

Norton volleyball team defeats Osborne in opener

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School volleyball team defeated Osborne but lost to Colby in its season opener on Tuesday in Osborne.

Colby

In the opening match, Norton lost to Colby 25-14, 25-19.

"We had a slow start against Colby," said Coach Jill Lively. "Colby was playing well after coming off a win over Osborne and we came out a little hesitant and not real sure of our lineup.

"Although we tried two or three different lineups, our girls continued to communicate well and passed very well. We didn't make a lot of mistakes; we just weren't playing our best and our reaction time is a little slow this early in the season.

"Overall, we accomplished a lot and saw some things on which we need to work."

Statistic leaders were:
 • Serving — Alexi Wolf, 100 percent, and Chelsea Cox and Rebecca Ebert, one ace each
 • Passing - Danielle LeClair, 2.25, and Klaire Mann, 2 (on a scale of 3).
 • Setting - Wolf, 2.35, and Cox,

11 assists.

• Hitting - Rachael Lentz, four kills; Whitney Newell, Cox, Ebert, three each; and Naomi Streck, Mann and Darci Darling, one each.

• Blocking - Mann, Cox and Ebert, one each.
 • Defense - Mann, six digs; Lentz, three; LeClair, two; and Streck, Newell, Cox, one each.

Osborne

In their second match of the night, the Lady Blue Jays defeated Osborne 25-16, 25-16.

"This match was much better for us," said Coach Lively.

"We came out more alert and confident. We were hitting, passing and serving much closer to our goals.

"Osborne has a small team and they played great defense. Several times we really had to work at finding a hole to drop the ball into for a kill.

"I feel like we are physically in pretty good condition right now but the heat in the gym was starting to take its toll toward the end of the match.

"Once again, I was very happy with our communication on the court and the willingness of our

players to fill whatever position I put them in."

Statistic leaders were

• Serving - Streck, LeClair, 100 percent, and Wolf, 94 percent with two aces.

• Passing - Mann, 2.33; Amanda Antrim, 2.05; and Lentz, 2.

• Setting - Wolf, 2.5 with 10 assists, and Cox, five assists.

• Hitting - Cox, seven kills, Lentz, four; Streck, two; and Ebert, one.

• Blocking - Cox, one; defense - Antrim, 12 digs; Lentz, five; Mann, Cox, four each; Wolf, two; and Ebert, one.

Next varsity action for Norton will be Tuesday when Phillipsburg and Northern Valley come to town. Varsity matches will begin at 5 p.m. in the high school gym. The first match will feature Norton versus Phillipsburg and will be followed by Phillipsburg versus Northern Valley and Norton versus Northern Valley.

"This is one of only two home matches for our varsity team this season," said Coach Lively.

"I hope to see a lot of people supporting the Lady Jays on Tuesday."

C-team volleyball goes 2-1

By DICK BOYD

Coach Joan Bolt's Norton Community High School volleyball C-team defeated Colby and Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays and lost to McCook in the Colby Quadrangular on Tuesday in Colby.

McCook

Norton opened play with a 23-25, 20-25 loss to McCook.

"We had a very shaky start," said Coach Bolt. "We played nervous and gave McCook an 18-4 lead before settling down and playing volleyball.

"Our defense struggled on long hits but our serving kept us in the match."

Thea Wiseman led serves with 11 points and two aces, followed by Kayla Foley, six points, one ace and Wiyanna Paxton, five points, one ace.

Wiseman led setting with 13-15 and five assists, followed by Charli Lawson, 10-12 with four assists; Ashley Colip, 7-8, two assists.

Lacy Ellis, Ashli Hageman and Paxton led attacks with two each. Foley, Wiseman, Lawson and Amanda Delimont had one kill each.

Foley and Wiseman led passing.

Colby

Norton defeated Colby 22-25, 25-16, 15-13.

"We played much better in this match," said Coach Bolt.

"We started communicating better and, in turn, our play improved drastically. We had 20 more offensive attacks than in our first match. Our defense also improved a notch and it paid off."

Colip had a tremendous serving match with 21 points and nine aces. Hageman had four points and one ace, followed by Paxton, Delimont, two points each; Foley, Kylie Morel, Lori Ebner, Wiseman, Lacy Ellis and Lawson had one point each.

Wiseman set the ball with 25-28 good and seven assists. Colip was 18-20 with seven assists.

Ellis led attacks with seven kills, followed by Paxton, five; Wiseman, three; Foley, Colip, Delimont, one each.

Colip led saves with five. Delimont had one stuff.

Paxton, Colip and Taylor Rossi led passing.

Thomas More Prep-Marian
 In the final match of the day,

Norton outscored Thomas More Prep 25-22, 15-25, 15-12.

"We were slowing down a little bit and needed to focus on their play to finish on top," said Coach Bolt.

"Our passing was steadily improving and we were able to benefit offensively from that."

Foley and Colip led all scorers with seven points each, followed by Morel, four; Ellis, Hageman, two each; Ebner, Wiseman, Delimont, one point each.

Hageman led hitting with five kills, followed by Paxton, four; Foley, Delimont, Lawson, two each; Ellis, Colip, one a piece.

Ellis led passing.

Colip was tops in setting with 26-26 and seven assists. Wiseman was 21-26, six assists.

"It was a decent first performance for our girls," said Coach Bolt.

"We found some things to work on and we are looking forward to getting back on the court again."

The Norton C-team's next competition will be 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, when Norton hosts Plainville.

Former Blue Jay wrestler is international wrestling official

By DICK BOYD

Mark Anderson, Overland Park, a 1974 Norton Community High School graduate and former Blue Jay wrestler, has returned from Vilnius, Lithuania, the capital of the country, where he was one of two officials from the U.S. at the Military World Wrestling Championships.

The tournament ran August 11-20 with wrestlers from 23 countries.

After returning to America, Anderson spent some time in Norton visiting his grandmother Gweneth Cranmer.

Anderson was chosen to officiate at the world championships after officiating the first of April at the Armed Forces National Championships, which included wrestlers from the U.S. Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy.

For the last 12 to 14 years, Anderson has been an official in the Free Style and Greco-Roman National Wrestling Championships held each year in April in Las Vegas.

He also officiated in May at the Spanish Grand Prix wrestling tournament.

Anderson officiates at tournaments from kids wrestling through college. He has officiated at the Kansas State High School Activities Association Class 4-5-6A

State Wrestling Tournament the past two years.

He is also a high school and junior high football official.

As a junior, Anderson was a member of Norton's 1973 state championship wrestling team and placed second in the state his senior year at 185 pounds when the Blue Jays captured third place at state under the guidance of Coach Jake Durham.

Anderson's two sons are carrying on their father's wrestling tradition. Drew has been a student at

Norton man on winning team in golf tournament

Father Vincent Thu Laing of the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Norton was a member of the winning team in the first flight of the first annual "Scramble for Vocations" four-person golf tournament held August 5 at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course.

Other members of his winning team were Gale Hammerschmidt, a new seminarian for the diocese; Jim Dinkel and Ron Lehman.

Fifty-nine golfers came out for

the event on a beautiful fall day. Purpose of the scramble was to combine a social event with a vocational briefing and bring people together from around the Salina Diocese.

After the golf scramble, participants were invited to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Little Theater in Hays for a meal, prepared by the Knights of Columbus.

Keynote speaker for the vocational briefing was Bishop Paul Coakley.

High school volleyball adds new libero rule this year

The way high school volleyball is played in Kansas will be a little more complex starting this fall with the addition of a position known as the libero, pronounced "lee-bah-ro."

The Kansas State High School Activities Association approved the use of the libero at a board meeting held last April in Topeka, effective with the start of the school year.

"The 'libero' position is a back row player who is there only to pass and dig," said Norton Community High School Volleyball Coach Jill Lively.

"She isn't allowed to serve or attack the ball but she is free to come into and out of the game without using the substitution process.

The libero must wear a distinctly different jersey from her teammates to be readily recognizable by coaches and officials.

A team may designate only one libero per game, who must be listed on the lineup sheet before the game. She may not be part of the starting lineup, but may substitute in after the lineup



has been checked.

Although a team can have only one libero per game, it does not have to be the same player in subsequent games. A different libero can be designated for game two or three of a match, and the original libero can enter later games as a regular player.

During a game, the libero can replace any back row player except the server. When the libero comes out, she must wait for at least one serve to be played before returning. The player coming in for the libero must be the same one the libero replaced.

Libero substitutions will not count against the number of regu-

lar substitutions a team is allowed per game. The libero must enter and leave a game between the court's base and attack lines. She may not replace a disqualified player.

Using a libero is a coach's option. The coach may use a libero in the first game of a match and not the second, or vice versa. If a team does use a libero, that does not obligate the opposing team to use one as well.

"We will use it often since we have some great passers." Coach Lively said.

The use of a libero also adds a requirement for another game official. Each team that uses a libero must supply a person to serve as an assistant scorekeeper to track libero substitutions and ensure the rules on its use are enforced. That person will sit at the scorer's table and report violations to the umpire.

If both teams use a libero, then the home team will supply the assistant scorekeeper.

For more information about the libero, go to www.kshsaa.org.

Junior varsity volleyball team defeats Colby in season opener

By DICK BOYD

The Norton junior varsity volleyball team defeated Colby 19-25, 25-21, 25-22 in its season opener on Tuesday in Osborne.

"We were a little slow getting used to a smaller gym and the 'privilege' of hitting the ball off the wall but we managed to win the match in three games," said Coach Peggy Cox.

Brianna Felton led in kills with seven, followed by Hayli Bozarth, six and Maggie Nielsen, Courtney LeClair and Courtney Cox, two each; Dana Hillebrand, one.

Assists were led by Cox with nine, Katharine Roy, eight and Hillebrand, three.

"Lacey Roe played in the new libero position and passed at an exceptional rate," said Coach Cox.

"Serving percentage was lower than what we had expected but every Lady Jay had at least one

ace." Felton and Bozarth were 100 percent with two and one ace, respectively. Roy had four aces, followed by Cox, three; Sara Lentz, Nielsen, two each; LeClair, one.

The Norton junior varsity also outpointed Osborne 25-19, 19-25, 25-21.

"Picking up the win over Osborne started out fairly easy with Maggie Nielsen hot from the service line as she served 11 in a row with three aces," said Coach Cox.

"Osborne retaliated in the second game and we struggled to get passes consistently up to our setters. Fundamentals fell apart as did our confidence.

"In the third game, we came back and put the game back together with a perfect pass, set and kill. Almost the entire team played

for the win and eight of our 12 players registered at least one kill."

Felton was kill leader with six, followed by Nielsen, five; Bozarth, LeClair, three each; Lentz, two; and Hillebrand, Cox, Roe, one each.

Setters Cox and Roy had 10 assists each with Hillebrand setting one.

Next junior varsity action for Norton will be Tuesday when Phillipsburg and Northern Valley come to town. The junior varsity matches will be played in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym at East Campus, beginning at 5 p.m.

Northern Valley does not have a junior varsity team so the only junior varsity competition will be between Norton and Phillipsburg.

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Standings Aug. 29

Land Surveyors, 7-1; Superior Livestock, 7-1; Nelson Bros., 6.5-1.5; Jamboree, 2-6; Mortenson Computer, 1.5-6.5; High Scratch: Jackie Wright, 177; Kathleen Berlier, 168; Lynn Nelson, 166; High Series Scratch: Ramona McKinley, 461; Kathleen Berlier, 433; Lynn Nelson, 419; High Handicap: Jackie Wright, 226; Lynn Nelson, 217; Kathleen Berlier, 215; High

Series: Kathleen Berlier, 574; Jean Johnson, 574; Lynn Nelson, 572

Results Aug. 22

High Scratch: Laura Leidig, 165; Ramona McKinley, 162, 157; High Handicap: Vendla Tacha, 201; Laura Leidig, 200; Laura Gilhousen, 200; High Series: Ramona McKinley, 446; Laura Leidig, 430; Kathleen Berlier, 382; High Series Handicap: Ramona McKinley, 539; Laura Leidig, 535; Kathleen Berlier, 523

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