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By DICK BOYD

Coach Peggy Cox's Norton Community High School junior varsity girls volleyball team placed third in the Oberlin Invitational Tournament on Oct. 2 in Oberlin.

Hoxie

Norton lost to Hoxie 23-25, 19-25.

"This was our second time this season to play Hoxie in a tournament. Both times, the match could have gone either way," said Coach Cox. "This time it happened to go Hoxie's way.

"There weren't any glaring errors by our girls nor any spectacular plays that made Hoxie look that much better than us. It was a fairly even match on both sides."

Serving statistics were: Alexi Wolf, 13-13, 3 aces; Courtney Cox, 6-6; Naomi Streck, 5-5, 1 ace.

Lacey Roe and Amber Waggoner passed at a consistent level to the setters. Wolf and Cox had 6 and 4 assists, respectively. Streck had 5 kills, followed by Dana Hillebrand, 2; Courtney LeClair, Maggie Nielsen, Darci Darling and Brianna Felton, 1 each.

St. Francis

Norton defeated St. Francis 25-14, 25-17.

"Naomi Streck led the way with her serving. She was calm and collected at the service line and was a perfect 17-17 with three aces," said Coach Cox. "Naomi finished out both games with an ace."

Serving statistics were: Streck, 17-17, 3 aces; LeClair, 7-7, 2 aces; Darling, 7-8, 2 aces; Wolf, 8-10, 1 ace; Roe, 5-5, 1 ace.

"LeClair, Roe and Streck had a great day passing in this match," said Coach Cox. "They were very consistent."

Wolf had 5 assists and Cox had 3. Streck was kill leader with 3, followed by Darling and LeClair, 2 each; Nielsen and Hillebrand, 1 each.

Atwood

Norton defeated Atwood 25-6, 27-25.

"Courtney LeClair was our outstanding player in this match," said Coach Cox. "She served an amazing 17-18. In the first game alone, she went from rally point 12 to game-winning point and finished it out. Our girls on the bench were cheering her on as she calmlyaced one player after another.

"Alexi Wolf also added plenty of her serves to help. She was 11-11 with one ace.

"It was sweet revenge to beat Atwood this soundly after Tuesday night's loss."

Serving statistics were: serving, LeClair, 17-18, 11 aces; Wolf, 11-11, 1 ace; Streck, 7-7, 1 ace; Darling, 5-7, 1 ace.

"Lacey Roe had an exceptional game in passing," said Coach Cox. "She passed 18 passes that could be set with two or three options to the hitters. Amber Waggoner, Courtney Cox and Dana Hillebrand also aided the setter with consistent passes."

Cox had 6 assists and Wolf had 5. Streck continued to lead the way in kills with 4, followed by Darling and Nielsen, 3 apiece; Wolf and LeClair, 1 each.

Oberlin

Norton lost to Oberlin 25-19, 19-25, 20-25.

"This match was the most frustrating one of the day, not because we lost, but why we lost," said Coach Cox. "Fatigue was a major factor. Our girls were in control in the first game and then you could see our energy just disappear. We started making errors that we normally don't make and just couldn't seem to keep the momentum.

"We had talked at the Quinter Tournament about fatigue and how it can be a factor in tournaments but, until our girls realize how important proper amounts of sleep and nutrition are, we will struggle to finish strong in tournaments."

Serving statistics were: Roe, 11-11, 4 aces; LeClair, 10-12, 6 aces; Streck, 9-11, 3 aces; Wolf, 13-14, 1 ace.

"Cox, LeClair, Streck, Roe and Waggoner kept the ball alive for the setters by passing at a consistent level," said Coach Cox. "Wolf had 13 assists, which is phenomenal, and Cox had seven."

Kill leader was Hillebrand with 6 kills, followed by Streck, 4; Felton, 3; Nielsen, Wolf and LeClair, 2 apiece; Roe, 1.



The Huskies' Cody Lowry placed 25th at the Phillipsburg Invitational on Oct. 7. (Right) Northern Valley's Amanda Hopkins edges Norton's Amber Overlease at the finish of the girls race.

— Telegram photos by Susie Marble

Northern Valley Harriers compete in two invitationals

The Northern Valley cross country girls team placed 5th in the Phillipsburg Invitational on Oct. 7 and 12th in the Riley County Invitational on Oct. 9.

Phillipsburg

Natoma girls took first with 27 points, followed by Oberlin, 57 points; Osborne, 76; Hill City, 91; Northern Valley, 120; Trego, 124; and Stockton, 138.

In the 2 mile individual girls run, Janelle Fritz led the Huskies with a time of 15:22 for 15th place.

Amanda Hopkins clocked in at 16:03 for 27th place, while Joni Hilburn took 39th in 17:15. Lindsey Jessup crossed the finish line in 42nd at 18:20, Jessie Redeker took 44th in 18:51, and Jena Jessup placed 47th in 23:51.

Leading Northern Valley in the boys varsity 3.2 mile run was Bryce Marble, who clocked in at 20:09 for 8th place.

Cody Lowry was next in line with a time of 21:22 for 25th, while Casey Dole was right behind him, clocking in at 21:55 for 27th. Blake Johnson followed in 29th at 22:10.

"Overall we had average performances," said Coach Lonnie Brungardt. "But, we had two great performances by Janelle and Bryce who got into medal contention.

"We are getting closer to regionals and we need to step out of our comfort zone to get better."

Riley County

Riley County girls took first with 53 points, followed by Bennington, 109; Mission Valley, 111; Southeast of Saline, 125; Wakefield, 157; Rock Creek, 161; Washington, 192; Clifton Clyde,

221; Hanover, 229; Frankfort, 250; Pike Valley, 254; Northern Valley, 275;

V a l l e y Heights, 278; and Wabaunsee, 314.

Hopkins broke 15:00 in the girls 2 mile run, clocking in at 14:56 for 43rd place. Right behind her was Fritz in 44th with her second best time of 15:01.

Hilburn was next in line in 57th at 15:19, while L. Jessup crossed the finish line in 16:49 for 100th. J. Jessup had a season best time of 17:05 for 105th place.

Out of the 128 runners in the varsity boys 3.2 mile race, Marble grabbed 21st with a time of 19:05.

Dole crossed the finish line in 46th with a time of 20:14. Lowry came in 61st at 20:55 and Johnson took 99th in 23:03.

In the junior high boys run, Jacob Gallentine took 12th place with a time of 6:33, while Stanton Nelson clocked in at 6:48 for 17th place.

On the girls side, Christina Anderson led the pack in 9th with a personal record time of 7:10.

Behind her were Megan Cole in

11th at 7:16, Caitlyn Patterson in 13th with 7:26, and Alison Cole in 14th at 7:31.

In the open 400 meter run for second grade students and younger Clint Cole grabbed 3rd with a time of 1:26.

"I'm extremely pleased with everyone's performances at this meet," said Coach

Brungardt. "This was our best meet this season running against many tough competitors. It was the last meet for most of the junior high and I was very pleased with the participation and success they've all had. I hope to see them all back next year.

"As for the high school, we have one week before regionals and we have much needed work to meet our team goal and qualify for state."

The Husky Harriers competed in the Wheatland/Grainfield Invitational yesterday. Their next run will be at the regional competition on Oct. 23.



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