sloan was the leader with 3, followed by Maddy, 2; Kats, Jared Foley, Roeder, Overlease, Luft, 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 14 turnovers while Stockton gave up the ball 23 times.

Sloan and Vincent each blocked one shot.

"We came out ready to play and did a nice job of maintaining our intensity once we got a good lead," said Coach Reusink.

"Our reserves did a good job, too, and received some valuable experience."

In other first round boys tournament games on Tuesday, No. 1 seed Trego blew out No. 8 seed Victoria 70-35, No. 5 seed Phillipsburg upset No. 4 seed Osborne 51-34 and No. 2 seed Plainville outscored No. 7 seed Smith Center 60-49.

In the semi-finals today, Norton will play Plainville at 4:30 p.m. in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays and Trego will play Phillipsburg at 7:30 p.m. at Gross. The winners will play for the tournament championship at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at Gross and the losers will play at Gross at 4:30 on Saturday for third place.

Norton boys 66

Kats 3 2 1-2 13, Jared Foley 20 0-0 4, Roeder 3 0-1 6, Overlease 1 0-0 2, Maddy 6 0-1 13, Morse 1 1 10-0 5, Shirk 1 0-0 2, Sloan 7 0-2-2 16, Vincent 2 0 1-2 5, Totals 26 3 5-8 66

Stockton boys 39

B. Kriley 4 0-2 8, I. Earl 0 1 0-0 3, Bennett 2 0-0 4, Weiser 0 0 2-2 2, Beougher 1 0-0 2, Brown 7 0 6-9 20, Totals 14 1 8-13 39.



Anna Berry, Norton's 5'10" senior center, gets loose underneath the basket to score during the Lady Jays' 54-34 Mid-Continent League Tournament victory over Hill

City in the NCHS Memorial Gym last night. Berry scored 7 points and had 8 rebounds.

— Photo by Dick Boyd

Lady Jays step up level of play to beat Hill City

By DICK BOYD

Coach Kevin Jilka's Norton Community High School girls basketball team stepped up their level of play last night in Norton and the result was a 54-34 victory over Hill City in the consolation bracket of the Mid-Continent League Tournament.

The Lady Jays will play Victoria, a 52-49 winner over Stockton, at 12 noon on Saturday in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays for fifth place.

"We decided to play more girls tonight and increase the tempo. When girls needed a break, we substituted," said Coach Jilka. "Everyone played hard and we did a lot of good things. Everyone off the bench contributed.

"We stressed being aggressive and went after them with a full court press right from the start. Our man-to-man defense was very ef-

fective."

All 12 players on the tournament squad saw action in the game and nine of them scored.

Norton led by a score of 12-11 after one quarter but a 17-9 second quarter in the Lady Jays' favor put them ahead 29-20 at halftime. Norton outscored Hill City 13-8 in the third period to extend their lead to 42-28 with one stanza remaining. The Lady Jays added 12 more points in the final period while limiting Hill City to 6.

Sophomore center Chelsea Cox had a big night offensively as she hit 18 points on 7 of 17 shots from the field for 41 percent accuracy and 4 of 9 free throws for 44 percent. Senior center Anna Berry and sophomore guard Karlie Jones each scored 7 points. Berry hit 3 of 8 shots from the field for 38 percent and 1 of 2 free throw attempts. Jones swished 1 of 2 from beyond the arc for 50 percent, 2 of 4 two-point shots for 50 percent and 3 of 6 overall for 50 percent accuracy.

Sophomore center Becca Ebert

hit three baskets in Norton's 17 point second quarter. She was 3 for 4 for 75 percent shooting.

Leading scorer for Hill City was senior Erin Niehaus with 14 points.

As a team, Norton outshot Hill City 43 percent to 36 percent. The Lady Jays hit 3 of 10 from long range for 30 percent, 20 of 44 two-point attempts for 45 percent and 23 of 54 overall for 43 percent.

Hill City hit 13 of 36 two-point tries for 36 percent and did not take any trey shots. From the free throw line, Norton swished 5 of 14 for 36 percent and Hill City connected on 8 of 13 for 62 percent.

The Lady Jays outrebounded the Lady Ringnecks 30-23. Norton grabbed 14 offensive and 16 defensive caroms compared to 5 offensive and 18 defensive for Hill City.

Cox was the leading rebounder for Norton with 12, followed by Berry, 8; Jones, 4; Amber Engelbert, 3; Ebert, 2; Klaire Mann, 1.

Seven different ladies had at least one offensive assist in the game out of Norton's total of 18. Whitney Newell was the leader with 6, followed by Cox, Ebert and Stacy Reeves, 3 each; Mann, Chelle Donovan, Engelbert, 1 each. Hill City had 10 assists.

The Lady Jays had 10 steals compared to 6 for the Lady Ringnecks. Engelbert was the leader with 3 thefts, followed by Jones, 2; Newell, Cox, Donovan, Ebert and Berry, 1 each.

Norton had 14 turnovers and Hill City had 19.

Norton girls 54

Newell 1 10-0 5, Cox 7 0-4 9 18, Overlease 1 0-0 2, Donovan 1 0 0-0 2, Ebert 3 0-0 6, Wolf 1 0-0 2, Jones 2 1 0-3 7, Engelbert 1 1 0-0 5, Berry 3 0 1-2 7, Totals 20, 3 5-14, 54

Hill City girls 34

Niehaus 6 0 2-3 14, Long 1 0 2-3 4, Hanna 1 0 0-0 2, Alexander 0 0 1-2 1, Day 1 0 2-3 4, Breese 4 0 0-8 13, Miller 0 0 1-2 1, Totals 13 0 8-13 34

BOWLING

STARDUST LEAGUE

Standings Jan. 5 — FSBT, 15-1; First State Bank, 8-8; LuJons, 8-8

High Line: Dana Knapp, 207; Cindy Linner, 193; Bev Miller, 187; High Line Handicap: Dana Knapp, 256; Janice Russell, 222; Cindy Linner, 219; High Series: Bev Miller, 508; Cindy Linner, 506; Janice Russell, 500; High Series Handicap: Janice Russell, 623; Cindy Linner, 584; Dana Knapp, 583

Results Dec. 29 — High Line: Bev Miller, 240; Jennifer Schemper, 221; Becky Williams, 201; High Line Handicap: Bev Miller, 266; Jennifer Schemper, 263; Becky Williams, 226; High Series: Bev Miller, 587; Jennifer Schemper, 557; Becky Williams, 527; High Series Handicap: Jennifer Schemper, 683; Bev Miller, 665; Becky Williams, 602

LADIES INTER-CITY

Standings Jan. 5 — Superior Livestock, 8-0; Mortensen's Computer, 6-2; Nelson Bros., 3-5; Jamboree, 3-5; Land Surveyors, 2-6

High Game Scratch: Ramona McKinley, 196, 171; Vida Perrill, 168; High Series Scratch: Ramona McKinley, 506; Olivia Krehbiel, 425; Laura Leidig, 411; High Game Handicap: Ramona McKinley, 229; Vida Perrill, 216;

Geneva Persinger, 206; High Series Handicap: Ramona McKinley, 605; Olivia Krehbiel, 557; Vida Perrill, 552

Results Dec. 29 — High Game Scratch: Laura Leidig, 186; Kathleen Berlier, 164; Jean Johnson, 161; High Series Scratch: Kathleen Berlier, 471; Laura Leidig, 451; Olivia Krehbiel, 448; High Game Handicap: Laura Leidig, 214; Jean Johnson, 212; Kathleen Berlier, 206; High Series Handicap: Kathleen Berlier, 597; Olivia Krehbiel, 583; Jean Johnson, 555

TUESDAY NIGHT MENS

Results Dec. 30 — High Handicap Game: Nate Davis, 216; Rick Green, 214; Vance Poage, 196; Merrill Tibbetts, 189; Kem Kindall, 189; High Scratch Series: Rick Green, 550; Vance Poage, 511; Joel Duscher, 507; Rusty Miller, 505; High Handicap Game: Nate Davis, 262; Rick Green, 250; Merrill Tibbetts, 237; Vance Poage, 236; High Handicap Series: Rick Green, 658; Rusty Miller, 652; Vance Poage, 631; Merle Hawks, 628

Annual youth games to be held

The 10th annual Holdrege Becton Dickinson Youth Basketball Tournament for girls and boys in fifth and sixth grades will be Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6.

For seventh and eighth graders, the tournament will be Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20.

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