

# Norton will play final regular season game

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School football team will travel to Ellis this evening for an important Mid-Continent League game which will also be the final regular season contest.

The outcome of the game will make a lot of difference in the final league standings. Both teams bring a 3-2 record into the contest but Norton is 3-1 in the league and Ellis is 2-2. The Blue Jays lost to Oakley of the Northwest Kansas League and to league powerhouse Smith Center. Both Oakley and Smith Center are state ranked. The Blue Jays have defeated Plainville, Osborne and Stockton. The Railroaders defeated Hill City 27-0 in their season opener, then defeated Stockton 21-6. They lost their third game to a strong Phillipsburg team by a 48-6 score then recorded their second shutout of the season when they defeated Quinter 10-0. Last Friday night, Ellis lost 27-0 to a Trego team which has been slowed by injuries but is finally healthy.

Norton's win over Stockton was 21-0 last Friday which compares very closely with Ellis's 21-6 win over the Tigers. Stockton was the only common foe so far this season of the two teams.

Ellis has six returning starters and six additional lettermen. Returning starters are Cole Erbert, 5'10", 175 pound sophomore quarterback and linebacker; Daren Haas, 5'10", 170 pound junior running back and defensive back; Eric Gaschler, 5'9", 175 pound junior running back and linebacker; Jerome Gottschalk, 6'1", 180 pound senior wide receiver and defensive back; Brett Mickelson, 6'0", 185 pound sophomore offensive and defensive lineman and Cory Mickelson, 5'9", 245 pound senior offensive lineman.

Haas was honorable mention all-Mid-Continent League on both offense and defense last season. He gained 813 yards rushing in his sophomore season. Haas ran for one of the Railroaders' touchdowns against Stockton. Erbert passed for one touchdown and ran for another in the win over the Tigers. Gaschler ran for the only touchdown against Quinter and also kicked a 24 yard field goal.

The Blue Jays are rebuilding from last season's senior dominated squad. Senior quarterback Seth Mills, in his first starting season, has completed 62.3 percent of his passes in the first five games. He has passed for 471 yards or an average of 94.2 yards per game.

Senior tight end Justin Shirk is his leading receiver with 15 catches for 229 yards and two touchdowns. He averages 15.3 yards per catch and 45.8 yards receiving per contest.

The Norton defense, which has limited opponents to an average of just nine first downs, is led by senior tackle Blake Hillebrand with 44 tackles. He is followed by senior linebacker Ryan Maddy with 34 stops and senior tackle Michael Sprigg with 31 tackles.

With the return of sophomore punter and kicker Chris Davis to the lineup after recovery from an injury, Coach Graber told the Blue Jay Booster Club on Wednesday evening that his Blue Jays are in good physical condition for the contest. He cautioned, however, that we must continue to improve. "We need to be more consistent offensively," said Coach Graber. "Our defense is playing well and must continue to do so."

Coach Graber said Ellis will run a multi-formation offense and an unusual 5-3 defense with the ends playing like linebackers and only three down linemen.

"We must go ready to play hard on both offense and defense and cut down on mistakes," said Coach Graber.

# Jays JV football team wins again

By DICK BOYD

Coach Lucas Melvin's Norton Community High School junior varsity football team extended its season record to 4-1 with a 30-8 victory over Stockton on Monday in Stockton.

The young Blue Jays received the opening kickoff and drove down the field to score. Todd Bolt set up the touchdown with a 46-yard run to the 10-yard line, then tallied from the 10. Quarterback Logan Kats passed to Adam Krebsbach for the two-point conversion and Norton led 8-0.

The Blue Jay defense limited the Tigers to a few yards on their first possession, forcing them to punt. Kats passed to Jared Cox for 22 yards to put the Norton offense in scoring position once again. On the next play, Krebsbach ran the ball into the end zone on a fullback dive from 30 yards out. The Blue Jays were unable to earn two extra points, making the score 14-0.

Stockton's next possession ended with a fumble forced by Nic Lewis and recovered by Brian Sproul. Several plays later, Sproul scored on a fullback dive and also added the two-point conversion, extending the Norton lead to 22-0. Lewis sacked the Stockton quarterback to end the first quarter.

To start the second quarter, the Blue Jays forced Stockton to punt and Nathan Broeckelman returned the ball for 15 yards. Bolt displayed power running, carrying Tiger defenders on his back, as the Jays moved downfield. The drive was stopped, however, by Norton's first mental mistake of

the game. Kats kept the ball on the option and tried to pitch the pigskin to Bolt but overthrew him. A Tiger picked up the ball and ran it into the end zone for Stockton's only touchdown. They tallied two extra points, making the score 22-8.

The Blue Jays responded with another touchdown.

Norton scored on a 20-yard pass from Kats to Wes Georgeson, who was wide open in the end zone. Norton added the two-point conversion, extending the Blue Jay lead to 30-8. Shane Mapes sacked the Tiger quarterback to end the first half.

The third quarter began on another positive note for the Jays as Matt Engel and Preston Herman sacked the Stockton quarterback on two consecutive plays. The Tigers were forced to punt but the ball was fumbled by Broeckelman and recovered by Stockton. On first down, the Tigers fumbled the pigskin back to the Blue Jays. Norton was forced to punt and Stockton was on offense again. Engel broke through the Tiger line for his second quarterback sack of the game to end the third quarter with the Jays leading 30-8.

The two teams traded possessions during the scoreless fourth quarter. The Norton freshmen saw a lot of playing time in both the third and fourth quarters.

"We didn't take as many older players to this game," said Coach Melvin. "I thought our young players did great. They have really improved."

"The first quarter was our best

quarter of the season. We moved the ball well and held them to nothing. We did let down some in the second half but, overall, played very well tonight."

The Norton junior varsity football team will play their final game of the season on Monday when they host Phillipsburg at Travis Field.

Kickoff will be at 6:30 p.m.

# Lady Jays volleyball plays league action

By DICK BOYD

Coach Jill Lively's Norton Community High School varsity girls volleyball team defeated Smith Center and lost to Trego on Tuesday in Mid-Continent League action in WaKeeney.

**Match with Trego**

Norton played Trego first and lost 11-25, 19-25.

"The match with Trego was not a good one for us," said Coach Lively. "Our serving percent met our team goal but we usually have a lot more aces. We were able to pass freeballs with fairly good accuracy but failed to convert those to kills."

"Defensively, we were sluggish. We were just going through the motions in this match and it showed in our lack of enthusiasm."

Team statistics were: serving, 90 percent; hitting, 77 percent, 5 percent kills; defense, 1 block, 6 digs.

Individual leaders were: Amber Engelbert and Klaire Mann, 100 percent; Whitney Newell, 3 aces, serving; Amanda Antrim led in service reception, passing; Chelsea Cox, 6 assists; Casey Carter, 5 assists, setting; Becca Ebert, 5 kills, hitting; Cox, 1, blocking; Engelbert, 4, digs.

**Win over Smith Center**

Norton defeated Smith Center 25-12, 25-18.

"This match was a complete turnaround," said Coach Lively. "This is the team we've been waiting for. We served with purpose, racking up 10 aces. Our passing game was right on the money."

"Our setters ran the offense beautifully and our hitters found every hole in the Smith Center defense. Although we didn't get many blocks, our blockers did their job of taking away a section of the court so the defense could work smoothly."

Team statistics were: serving, 92 percent, 10 aces; hitting, 81 percent, 23 percent kills; defense, 2 blocks, 18 digs.

Individual leaders were: Engelbert, Mann, Newell, 100 percent; Rachael Lentz, 5 aces, serving; Danielle LeClair, 2.6 on 3.0 scale, passing; Carter, 9 assists; Cox, 7 assists, setting; Cox, 6 kills; Newell, 5 kills, hitting; Lentz,

By DICK BOYD

Coach Jim Green's Norton Community High School junior varsity girls tennis team placed fifth in the Colby Junior Varsity Invitational Tournament on Saturday in Colby.

Garden City won the championship with 45 points, followed by Scott City, 42; Phillipsburg, 40; Colby Black, 38; Norton, 32; Colby Orange, 29; Liberal, 14; Tribune, 6.

"Weather conditions were not ideal," said Coach Green. "It was very cold in the morning and we had to play in a strong south wind all day."

"We had a great win early in the day by our No. 2 doubles team of Claudia Lacy and Lisa Jones over Scott City, the No. 1 seed in our pool. We received a big blow, however, when Samantha Brasted fell on the court and hurt her shoulder during the semi-final match in No. 1 singles. She had to forfeit her final match and placed fourth."

"Overall, we played well in this final season competition for us."

Brasted lost 1-6 to Bailey Klinger, Colby Orange; received a bye and defeated Devon Box, Liberal, 6-0, to advance to cross-bracketing where she lost to Leah Williams, Garden City. She was trailing 1-5 when she hurt her shoulder and could not continue. She was scheduled to play Trisha Henderson, Scott City, for third place but had to forfeit.

In No. 2 doubles, Lacy and Jones won 6-5(7-1) over Jerica Vancampen and LaTacha West, Scott City; won 6-0 over Jessica Lash and Brittney Newacheck, Liberal, and won 6-5(7-1) over Jushine Kropp and Flory Ferreira, Colby Black, to finish 3-0 in pool play. In the cross-bracketing, they played the Garden City team of Rita Perez and Vanessa Reyes, who placed second in their pool, and lost 1-6. They played the same Scott City team they had beaten earlier for third place but lost 2-6 to them.

Norton's No. 1 doubles team of Kayleigh Brooks and Brianne Nelson placed fifth. They lost 3-6 to Rashaun Wilson and Angela Rasmussen, Colby Black; lost 4-6 to Amie Kenney and Kali Asher, Phillipsburg; and won 6-1 over



Norton senior doubles player Sara Johnson concentrates as she returns the ball during a match in the Phillipsburg Quadrangular Tennis Tournament in Phillipsburg on September 14. Johnson teamed with senior Keesha Holste to go 4-1 and place second in the Mid-Continent League Tournament last Saturday in Phillipsburg. Johnson and Holste and the rest of the Lady Jay varsity will compete in the Regional Tournament on Monday in WaKeeney. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Morgan Allaman and Steph Piper, Liberal, in pool play. In cross-bracketing, they drew a bye and played Kayla Yorten and Brittany Wendt, Tribune, for fifth. They defeated the Tribune team 6-4.

Ashley Maybon placed fifth for Norton in No. 2 singles. She lost 3-6 to Santana McBride, Scott City; lost 4-6 to Katie Malmberg, Phillipsburg; and lost 5-6(4-7) to Stephanie Albers, Colby Black, in pool play. In cross-bracketing, she

won 6-0 over Ashlee Cranford, Liberal, to qualify for the fifth place match, which she won 6-0 over McBride of Scott City, who had beaten her in their first match.

**Rain out at Goodland**

The Norton junior varsity tennis team was scheduled to play in Goodland on September 21 but it was rained out and re-scheduled for last Thursday. Play began on Thursday but lightning and rain caused cancellation of the event.

match with Leoti around noon, followed by a match with Scott City. Bracket play will begin around 3 p.m.

Cox, 1 each, blocks; Cox, Lentz, 4 each; Newell, 3, digs.

The Norton varsity volleyball team will play in the Scott City

## Bulletin Board

### Business and Professional Directory

Your Guide to Services Available in Northwest Kansas

<p><b>Auto Service Repair</b></p> <p><b>Problem Solved!</b></p> <p>Complete Computer Diagnosis CAREFUL ATTENTION SETS OUR SERVICE SHOP APART FROM OTHERS</p> <p>-Tune-ups -Air Conditioner -Brakes -Exhaust System -Shocks -Radiator Repair</p> <p><b>WALTER</b> MOTOR COMPANY NORTON-1-800-479-3112 (877-3112)</p>	<p><b>Roofing Service</b></p> <p>Residential &amp; Commercial</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">ROOFING</h2> <p>Local <b>DURO-LAST</b> Contractor</p> <p><b>Murray Roofing</b></p> <p>740 E. 4th Colby, KS 67701</p> <p style="text-align: right;">785-462-6908 800-794-3204 Jeff Dreiling/Sales</p>
<p><b>Construction</b></p> <p><b>OVERLEASE CONSTRUCTION</b></p> <p>785-877-2115 410 South Street</p> <p><small>*Remodeling *Additions *Custom Cabinets Call Greg Overlease for all your carpentry needs</small></p>	<p><b>Dental Diagnosis</b></p> <p><b>Western Kansas Center for Comprehensive Dental Diagnosis &amp; Rehabilitation</b></p> <p><b>JEFFREY M. RAYL, D.D.S.</b></p> <p>1690 W. 4th, Colby • 460-3999 or Toll Free 1-866-305-3999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive bite analysis</li> <li>• TMJ/TMD diagnosis and rehabilitation</li> <li>• I.V. Sedation for all dental procedures including surgical removal of wisdom teeth</li> <li>• Detantl Implants: surgical placement and restoration</li> <li>• Complete endodontic services (root canal) molar &amp; anterior teeth</li> <li>• Laser cosmetic procedures</li> <li>• Laser periodontal (gum disease) therapy</li> <li>• Esthetic crown and bridge restorations; all ceramic (no metal)</li> <li>• General dental procedures; cleanings; tooth colored fillings, partial dentures, biologic dentures</li> </ul>

**GIVE YOUR BUSINESS THE ATTENTION IT DESERVES!!**

**CALL . . .**

Spaces Always Available:

1" per month — \$42.50  
2" per month — \$76.50  
3" — per month — \$103.50

## THE NORTON TELEGRAM

785-877-3361

# Philpot leading Pittsburg

Neal Philpot, former star quarterback for Norton Community High School, is continuing his football career as a premier senior quarterback for the unbeaten and No. 2 nationally ranked Pittsburg State.

The 6'4", 254 pound Philpot is the defending Offensive MVP of the MIAA and a returning All-American performer. After missing two games with a turf toe injury, he returned to lead his team to a record-setting 91-27 win over Missouri-Rolla on September 25. He accounted for 272 yards of total offense and five touchdowns in seven series played. Philpot was 8 of 14 passing for 193 yards, including three touchdowns on passes of 21, 70 and 51 yards. He added 79 yards on 10 rushing attempts, scoring twice on runs of 21 and 26 yards.

For his performance, Philpot was named MIAA Offensive Player of the Week.

His passing and rushing yards in the game moved him into fourth place on the MIAA's career total

offense list with 7,657 yards.

Pittsburg State rolled up 809 yards of total offense to break the league single-game record.

Last Saturday, Philpot led his team to their sixth straight win this season. The Gorillas defeated Washburn 70-14. Philpot rushed for 166 yards and passed for 84. With the victory, Pittsburg State moved up from No. 3 to No. 2 in the NCAA Division II poll behind top ranked Grand Valley State.

A fifth year player, Philpot is in his fourth season as starting Gorilla quarterback. He is considered to be the top option quarterback in Division II history. Philpot is a candidate for the Harlon Hill Trophy, the equivalent of the Heisman Trophy in Division I.

Pittsburg State will play at Emporia State on Saturday. Another former outstanding Norton high school player will be on the other side of the line. Joel Griffiths is a 285 pound freshman defensive lineman for Emporia State.