

# Norton girls beat Victoria

By DICK BOYD

Extending their season record to 10-2, Coach Kevin Jilka's Norton Community High School varsity girls basketball team rebounded from their loss to No. 7 state-ranked Goodland on Tuesday with a 70-53 Mid-Continent League win at Victoria on Friday.

The Lady Jays played four quarters of outstanding basketball and hit 58 percent from the field but did not really pull away from the Lady Knights until the final stanza.

"I wasn't sure how we would respond after Tuesday's loss but we reacted very well," said Coach Jilka.

"Offensively, we were very efficient all night long and did a lot of good things. Against their press, we did a great job of attacking it all night and scoring out of it.

"Defensively, we still need some work but we played better in the fourth quarter and that helped us win."

Junior center Chelsea Cox hit three baskets, junior center Becca Ebert added two baskets and junior guard Whitney Newell and senior forward Amber Engelbert each hit a basket as Norton took a 14-11 lead in the first quarter.

The Lady Jays had their best scoring quarter in the second stanza when they poured in 20 points. Victoria was not far behind, however, as the Lady Knights tallied 17 points and only trailed Norton by 34-28 at halftime.

Engelbert and Newell were on target from the perimeter in the second quarter. Newell swished two field goals and three free throws and Engelbert hit three baskets and two charities. Junior guard Karlie Jones gave a preview of things to come as she buried a three-point shot and Cox hit another basket.

Victoria wouldn't go away in the third quarter and Norton outscored them by just 18-16 to extend their lead to 52-44. Cox had a big quarter as she hit four baskets. Ebert swished two baskets. Newell, Jones and Engelbert each connected for a basket.

The fourth quarter belonged to the Lady Jays as they outscored the Lady Knights 18-10 to win by 16 points. Jones led the way offensively as she hit four baskets. Engelbert hit two baskets and two free throws and Cox hit two more baskets before fouling out.

Cox was leading scorer with 20 points on 10 of 15 baskets for 67 percent accuracy. Engelbert added 18 points on 7 of 8 from the field for a sizzling 88 percent and 4 of 5 from the field for 80 percent.

Jones scored 13 points on 1 of 3 from beyond the arc for 33 percent, 5 of 7 two-point shots for a net-smoking 71 percent and 6 of 10 overall for 60 percent marksmanship.

Newell tallied 11 points on 4 of 10 from the field for 40 percent and 3 of 4 charities for 75 percent.

Junior Chelsey Dreiling was leading scorer for Victoria with 11 points. Sophomore Kelsey Robben added 10 and senior Jessica Kuhn tallied 9.

As a team, Norton connected on 1 of 3 from beyond the arc for 33 percent, 30 of 50 two-point shots for an excellent 60 percent and 31 of 53 overall for 58 percent.

Victoria found the range on 3 of 5 treys for 60 percent, 16 of 50 two-point shots for 32 percent and 19 of 55 overall for 35 percent.

Norton swished 7 of 13 free throws for 54 percent compared to Victoria's 13 of 19 for 68 percent.

Norton was outrebounded 28-20. The Lady Jays pulled down 8 offensive and 12 defensive caroms and the Lady Knights grabbed 9 offensive and 19 defensive boards.

Cox was leading rebounder for Norton with 7, followed by Engelbert, 5; Newell, Klaire Mann, Ebert, 2 each; Amber Overlease, Jones, 1 each.

Norton had 10 steals and Victoria had 5 thefts. Jones was the Norton leader with 3, followed by Cox, Mann, 2 each; Newell, Jones, Jessi Duscher, 1 each.

The Lady Jays' offensive teamwork was evidenced by their 22 assists. Newell was the leader with

7, followed by Mann, Jones, 4 each; Engelbert, 3; Cox, Ebert, 2 each.

Victoria had 13 assists.

The Lady Jays had 14 turnovers and the Lady Knights turned the ball over 19 times.

### Junior varsity won

Coach George Rossi's Norton junior varsity girls basketball team defeated Victoria 35-26.

Norton held quarter advantages of 10-8, 19-14 and 22-18.

Chantille Campbell was leading scorer for Norton with 13 points, followed by Lacey Roe, 9; Maggie Nielsen, 5; Rachael Lentz, Klaire Mann, Amber Overlease Haley Jones, 2 each.

Kayla Schmidtberger and Christen Dinkel each scored 6 points for Victoria.

"Winning in Victoria is tough to do and we handled ourselves pretty well tonight," said Coach Rossi.

"Our girls all played really hard. Our bench did a great job with assists and steals.

"These girls are starting to play together better. We still have many things to improve on but this is a good group to work with."

### Next action

The Blue Jay basketball teams are scheduled to play at Smith Center today.

The junior varsity boys game will begin at 5 p.m. and will be held in the elementary school gym. The games in the high school gym will begin with the C-team girls game at 4 p.m. and be followed by the junior varsity girls, varsity girls and varsity boys games.

"We have a big game at Smith Center," said Coach Jilka. "Right now, we have the inside track in the race for the Mid-Continent League title but we need to play well at their place."

### GAME STATISTICS

#### Norton girls 70

	FGs	FTs	TP
	2s	3s	M-A
Whitney Newell	4	0	3-4 11
Chelsea Cox	10	0	0-3 20
Klaire Mann	0	0	0-1 0
Becca Ebert	4	0	0-0 8
Karlie Jones	5	1	0-0 13
Amber Engelbert	7	0	4-5 18
TOTALS	30	1	7-13 70

#### Victoria girls 54

	FGs	FTs	TP
	2s	3s	M-A
Leah Dinkel	0	2	1-2 7
Chelsey Dreiling	2	1	4-6 11
Christen Dinkel	1	0	0-1 2
Jessica Kuhn	4	0	1-2 9
Sheena Herl	2	0	3-4 7
Tara Schumacher	1	0	0-0 2
Kelsey Robben	4	0	2-2 10
Jaree Basgall	2	0	2-2 6
TOTALS	16	3	13-19 54



# Blue Jay boys get 48-43 win at Victoria

By DICK BOYD

Coach Doug Reusink's Norton Community High School boys varsity basketball team traveled to Victoria for Mid-Continent League play on Friday night and escaped with a hard-fought 48-43 win.

Although the Blue Jays led by nine points at halftime, the Knights outscored them by two points in the third quarter and four points in the final stanza to make it a tight contest.

Norton had trouble hitting the basket from the field. The Blue Jays swished just 32 percent compared to 39 percent accuracy by the Knights.

Senior forward Ryan Maddy got the Norton offense off to a good start by hitting four baskets and two free throws as the Blue Jays took a 15-10 lead in the first quarter. Senior guard Kyle Kats hit a basket and charity toss and junior center Heath Vincent hit what turned out to be his only basket of the night.

A 12-8 second quarter in Norton's favor put the Blue Jays on top 27-18 at intermission. Kats buried two shots from beyond the arc, junior guard Nathan Morse and senior forward Justin Shirk each hit a basket and Maddy tallied on another two-point try to close out the first half.

Norton was outscored 12-10 in the third period to make it a 37-30 contest. The Blue Jays hit just three baskets. Kats connected on another shot from beyond the arc, Maddy hit a basket and free throw, senior guard Aaron Overlease hit two charities and Shirk connected on another two-point try.

The Blue Jays hit more baskets than the Knights in the fourth quarter but were outscored 15-11 as the home team hit more free throws. Maddy closed out a 20 point night with two baskets and a free throw and Kats, Overlease and Shirk each hit a basket in the final stanza. Victoria hit 6 of 10 free throws.

"We have always had trouble going to Victoria and playing well and this time was no different," said Coach Reusink.

"We did a terrible job of defending the basketball and couldn't hit shots but we had some boys step up late and make some plays for us to get a win."

With the victory, Norton extended its record to 7-5.

Maddy's 20 points came on 8 of 23 from two-point range for 35 percent and 4 of 5 free throws for 80 percent accuracy. He missed his only trey try.

With Vincent unable to get free for shots inside, Kats made up the difference from the perimeter. He hit 14 points on 3 of 8 from long range for 38 percent, 2 of 6 two-point shots for 33 percent and 5 of 14 overall for 36 percent. He was 1 of 2 from the charity stripe for 50 percent.

Victoria had balanced scoring with three boys in double figures. Junior Jared VonFeldt and junior Clayton Hoffman each scored 13 points and senior James Brungardt added 10.

As a team, Norton connected on 3 of 15 from beyond the arc for 20 percent, 16 of 45 from two-point range for 36 percent and 19 of 60 overall for 32 percent.

Victoria swished 1 of 6 treys for 17 percent, 17 of 40 two-point shots for 43 percent and 18 of 46 overall for 39 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton connected on 7 of 9 for 78 percent and Victoria hit 8 of 12 for 67 percent.

The rebounding battle was about even. Norton pulled down 7 offensive and 23 defensive boards for 30 total. Victoria grabbed 2 offensive and 26 defensive caroms for 28 total.

Maddy was leading rebounder for Norton with 11, followed by Vincent, 9; Shirk, 4; Kats, Overlease, 2 each; Morse, Seth Mills, 1 each.

Norton had 10 steals in the game. Overlease led with 4 thefts, followed by Kats, 3; Morse, Mills, Maddy, 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 10 assists. Kats and Overlease led with 3 each, followed by Mills, Maddy, 2 each.

Norton had 12 turnovers and Victoria turned the ball over 17 times.

### Junior varsity contest

Coach David Stover's Norton junior varsity boys basketball team lost a 45-41 game to Victoria.

The Knights held quarter leads of 8-5, 17-15 and 30-26.

Leading scorer for Norton was Wes Georgeson with 15 points, followed by Jared Engelbert, 8; Preston Herman, Jared Cox, 7 each; Logan Kats, 3; Brian Juenemann, 1.

Taylor Lang led Victoria with 11 points.

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be followed by the junior varsity girls, varsity girls and varsity boys games.

### GAME STATISTICS

#### Norton boys 48

	FGs	FTs	TP
	2s	3s	M-A
Nathan Morse	1	0	0-0 2
Kyle Kats	2	3	1-2 14
Aaron Overlease	1	0	2-2 4
Ryan Maddy	8	0	4-5 20
Justin Shirk	3	0	0-0 6

Heath Vincent	1	0	0-0 2
TOTALS	16	3	7-9 48

#### Victoria boys 45

	FGs	FTs	TP
	2s	3s	M-A
Jared VonFeldt	6	0	1-2 13
Cody VonLintel	0	0	2-2 2
James Brungardt	3	1	1-2 10
Clayton Hoffman	5	0	3-4 13
Cade Scott	2	0	0-0 4
Greg Sander	1	0	1-2 3
TOTALS	17	1	8-12 45

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Normal High 41				Sunrise 7:41 to 7:47am		
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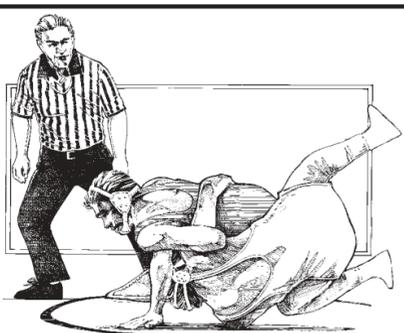
With plenty of sun this week, the local groundhog will likely see his shadow and crawl back into his hole to hibernate through six more weeks of winter. Highs will be 10-15 degrees above normal through Saturday and with the Jet track well to our north the area will remain storm free. A cold front Sunday will be our next chance for precipitation and colder weather. Will this front be the kicker needed for a colder and more active weather pattern for mid February? It's too early to tell but you can get an updated forecast on our web page or by listening to KXXX/Q100 radio!

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## Wrestling Friday, Feb. 4

5 P.M.-Duals at Ellis  
Norton vs. Ellis  
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Ellis vs. Plainville

Saturday, February 5  
Beginning at 9 A.M.

**Panther Classic**  
Varsity: Chuck Newlin Gym  
Junior Varsity: Auxiliary Gym  
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TEAMS COMPETING: Beloit, Colby, Ellis, Concordia, Ellsworth, Hill City, Hoxie, Lincoln, Minneapolis, Norton, Phillipsburg, Stockton



## Basketball Tues., Feb. 1

Norton Blue Jays  
VERSUS  
Smith Center Redmen  
AT SMITH CENTER

5 P.M.-Junior Varsity Boys-Elementary Gym  
4 P.M.-C Team Girls, Junior Varsity Girls  
Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys-High School Gym

Friday, February 4  
Norton Blue Jays  
VERSUS

Hill City Ringnecks  
5 P.M.-Junior Varsity Boys—  
Wilmeth Kirk Gym

4 P.M.-9th Girls, Junior Varsity Girls,  
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