

Junior varsity downs Panthers in two matches

By DICK BOYD

The Norton junior varsity volleyball team extended its record to perfect 4-0 with two victories over Phillipsburg here on Tuesday evening.

The Norton Community High girls prevailed 25-13, 23-25, 16-14 in the opener and 25-15, 25-21, in the second match.

Norton served 85 percent and recorded 22 kills.

Phillipsburg I

"We really started strong with Brianna Felton going 10-11 from the service line," said Norton Coach Peggy Cox.

"Phillipsburg struggled with their serve/receive and we capitalized on their errors with some really nice passes from Libero Lacey Roe, allowing our setters to set the ball for our hitters.

"In the second game, Phillipsburg started passing better and getting balls set up to their hitters. We lost focus and struggled with digging their hits and converting to our own attacks.

"Losing the game 23-25 was not indicative of the game as we trailed by 8 to 10 points the majority of the game. We managed to rally and make the game look much closer than it was.

"In the third game, both teams struggled to string points together in the first six rotations so the game stayed fairly even. Then, Katharine Roy and Felton stepped back to the service line and scored two and three points, respectively, and we put the game and match in the win column."

Courtney LeClair had 10 kills, followed by Felton, six; Hayli Bozarth, three; Maggie Nielsen, two; Courtney Cox, one. Assisting for the kills were Cox, 12; Roy, 10.

"It was really nice to see most of the team contributing in the kill column and playing aggressively from the front line," said Coach Cox.

"All of the girls like to hit and are really working at making their attacks convert to kills."

Serving statistics were: LeClair, 5-5; Felton, 16-18, one ace; Roy, 14-18, five aces; Nielsen, 7-8, one ace; Bozarth, 7-8, two aces; Cox, 4-5.

Phillipsburg II

"Since Northern Valley did not have a junior varsity team, we had

the opportunity to play Phillipsburg again," said Coach Cox.

"This allowed both teams to use other players who had not had a chance to play earlier.

"The first game was really about serving. Haley Jones and Courtney Cox were spot-serving at an extremely high percentage. Cox was 15-15 with 5 aces for 100 percent and Jones was 11-12 with 3 aces for 92 percent. I was so proud, not only of them but the rest of the girls, since spot-serving is a skill we've really been emphasizing in practice this week.

"We were focused at the serving line and it paid off with a decisive win.

"In the second game, we struggled a bit more with missed serves but never really allowed Phillipsburg to get a large run on us. Again, spot-serving was a major factor in our win.

"Also adding to the win were kills from every player who played in the front row. Morgan Kauten, Haley Jones and Courtney LeClair had three kills each and Laura Delimont, Sara Lentz and Dana Hillebrand each had two kills.

"It was such an enjoyable game overall because, once our girls lost their nervousness, they really worked well as a team and hustled to the ball."

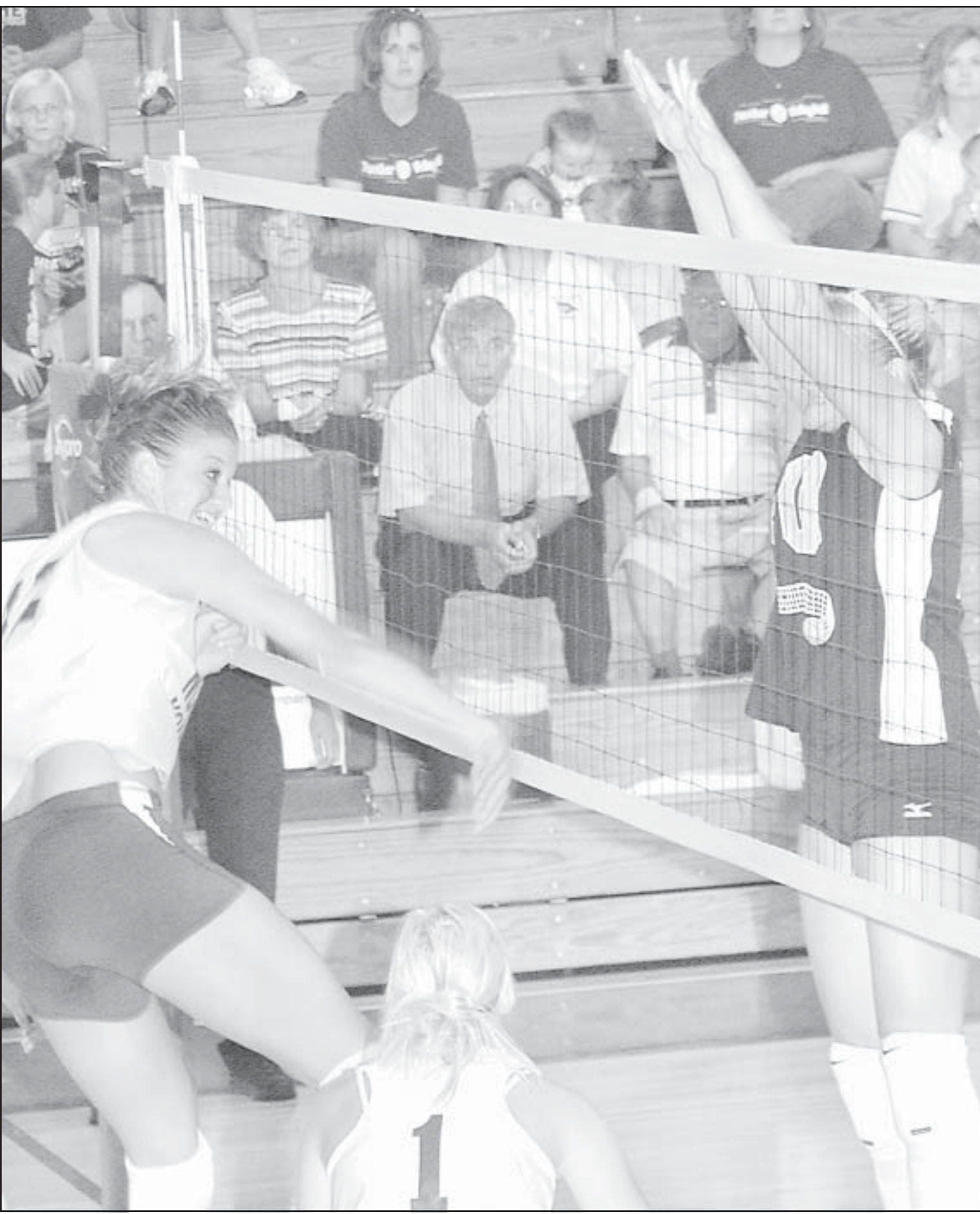
Serving statistics were: Delimont, 3-4, one ace; Jones, 11-12, three aces; Roy, 6-7, two aces; Kauten, 2-3; LeClair, 7-8, one ace; Cox, 15-15, five aces.

The girls will compete in the Quinter Junior Varsity Tournament starting at 9 a.m. Saturday in Quinter.

Teams from Hill City, Wheatland, Trego, Oakley, Hoxie and Oberlin will also compete.

On Monday, the Norton C-team will play Hill City in the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym on East Campus. Matches will begin at 5 p.m.

This is a change from the original schedule which listed Plainville as Norton's opponent.



Norton's Chelsea Cox (above) spiked the ball for a point during the Lady Jays' volleyball win over Phillipsburg here on Tuesday. Also pictured was Alexi Wolf (No. 1).

Norton's Amanda Antrim (below) went low to dig a serve from Phillipsburg during Tuesday's game. Rachael Lentz (No. 9) stood ready to help. — Telegram photos by Dick Boyd



Lady Jays defeat Northern Valley, Phillipsburg girls

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School volleyball team defeated Phillipsburg and Northern Valley Tuesday in front of the home crowd.

The Lady Jays outscored the Lady Panthers 29-27, 23-25, 26-24, then outpointed the Lady Huskies 25-17, 25-19.

Phillipsburg defeated Northern Valley 25-15, 25-19.

Phillipsburg

It took three games but the Norton girls finally downed the Lady Panthers.

"This was a great match-up with tight scores," said Norton Coach Jill Lively.

"It was fun to play this caliber of ball. We were familiar with their style of play and their tendencies going into the match. We made some adjustments defensively and started reacting more quickly.

"Phillipsburg is very good offensively and they cover their hitters well. We served above our team goal and racked up six aces. We also played well at the net, mixing up our shots to keep their defense scrambling.

"They tried to take our setters out of the offense but we responded well and stayed aggressive."

Statistics leaders were: serving — Rachael Lentz, Klaire Mann, Chelsea Cox, 100 percent; Alexi Wolf, 93 percent; Rebecca Ebert,

4 aces; passing — Amanda Antrim, 2.31; Cox, 2.14 (3.0 scale); setting — Cox, 16 assists, Wolf, 13 assists; hitting — Lentz, 33 percent kills; Cox, 12 kills; Whitney Newell, 10 kills; defense — Ebert, one block; Antrim, 14 digs; Wolf, 13 digs.

Northern Valley

"We were a little sluggish in the match with Northern Valley," Coach Lively said.

"We had a tendency to be too relaxed and lacked intensity after playing such a competitive match in our win over Phillipsburg.

"Communication broke down for us on several occasions but we hit the ball well with a 31 percent kill average as a team.

"Northern Valley was struggling on offense and that made it difficult to keep focus. They are a great passing team and their hitters are very aggressive when they are on."

Statistics leaders were: serving — Naomi Streck, Mann, 100 percent; Lentz, three aces; passing — Lentz, 2.25, Cox, 2.0; setting — Wolf, 11 assists, Cox, 5; hitting — Cox, Newell, 50 percent kills each; Lentz, 40 percent; defense — Streck and Lentz, one block each; Cox, seven digs; Wolf, six digs.

The Norton varsity volleyball team will not play again until Tuesday, Sept. 20, when it travels to Stockton to play a quadrangular against Stockton, Hoxie and Hill City. Play will begin at 4 p.m.

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