

Norton defeats Osborne 55-6 in football

By DICK BOYD

It took less than a half for Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School football team to overwhelm a visiting Osborne team 55-6 in Mid-Continent League play Friday at Travis Field.

The Blue Jays scored the first three times they had the pigskin.

On Norton's first offensive play, senior quarterback Luke Pfannenstiel ran 44 yards for a touchdown with 9:20 left in the first quarter. Junior linebacker Blake VanEaton intercepted a pass on the Osborne 21 and, on second down, Pfannenstiel passed to senior wide receiver Clay Madden for the Blue Jays' second touchdown with 7:30 left.

Norton took advantage of a bad pitch by the Osborne quarterback as junior linebacker Chris Davis recovered the ball on the Bulldog 25. Davis scored from five yards out with 5:23 left in the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, junior defensive back Nathan Broeckelman picked up some good blocking by his teammates and returned a punt 44 yards for Norton's fourth touchdown with 10:23 remaining.

The next time the Blue Jays got the ball, VanEaton ran 51 yards to paydirt from his tailback position

with 8:26 left in the half. Senior kicker William Wilhite kicked extra points after all the Norton touchdowns and the Blue Jays led 35-0.

After Wilhite's kickoff, Osborne tailback Josh Conway got loose on a 73 yard touchdown run. The extra point try was no good.

On the ensuing kickoff, VanEaton caught the ball on the 10-yard-line and ran 90 yards for Norton's sixth touchdown with 7:56 left. The Norton junior varsity played the rest of the way. Sophomore tailback Todd Bolt scored on a 22-yard run with 5:51 left. After Wilhite's extra point kick, the Blue Jays were on top 49-6 and the continuous scoreboard clock went into effect.

The Norton junior varsity team played the entire second half. Norton's final touchdown came on a one yard run by freshman running back Brad Nuzum late in the third quarter. The extra point attempt by Wilhite was blocked and Norton won 55-6.

The Blue Jays will travel to Stockton this Friday for another Mid-Continent League football game.

A more complete account of the Norton-Osborne game will be in Friday's *Norton Telegram*.



Norton junior linebacker Chris Davis recovers a fumble Friday night. Also right on top of the action was senior defensive tackle Davvid Stanley, No. 74.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton's C-team volleyball beats Colby, Smith Center

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School C-team volleyball team defeated Colby and Smith Center in the Norton Triangular on Thursday evening.

Colby

Meeting Colby for the third time this season, Norton defeated the Lady Eagles 25-17, 20-25, 15-12.

"It is tough to play a team three times in a season," said Norton Coach Joan Bolt.

"Colby provided some good competition. We were able to come out with a victory with some hard work in the third game of the match."

Lacy Ellis led serving with 13-13, 10 points, 4 aces, followed by Kayla Foley, 12-13, 11 points, 4 aces; Wiyanna Paxton, 8 points, 1 ace; Taylor Rossi, 5 points, 4 aces; Ashley Colip, 6 points, 1 ace; Charli Lawson, 3 points; Thea Wiseman, Ashli Hageman, 1 point each.

Wiseman and Colip led passing. Colip and Rossi led setting with 7 assists each. Wiseman tallied 5 assists.

Kylie Morel and Rossi had 2 digs each; Ellis had 1 block.

Leading the attacking was Hageman with 16-18, 8 kills; followed by Ellis, 12-16, 5 kills; Foley, 4 kills; Paxton, Wiseman, 3 kills each; Colip, 1 kill.

Smith Center

In their last contest of the evening, Norton defeated Smith Center 25-19, 25-23.

"Our girls needed to be aggressive on offense in order to force Smith Center to be working hard on their defense," said Coach Bolt.

"They have a strong offensive team and it was important to keep their defense guessing. Our girls did enough to finish on top."

Ellis and Morel led passing statistics. Foley led serving with 7 points, 3 aces, followed by Ellis, 5 points, 2 aces; Rossi, 4 points, 3 aces; Colip, 3 points; Hageman, Wiseman, 2 points each; Paxton, 1 point.

Colip and Rossi led setting with 9 and 6 assists, respectively.

Paxton was the attacks leader with 10-14, 7 kills, followed by Hageman, 10-11, 4 kills; Foley, Ellis, Colip, 2 kills each; Amanda Delimont, 1 kill.

Morel had 2 digs; Foley, Ellis, Colip, Hageman had 1 dig each. Ellis had 3 blocks; Colip, Hageman had 1 block each.

"Our girls did a good job of re-focusing when they needed to," said Coach Bolt.

"We are going to work on reading the opponents' defense a little sooner and transitioning more smoothly during play."

In the other match of the evening, Smith Center defeated Colby 18-25, 25-22, 15-8.

Next action

The Norton C-team volleyball team will travel to Phillipsburg to take on the Lady Panthers on Monday, October 10.

The match will begin at 5 p.m.

Logan volleyball goes 1-1 in Almena

The Logan High School volleyball team lost to Alma, but defeated Northern Valley last Tuesday in Almena.

"It is always great to beat a rival school such as Northern Valley, but it was extra special this year as we were in need of a win," said Coach Robin Van Laeys. "Right now confidence is an issue for us and wins help that as much as anything."

The Lady Trojans lost 25-12, 25-14 to Alma.

As a team, they served 25 of 26, hit 31 of 43, set 61 of 64, and made 4 assisted blocks and 15 of 19 dinks. They had a 1.79 serve receive average and a 1.58 dig average.

Top players were:

- Serves — Megan Brumbaugh, 5 of 5 with 1 ace; Kaitlyn Noone, 5 of 5.

- Attacks — Shelley Kemper, 8 of 8 with 3 kills.

- Sets — Jenny Noel, 23 of 24, 5 assists; Brumbaugh, 37 of 39 with 3 assists.

- Blocks — Noone, 2 assists; Danen Rundle, 2 assists.

Logan's ladies beat Northern Valley 25-22, 23-25, 25-13.

As a team they served 62 of 70, hit 66 of 76, set 75 of 82, and made 3 solo and 1 assisted block and 7 of 10 dinks. They had a 1.36 serve receive average and a 1.59 dig average.

Top players were:

- Serves — Brumbaugh, 17 of 18 with 1 ace.

- Attacks — Anne Hartman, 23 of 23 with 9 kills.

- Sets — Noel, 33 of 36 with 8 assists; Brumbaugh, 39 of 43 with 9 assists.

- Blocks — Kemper, 3 solos.

The Logan volleyball team will host Kensington and Eastern Height next Tuesday in Logan. The triangular is set to start at 5 p.m.



A Logan player goes for an attempted block in the volleyball match against Northern Valley last Tuesday in Almena. Logan won in three games. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

High School Sports This Week



FOOTBALL:

Norton vs. Stockton (away) 7 p.m., Friday
 Norton Junior Varsity vs. Stockton (here) 6:30 p.m., Monday
 Northern Valley vs. Palco (away) 7 p.m., Friday
 Logan vs. Natoma (away) 7 p.m., Friday

VOLLEYBALL:

Norton Varsity, Junior Varsity vs. Colby, Atwood (in Colby) 4:30 p.m., today
 Norton Varsity, Junior Varsity in Oberlin Tournament (away) 9 a.m., Saturday
 Norton Varsity, Junior Varsity vs. Hays, Colby, Liberal (in Hays) 4 p.m., Monday
 Norton Varsity, Junior Varsity vs. Smith Center, Trego (in Smith Center) 5 p.m., Tuesday
 Northern Valley in Ellis Tournament (away) 8:30 a.m., Saturday
 Northern Valley vs. Golden Plains, Wheatland (in Grainfield) 3:30 p.m., Tuesday
 Logan vs. Palco, Western Plains (in Palco) 4 p.m., today
 Logan vs. Kensington, Eastern Heights (here) 5 p.m., Tuesday

CROSS COUNTRY:

Norton in Oberlin Invitational (away) 5 p.m., today
 Northern Valley in Hays Invitational (away) 3:45 p.m., Thursday

TENNIS:

Norton Varsity in Colby Tournament (away) 3 p.m., today
 Norton Varsity in Trego Pre-Regional (in WaKeeney) 9 a.m., Saturday
 Norton Junior Varsity in Colby JV Tournament (in Colby) 9 a.m., Saturday

Norton graduate is college's top offensive volleyball player

By DICK BOYD

Stef Sloan, 2002 Norton Community High School graduate, is having a good volleyball season in her second year of playing at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark.

After starring for the Norton Lady Jays, Sloan played volleyball for two years at Hutchinson Community College before signing to play in Arkansas.

She is the college's top returning offensive player and is a key player in the Sugar Bears' offense. Sloan currently averages 3.82 kills

and 3.21 digs per game. She recorded a high of 24 kills during a recent match against John Brown University and recorded her ninth double-double of the season last week against Arkansas-Monticello.

Sloan was recently honored as a September featured athlete on the university's web site.

During their last home matches, the Sugar Bears collected donations for hurricane relief efforts. Team members saw first hand some of the damages while traveling through Mississippi to a tour-

namment in Pensacola, Fla.

The Sugar Bears begin Gulf South Conference play this week with an overall 10-6 record.

Sloan is a communications and public relations major. She is the daughter of Wendy and Jon Sloan, Norton. Her grandparents are Wanda and Jerry Sloan, Norton, and Mary Gilmore, Pratt.

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