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Junior center Becca Ebert (above) scores in the paint for Norton during the Lady Jays loss at Colby on Tuesday evening. Ebert was second leading scorer for Norton with 11 points. Also pictured are, from left, Norton's Klaire Mann, Colby's Lissa Mazanec, No.32 and Norton's Amber Engelbert. Norton junior guard Whitney Newell (left) breaks the Colby full-court press and drives down court. Newell was steals leader for Norton with three and assists co-leader with three. Trying to keep up with Newell on defense is Colby's Jessie Stephens, No.5.

Norton to play in post season

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High nals on Thursday in Cimarron and School boys basketball team is seeded No.1 and the NCHS Lady Jays quintet is seeded No.2 in the for the championship and a berth Class 3A Sub-State Basketball in the state tournament in Tournament which will be held in Hutchinson. Cimarron, following first round games on Monday and Tuesday.

Teams were seeded based on records as of Wednesday. **Girls Division**

Girls first round games are to be held on Monday at 7 p.m. on the higher seeded teams' floors with several exceptions. The Norton girls (15-4) are scheduled to play No.7 Hoisington (8-12) at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the NCHS Memorial Gym in Norton.

The Norton boys also play Hoisington on Tuesday so the Cimarron (8-11) at 6 p.m. No.2 change was made so Hoisington Holcomb (13-7) will host No.7 would only have to travel to Ellinwood (5-15) at 7 pm. on Mon-Norton one time.

No.1 seed Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays (16-3) will host No.8 Phillipsburg (5-15); No.4 Lakin (13-7) will host No.5 Ellinwood (12-8) at 5:30 p.m. in Holcomb and No.3 Holcomb (14-6) will host No.6 Cimarron (8-12) Hutchinson.

Winners will play in the semi-fithe semi-finals winners will play on Saturday at 6 p.m. in Cimarron

TMP-Marian is ranked No.6 in the state in Class 3A by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association and Norton is ranked No.10.

Boys Division

Boys first round games are to be held on Tuesday, with one exception. The Norton boys (13-6) will play No.8 Hoisington (3-17) at 7 p.m. in the NCHS Memorial Gym in Norton; No.4 seed TMP-Marian (11-8) will host No.5 Lakin (10-9) at 6:30 p.m. and No.3 Phillipsburg (13-7) will host No.6 day in Holcomb.

Winners will play in the semifinals on Friday in Cimarron and the semi-finals winners will play at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Cimarron for the championship and a berth in the state tournament in

- Telegram photos by Dick Boyd at 8:30 p.m.

Blue Jays' winning streak ends at Colby

By DICK BOYD

"This was as poorly as we have played in some time," said Coach Doug Reusink after his Norton Community High School boys varsity basketball team lost 52-39 at Colby on Tuesday evening, ending the Blue Jays' winning streak

at eight games.

After thrilling the home crowd with a 79-48 win over Ellis on Friday evening, the Blue Jays didn't

play with as much enthusiasm against the Eagles. Norton fell to 13-6 for the sea-

son and Colby extended their record to 11-9.

Norton trailed by just 24-22 at halftime but was outscored 12-5 in the third quarter to fall behind 36-27. Colby scored the first four points of the fourth period to take a 13 point advantage and Norton could not cut into that lead the rest of the game.

All night long, Colby found holes in the normally solid Blue Jay defense, many times for easy layins. Irvin Dinkel, Colby's 6foot-4-inch senior center, did most of the inside damage to the Norton defense. He continually got open and 1 of 2 from the free throw line 2 each; Preston Herman, 1. for easy shots and ended the game for 50 percent. with 18 points.

Things went down hill fast in the third quarter for the Blue Jays. Norton's only points came on two baskets by Maddy and a free throw by Kats. Meanwhile, Dinkel was pouring in eight of Colby's 12 points.

Norton was outscored 16-12 in the fourth quarter. Maddy buried two baskets from beyond the arc and a two-point field goal and Shirk hit two baskets.

Maddy was leading scorer for Norton with 19 points. He hit 3 of 5 from beyond the arc for 60 percent, 5 of 15 two-point shots for 33 percent and 8 of 20 overall for 40 percent accuracy. He missed his only free throw attempt.

Maddy was Norton's only double figure scorer.

Shirk finished with 9 points on 4 of 7 from the field for 57 percent

"We were not active on the de- from long range for 50 percent, 1

Shirk, 4; Kats, 3; Aaron Overlease, 2; Morse, Vincent, 1 each.

Norton had just 5 steals in the game. Kats had 4 thefts and Shirk had 1.

The Blue Jays recorded 10 offensive assists. Morse and Kats had 3 each, followed by Overlease, Maddy, 2 each.

Norton had 10 turnovers and Colby turned the ball over 11 times.

Junior varsity game

Coach David Stover's Norton junior varsity boys quintet lost to Colby 66-38.

Norton trailed by quarters 18-10, 42-20 and 61-27.

Leading scorer for Norton was Brian Juenemann with 13 points, followed by Logan Kats, Wes Georgeson, 9 each; Jared Cox, Logan Runnion, Jared Engelbert,

Trey Barnett and Ethan Stover Morse tallied 8 points on 2 of 4 each scored 12 points for Colby.

Next action

Norton girls fall to Colby

By DICK BOYD

It took awhile but Colby's girls basketball team, ranked No.6 in the state in Class 4A, finally pulled away from Coach Kevin Jilka's Norton Community High School girls, who are ranked No.10 in Class 3A, by a 51-38 score on Tuesday night in the Community Building in Colby.

and Colby extended their record to 17-3.

Norton trailed by just 11-7 after one quarter, 21-18 at half time and Norton with 12 points. She hit 4 of Eagles' favor allowed them to win stripe. by 13 points. Coach Jilka. "We just couldn't make easy shots. We did a nice job of executing our offense against their pressure but we just couldn't finish shots underneath and you can't do that against a team like Colby.

throws and junior guard Whitney 4; Amber Engelbert, 3; Newell, Newell hit her first basket of the Jones, 2 each. game.

Ebert had a big offensive third had 7 thefts. Steals leader for quarter as she hit four baskets and Norton was Newell with 3. fola free throw for 9 of Norton's 13 lowed by Cox, Ebert, Jones, 1 points. Newell and Jones each hit another basket.

Newell hit two baskets and Cox assists but the Lady Eagles had 20. Norton fell to 15-4 with the loss hit a field goal and free throw for Assists leaders for Norton were the Lady Jays' only fourth quarter Newell and Engelbert with 3 each, points.

Cox was leading scorer for each; Klaire Mann, 1.

goal, Cox hit a basket and two free Norton with 6, followed by Ebert,

Norton had 6 steals and Colby each.

The Lady Jays had 13 offensive followed by Cox, Ebert, Jones, 2

"Defensively, it wasn't one of our better efforts. Most nights we would have won with that effort but it wasn't good enough against Colby.

"We need to do a better job of transition defense down the road. We need to forget this game and concentrate on winning Thursday at Stockton. Our girls will bounce back."

Norton's seven points in the first quarter came on two baskets and Chelsea Cox and a basket by junior center Becca Ebert.

guard Karlie Jones buried a threepoint shot and a two-point field

Ebert tallied 11 points. She hit 5 "It wasn't a 13 point game," said of 7 attempts for 71 percent accuracy and was a perfect 1 of 1 from the free throw line.

7 for 57 percent accuracy.

Emily Sloan with 19 points.

from beyond the arc for 17 percent, 15 of 34 two-point tries for 44 percent and 16 of 40 overall for 40 percent.

shots for 75 percent, 20 of 39 twopoint attempts for 51 percent and 23 of 43 for 53 percent.

The Lady Jays were a free throw by junior center outrebounded 31-17. Norton at times. grabbed 3 offensive and 14 defensive caroms and Colby pulled couple of minutes at a time, then In the second quarter, junior down7 offensive and 24 defensive boards.

Blue Jay teams defeat Stockton Thursday

The Norton Community the first round of the Class 3A High School girls and boys var- Sub-State Basketball Tournasity basketball teams defeated Stockton last night in Stockton to complete their regular 2004'05 seasons.

The Lady Blue Jays won 60-30 to extend their season record Norton boys will play No.8 to 16-4.

The Blue Jay boys were 62-50 winners and they are now 14-6 for the season.

Both teams will play next in Tuesday's Norton Telegram.

38-31 after three quarters but a 13-9 field goal tries for 44 percent and Colby turned the ball over 15 7 fourth quarter score in the Lady was also 4 of 9 from the charity times.

Newell scored 8 points on 4 of

Leading scorer for Colby was

As a team, Norton hit just 1 of 6

Colby swished 3 of 4 long range

throws for 45 percent and Colby connected on 6 of 9 charities for 67 percent.

Cox was leading rebounder for

Norton had 14 turnovers and

Junior varsity game

Coach George Rossi's Norton junior varsity girls quintet lost to Colby 54-37.

The score was tied 10-all after one quarter but Colby outscored Norton 17-8 in the second quarter to take a 27-18 lead at intermission. Colby led 37-25 after three quarters.

Leading scorer for Norton was Chantille Campbell with 25 points.

Rishonna Martin and Tasha Wagoner each scored 17 points for Colby.

'We ran into a buzz saw," said Coach Rossi. "We could play with Norton swished 5 of 11 free Colby at times and then they would just put it to us.

"Our girls really need to work on dribbling and passing.

"Our defense was non-existent

"We would play well for a would play badly for a couple of minutes.'

Next action

The Norton girls are scheduled to play Hoisington at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the NCHS Memorial Gym in the first round of the Class 3A Sub-State Tournament.

Game statistics Norton girls 38

FGs	FTs	TP					
2s3s	M-A						
4 0	0-1	8					
4 0	4-9	12					
50	1-1	11					
2 1	0-0	7					
151	5-11	38					
Colby girls 51							
FGs	FTs	TP					
2s3s	M-A						
30	0-0	6					
12	0-0	8					
80	3-4	19					
30	2-2	8					
31	0-1	9					
0 0	1-2	1					
183	6-9	51					
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on the boards," said Coach Reusink.

"Some of our boys just didn't play well and that can't happen for us to be successful down the road.

"We must get tougher mentally."

Norton scored just seven points in the first quarter but Colby tallied just eight. Senior forward Justin Shirk hit two baskets and senior forward Ryan Maddy swished a three-point field goal for Norton's only points in the period.

The Blue Jays stayed close in the second quarter where Colby outscored them by just 16-15. Junior guard Nathan Morse scored eight of Norton's points on two baskets from beyond the arc and a two-point basket. Maddy hit two baskets, senior guard Kyle Kats hit his only basket of the game and Shirk swished a free throw.

fensive end and they beat us badly of 1 from two-point land for 100 percent and 3 of 5 overall for 60 percent accuracy.

> As a team, Norton hit just 5 of 15 from beyond the arc for 33 percent, 11 of 30 two-point tries for 37 percent and 16 of 45 overall for only 36 percent.

Colby was unsuccessful on all six shots from long range but hit an excellent 21 of 33 for 64 percent accuracy elsewhere on the hardwoods.

The Blue Jays went to the free throw line only five times and hit just two charities for 40 percent. The Eagles shot 15 charities and hit 10 for 67 percent.

Norton was outrebounded 24-21. Norton grabbed 4 offensive and 17 defensive caroms and Colby pulled down 6 offensive and 18 defensive boards.

Maddy was leading rebounder for Norton with 10, followed by

The Norton boys will begin Class 3A Sub-State Tournament play on Tuesday when they host Hoisington at 7 p.m. in the NCHS Memorial Gym.

Game statistics Norton boys 39

		FC	Зs	FTs	TP		
		2s	3s	M-A			
	Nathan Morse	1	2	0-0	8		
	Kyle Kats	1	0	1-2	3		
	Ryan Maddy	5	3	0-1	19		
	Justin Shirk	4	0	1-2	9		
	TOTALS	11	5	2-5	39		
Colby boys 52							
	-	F	Gs	FTs	TP		
		2s	3s	M-A			
	Jordan Sharp	2	0	0-0	4		
	Matt Augustine	1	0	7-8	9		
	C. Finley	3	0	0-2	6		
	Derek Elliott	3	0	1-3	7		
	Irvin Dinkel	8	0	2-2	18		
	R.J. Ladenburger	1	0	0-0	2		
	Trey Barnett	3	0	0-0	6		
	TOTALS	21	0	10-15	52		



Norton senior forward Ryan Maddy pulls down a rebound during the Blue Jays' loss at Colby on Tuesday evening. Maddy was leading rebounder for Norton with 10 and leading scorer with 19 points. Also pictured are, from left, Norton's Nathan Morse; Colby's Irvin Dinkel, No. 23 and Norton's Aaron Overlease, No.20.

Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Hoisington at 7 p.m. Complete results with pictures of last night's victories over Stockton will be in

ment on Tuesday in the NCHS

The No.2 seeded Norton girls

will play No.7 Hoisington at

5:30 p.m. and the No.1 seeded

Memorial Gym in Norton.