

Norton boys hold off Oberlin

By DICK BOYD

Coach Doug Reusink's Norton Community High School boys basketball team defeated Oberlin 61-35 on Jan. 6 in Oberlin but received a scare from the Red Devils before pulling out a 42-36 win on Tuesday night in the Norton Community High School Memorial Gym.

With Egan Grafel, Oberlin's 6'7" senior center, leading the way, the visitors took a 12-9 lead by the end of the first quarter. Grafel, who came into the game averaging 26.2 points and 13.6 rebounds per game, hit three baskets in the first period and two in the second period when Norton outscored Oberlin 11-10 to narrow the Red Devils' lead to 22-20 at halftime.

Norton received balanced scoring in the first half. Junior guard Aaron Overlease hit a trey in the first quarter and a trey and two-point shot in the second stanza. Senior center Jered Sloan swished a basket in each quarter while senior forward Dan Roeder, senior forward Brian Luft, junior center Ryan Maddy and sophomore center Heath Vincent each hit baskets.

Defense was the name of the game in the second half as the Blue Jays put together two more 11 point quarters while limiting the Red Devils to just 2 points on two free throws in the third quarter and 12 points in the fourth quarter on three field goals, two of them treys, and two free throws. Grafel did not hit a field goal in the second half. His only points came on two free throws in the third period for Oberlin's only points.

Sloan and Maddy warmed up for Norton in the second half, each hitting four field goals.

Norton held a 37-28 lead with just 1:35 left in the game but junior Lance Fortin buried a three-point basket and Oberlin got the ball back after junior guard Aaron Overlease hit a free throw for Norton.

Senior Matt Mondero ripped the nets from long range with 1:12 showing and suddenly Norton's lead had been reduced to 38-34. Brian Luft and Kyle Kats each hit a free throw to make it a 40-34 game but Jason Thomas connected on two free tosses for the Red Devils with 24 seconds remaining to make it 40-36.

It was the Red Devils' last hurrah, however, as the Blue Jays took the ball down court and, just before the final buzzer, Overlease lofted a pass to Sloan and he went high to jam the ball home to the delight of the large contingent of Blue Jay fans!

"We stepped up our defense in the third quarter," said Coach Reusink. "We also decided to work the ball inside more against their zone defense to mix things up instead of just passing around the perimeter."

"Our bench came in and gave us spark here and there."

"We didn't shoot free throws real well down the stretch but it



Jered Sloan, Norton's 6'4" senior center, put an exclamation point on the Blue Jays' win over Oberlin here Tuesday evening when he jammed home an alley oop pass from teammate Aaron Overlease at the buzzer!

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Lady Jays take big, early lead in Tuesday win over Oberlin

By DICK BOYD

Coach Kevin Jilka's Norton Community High School girls basketball team made amends for allowing Oberlin to rally for a 55-52 overtime win on Jan. 6 in Oberlin when they jumped out to a big lead and held off the Lady Red Devils for a 54-40 victory on Tuesday in the high school gym.

In the Jan. 6 loss, Norton held quarter leads of 12-8, 25-19 and 34-29 but Oberlin's full court press forced Norton turnovers and sophomore guard Whitney Newell had to hit a basket at the buzzer to tie the score at 45-all and send the game into overtime, where the Lady Red Devils prevailed.

On Tuesday evening, the Norton girls made up their minds that this scenario would not repeat.

With five different players scoring, led by sophomore center Chelsea Cox's three field goals and sophomore guard Karlie Jones' two-point basket and three-point basket, the Lady Jays tallied 19 points in the first quarter and limited Oberlin to just 6 points on three baskets.

Although Norton's point production dropped to 11 points in the second quarter, the Lady Jay defense held Oberlin to just 5 points on two baskets and a free throw to take a 30-11 halftime lead. Jones scored 7 of Norton's points in the second period on another two-point and three-point basket and two free throws.

Both teams scored 11 points in the third period and the Lady Jays still led by 19 points with one quarter left. The Lady Red Devils put up a lot of shots in the final stanza, many of their attempts coming from long range. They hit 4 of 29 three-point attempts in the game and all four successful shots came in the fourth quarter when they hit 18 points. The Blue Jays hit 13 points of their own, which was plenty to hold off the rally attempt by the visitors from the Northwest Kansas League. Cox hit all three of Norton's baskets in the fourth period as the Lady Jays swished 7 of 12 free throws in the period.

"We played great for two and one-half quarters but ended fighting for our lives," said Coach Jilka. "We didn't respond well to them making a run at us. We need to learn to put teams away. We must make better decisions when teams get close."

"You have to give Oberlin credit. They played hard and we didn't handle their pressure as well as I'd like to see."

"But, it was a nice win and we are getting better."

Norton extended their record to 9-6 and Oberlin fell to 7-9.

The Lady Jays received scoring from the paint and from the perimeter once again. Jones was the points leader as she hit 2 of 4 from long range for 50 percent, 4 of 8

from two-point land for 50 percent and 6 of 12 overall from the field. She was 6 of 11 from the free throw line to total 20 points in the game.

Inside, Cox hit 7 of 8 from the field for a sizzling 88 percent accuracy and 14 points.

Senior center Anna Berry also shot well. She hit 4 of 8 from the field for 50 percent and 1 of 2 charities for 9 points.

Oberlin's points came mostly from the perimeter. Senior Abby Ream and junior Jamie Elwood each hit 10 points for the Lady Red Devils.

As a team, Norton shot very well. The Lady Jays hit 3 of 7 from beyond the arc for 43 percent, 16 of 28 two-point attempts for 57 percent and 19 of 35 overall for an excellent 54 percent accuracy.

Meanwhile, Oberlin swished just 4 of 29 from long range for 14 percent, 12 of 32 two-point shots for 38 percent and 16 of 61 overall for just 26 percent.

The Lady Jays scored on 13 of 28 free throws for 46 percent while the Lady Red Devils connected on just 4 of 10 for 40 percent.

Norton grabbed 4 offensive and 29 defensive rebounds for 33 total. Oberlin pulled down 17 offensive and 15 defensive caroms for 32 total.

Cox had a double-double as she pulled down 12 rebounds in addition to scoring 14 points. Berry grabbed 6 caroms, followed by Jones, Newell, 5 each; Amber Engelbert, 4; Becca Ebert, 1.

Norton had 17 offensive assists. Newell and Jones led with 5 each, followed by Engelbert, 4; Berry, 2; Cox, 1. Oberlin recorded 11 assists.

Norton had 4 steals and Oberlin had 9. Cox was the leader in thefts with 2; Jones and Berry had 1 each.

The Lady Jays had 23 turnovers and the Lady Red Devils had 17 turnovers.

Junior varsity results

Coach George Rossi's Norton junior varsity girls team lost a 30-28 game to Oberlin.

Norton led by quarters 13-8, 19-14 and 24-16 but was outscored 14-4 in the fourth quarter.

Leading scorer for Norton was Stacy Reeves with 8 points, followed by Dane'e Payne, 6; Amber Overlease, 4; Chelle Donovan, Becca Ebert, 3 each; Klaire Mann, Darci Darling, 2 each.

Tricia Dorshorst led Oberlin with 12 points.

"This was not one of our better games," said Coach Rossi. "We played good for about three quarters. In the fourth quarter, we lost our poise and made very poor decisions. We need to get over bad habits in order to get better in the future."

Next action

The Norton basketball teams will travel to Plainville today for Mid-Continent League action. Freshmen games have been canceled. Games will begin at 4 p.m. with the Junior Varsity girls contest. All games will be played in the high school gymnasium.

Norton girls 54

Newell 10-4-76, Cox 7-0-6-14, Jones 4-2-6-11-20, Engelbert 0-1-2-25, Berry 4-0-1-29, Totals 16-3-13-28-54

Oberlin girls 40

Dorshorst 1-1-0-0-5, Fortin 2-0-2-4, Elwood 2-2-0-2-10, Karnopp 3-0-0-0-6, Ream 2-1-3-4-10, Stapp 2-0-1-2-5, Totals 12-4-4-10-40



Sophomore guard Karlie Jones brings the ball down court for Norton during the Lady Jays' 54-40 victory over Oberlin here on Tuesday evening. Jones was a real leader for the Lady Jays. She hit 50 percent for the night in scoring a game-high 20 points, pulled down 5 rebounds and recorded 5 assists. On defense for Oberlin was Leah Marietta (No. 10).

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Wrestlers beat Ellis and Plainville

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School wrestling team tuned up for Saturday's Panther Classic Tournament in Phillipsburg with impressive wins over Ellis and Plainville on Friday in Ellis.

Win over Ellis

In the first dual of the evening, Norton wrestled the home team and crushed the Railroaders 67-0. Results were as follows:

103 — Kent Mann pinned Dusty Unrein, 3:55; 112 — Clay Madden pinned Brian Keller, 1:58; 119 — Nathan Broeckelman won a 10-2 major decision over Adam Walz; 125 — Curtis Black won a 9-7 decision over John Kroeger; 130 — James Annon won a 16-7 major decision over Clay King; 135 — Lance Roe won a 22-7 technical fall over Cole King; 140 — Scott Goldsby pinned Dustin Cross, 3:15; 145 — Jeremy Harding pinned Glenn Lacy, 43 seconds; 152 — Korey Look won by forfeit; 160 — C.J. Thiele pinned Aaron Honas, 2:56; 171 — Bo Pfannenstiel pinned Justin LaBarge, 3:28; 189 — Josh Green won by forfeit; 215 — both teams were open; 275 — Michael Sprigg won a 5-3 decision over Ryan Honas.

"We wrestled very well tonight



against Ellis," said Coach Johnson. "We had an amazing 35-2 takedown advantage. We totally dominated on our feet."

"Curtis Black had a good win and Michael Sprigg wrestled much better. He scored two takedowns to beat Honas."

In the only junior varsity match, Jared Bebb lost a 5-2 decision to Catlin Zahorsky.

Victory over Plainville

Norton won four weight classes by forfeit. Winning without wrestling were Kent Mann, 103; Jared Bebb, 119; Jon Harding, 130 and Josh Green, 189. A.J. Garcia, Plainville, won by forfeit at 215 and both teams were open at 125 pounds.

In the final dual of the evening, Plainville edged Ellis 39-36.

135 pounds.

The Blue Jays' next victory was at 152 pounds where Jordon Haussermann pinned Seth Brin in 1:29.

C.J. Thiele followed at 160 pounds with a 7-0 decision over Conner McMullen.

Norton's third straight victory came at 171 pounds when Bo Pfannenstiel decisively Tyler Brungardt 8-3.

Michael Sprigg put the icing on the cake at 275 pounds when he pinned Ben Ruder in just 57 seconds.

At 112 pounds, No. 1 state ranked Clay Madden suffered his first defeat of the year when he lost a 10-6 decision to No. 2 state ranked Paul Owings.

Scott Goldsby lost his 140 pound match to Adam Meyers by a 9-2 score.

At 145 pounds, Jeremy Harding lost a 4-1 decision to Catlin Zahorsky.

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