

# Norton Junior High wins 32-14

The Norton Junior Jays varsity and junior varsity football teams both beat Phillipsburg on Sept. 29. The varsity team beat the Panthers 32-14. Terrell Lane scored for Norton in the first quarter on a 40-yard run and then ran in the conversion points. He scored again for the Jays in the second quarter on a seven-yard dash. Connor Pfannenstiel passed to Marcus Herman for the points after.

In the third quarter, Landon Hamel rushed eight yards into the end zone to score and then ran in the extra points.

The Junior Jays' last touchdown came in the fourth on an eight-yard run from Lane. Hamel ran in the conversion.

"This was a two-faced game," said Coach George Rossi. "The team played a tough, hard-nosed game, but we shot ourselves in the foot with penalties. We had two touchdowns called back because of penalties.

"Other than the penalties, the boys did some very good things. Ashton Draper had good catches and the line did a great job of blocking. We have two hard games ahead. We really need to keep our focus in order to achieve our goals."

Hamel led rushing with 98 yards on 15 carries, followed by Lane, 91 on nine; J.D. Gall, six on two; Jeremy Sproul, -11 on five; and Spencer Shirk, -7 yards on two.

Norton completed 3 of 6 passes for 37 yards. Receiving were Ashton Draper, 2 for 32 yards; and Gall, 1 for 5 yards.

Sproul led tackles with five solos and two assists, followed by Kaenon Keiswetter, 2-1; Lane, 3-0; Ronne Tafoya, 3-0; Casey Robison, 3-2; Robert Derauf, 3-0; and Shirk, 2-0.

The junior varsity defeated Phillipsburg 16-0.

Troy Bainter scored for Norton in the second quarter on a three-yard run. Bill Broeckelman ran in the points after. Bainter made the Jays' second touchdown in the third quarter on a 39-yard run. Broeckelman ran for the conversion.

"This game was closer than the last time we played the Panthers," said Coach Rossi. "Tonight, the boys did not do a great job of tackling. Often times we had our heads down on the tackle; otherwise, the boys did great.

"Troy Bainter got a workout with 23 carries. Bill Broeckelman did very well at the quarterback position, making very good decisions all night.

"The junior varsity has one more game with Smith Center."

Bainter led rushing with 82 yards on 23 carries, followed by Dakota Dreher, 33 on six; Brett Terrell, 23 on five; and Broeckelman, one on five.

Terrell caught one pass for 26 yards.

Jesse Gallentine led tackles with six solos and three assists, followed by Rylee Stanley, 3-2; Bainter, 3-4; Ryan Blecha, 2-2; Jacob Nuzum, 2-1; Dreher, 2-1; Landon Keiswetter, 2-2; and Jake Romey, 2-2.

The Norton Junior Jays will travel to Smith Center on Thursday. Kick-off is set for 5 p.m. for the junior varsity game and 7 p.m. for the varsity game.



Troy Bainter carries the ball for a first down in the Norton Junior High's junior varsity football win over Phillipsburg. Bainter was the leading rusher and receiver. Norton won the game with a score of 26-0. Also shown for Norton are, left, Adam Meyers, Andrew Otter, Grant McClymont, Cole Archer and Dakota Roes.

— Photo by Charlotte Stephenson

# Norton Junior High junior varsity wins 26-0

The Norton Junior High junior varsity football team defeated Phillipsburg's junior varsity 26-0 Sept. 19 at Travis Field. Troy Bainter scored the Jays' first touchdown on a five-yard run in the second quarter. Bainter ran in the conversion points.

Before the half ended, Bill

Broeckelman threw the ball 25 yards to Dakota Dreher for another 6 Norton points. The attempt for extra points failed.

Bainter caught a two-yard toss from Broeckelman in the third for another touchdown.

It was much the same in the fourth as Broeckelman threw 60

yards to Bainter for the final touchdown. Both attempts for points after fell short.

"The boys played with much effort tonight," said Coach George Rossi. "I was very pleased with the passing game.

"The defense penetrated the Phillipsburg offense on most

plays. Andrew Soderlund and Jacob Nuzum both hauled in interceptions to end Panther drives.

"The team is working hard to get better."

Bainter led rushing for the Junior Jays with 51 yards on 10 carries, followed by Dreher, 6 yards on 3 carries; Isaiah Lucero, 5 yards

on 2 carries; and Broeckelman, -9 yards on 9 carries.

Broeckelman completed 8 of 14 passes for 125 yards. Receiving were Bainter, 5 for 73 yards; and Dreher, 2 for 25 yards.

Tackle leaders were Bainter, 3 solos, 5 assists; and Jesse Gallentine, 2 solos, 3 assists.

# Volleyball team ties for second

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School varsity team tied for second in the annual Oberlin Invitational Volleyball Tournament on Saturday.

The Lady Jays defeated Hoxie and St. Francis but lost to Oberlin and Atwood.

### Oberlin

Norton started the tournament versus Oberlin and lost in three games 26-24, 11-25, 19-25.

Statistics leaders were: serving — Alexi Wolf, 100 percent with 1 ace; Klaire Mann, Rebecca Ebert, Maggie Nielsen, 100 percent each; passing — Chelsea Cox, 2.50; Ebert, 2.25; Mann, 1.95; setting — Cox, 9 assists; Wolf, 7; hitting — Cox, 10 kills; Whitney Newell, 5; Ebert, 3; Rachael Lentz, 2; blocks — Ebert, 5; Lentz, 4; Newell and Cox, 2 each; digs — Mann, 7; Amanda Antrim, Cox, Ebert, 3 each.

### Hoxie

Norton defeated Hoxie in two 25-18, 25-14 to avenge an earlier loss to the Lady Indians this season.

Statistics leaders were: serving — Ebert and Mann, 100 percent with 1 ace each; Naomi Streck, Lentz, Wolf, 100 percent each; passing — Cox 2.33; Antrim, 2.11; setting — Cox, 7 assists; Wolf, 4; hitting — Newell, 7 kills; Cox, 6; Ebert, 2; blocks — Ebert, 4; Nielsen, 2; digs — Antrim and Cox, 4 each; Wolf, 3.

### Atwood

Norton lost a very competitive three-game match to Atwood by scores of 21-25, 25-16, 20-25.

Statistics leaders were: serving — Cox, 100 percent, 3 aces; Streck and Wolf, 100 percent; Antrim, 4 aces; passing — Mann, 2.12; setting — Wolf, 14 assists; Cox, 13; hitting — Cox, 12 kills; Ebert, 7; Newell, 6; Nielsen, 2;

Lentz, 2; blocking — Streck, Cox, Nielsen, 2 each; digs — Mann, 4; Antrim and Cox, 3 each; Ebert, 2.

### St. Francis

Norton dominated St. Francis, winning in two 25-17, 25-14.

Statistics leaders were: serving — Streck and Ebert, 100 percent with 1 ace each; Lentz, 2 aces; passing — Ebert, 2.67; Cox, 2.6; Mann, 2.15; setting — Wolf, 11 assists; Cox, 6; hitting — Cox, 8 kills; Lentz, 4; Ebert, 3; Newell, 2; blocks — Cox and Streck, 2 each; digs — Mann, 5; Cox, 4; Wolf, 3.

"We played hot and cold throughout the day but I was very pleased with our target serving and hustle after the ball," said Coach Jill Lively.

"We're on the recovering end of some injuries and illness and have a very demanding schedule ahead.

"We are beginning to work better as a team and have been capitalizing on our strengths."

Norton will compete in the Scott Community High School Varsity Volleyball Tournament on Saturday in Scott City.

Norton will be in a pool with Scott City, Leoti and Oakley. In the other pool will be Holcomb, Colby, Ulysses and Dodge City.

Norton's pool play will be in the Scott Community High School at 712 Main. The other pool play will be in the Scott City Elementary School at 410 E. Eighth.

Play will begin at 9 a.m. Norton will play Oakley in their first match, which will be the second match of the day in that pool.

The top team in each pool will play the second place team in the other pool in matches scheduled for 3 p.m. The third place and championship matches will be played at 4 p.m.

# Norton varsity tennis places fourth in league tournament

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School varsity team placed fourth in the Mid-Continent League/Pre-Regional Tennis Tournament on Saturday in WaKeeney.

Phillipsburg was the winner, followed by Osborne, WaKeeney, Norton, Plainville; and Victoria.

Norton's No. 1 doubles team of Ashley Maybon and Hannah Mills finished in a three-way tie for second. They defeated Samantha Augustine and Cassie Dietz, Trego, 8-3; lost to Jeni Wolters and Felicia Efken, Osborne, 4-8; outscored Dacia Schessier and Kasandra Huser, Victoria, 8-4; outpointed Emily Jones and Amber Cooper, Plainville, 8-2 and lost to Allison Dusin and Kayla Jarvis, Phillipsburg, 2-8.

"Ashley and Hannah won every match I thought they would except for the match with Osborne," said Coach Jim Green. "This was a new team. They did well in their first time playing together. Ashley was filling in for Chelle Donovan, who has been ill, and did an outstanding job."

The Lady Jays' No. 2 doubles team of Kayleigh Brooks and Reesa Volgamore earned a three-way tie for first. They defeated

Amanda Tomanek and Marlowe Opat, Trego, 8-2; outscored Chelsey Oliver and Andrea Kooops, Osborne, 8-7 (7-5); outpointed Michelle Hansen and Greta Kaufeld, Victoria, 8-3; defeated Selby Renk and Katelyn Thyfault, Plainville, 8-2 and lost to Kady Malmberg and Shayne Runnion, Phillipsburg, 4-8.

"Kayleigh and Reesa won four straight matches, then lost to Phillipsburg," said Coach Green. "If they had beaten Phillipsburg, they'd have won first place. They played very well together."

Brianne Nelson played No. 1 singles for the Lady Jays and placed fifth. She lost to Leanna Newcomer, Trego, 0-8; lost to Sloane Hardman, Osborne, 0-8; lost to Vanessa Owings, Plainville, 0-8 and lost to Melinda Schremmer, Phillipsburg, 0-8. Victoria did not have a No. 1 singles player.

"Brianne was playing varsity for the first time," said Coach Green. "Although she didn't win any matches, she played extremely well."

"She hits the ball as hard as any varsity player but there is a difference in competition between junior varsity and varsity and she had

to adjust to that higher level of play."

Lisa Jones played No. 2 singles for Norton and placed fourth. She lost to Julia Albin, Trego, 5-8; lost to Sarah Gregory, Osborne, 2-8 and lost to Sara Fawver, Phillipsburg, 2-8. Plainville and Victoria did not have No. 2 singles players.

"Lisa played about the way I thought she would," said Coach Green. "She was ahead of the Trego player and almost gave us a victory that we didn't expect."

Norton will compete in the Class 3-2-1A Girls' Regional Tennis Tournament on Monday in WaKeeney.

This seeding meeting will be at 7:30 a.m. and play will begin at 9 a.m.

Competing in addition to Norton and Trego will be teams from Beloit, Claflin, Hoisington, Osborne, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Tribune and Victoria.

The top four placers will qualify for the state tournament.

"This will be a tough tournament," Coach Green told the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club on Wednesday evening.

"Claflin and Hoisington are quality teams and we know Phillipsburg is as well."

# Eighth-grade wins one in quadrangular

The Norton eighth-grade volleyball girls were defeated by Smith Center and Phillipsburg, but beat Bennington in a quadrangular in Smith Center on Oct. 1.

"The eighth-grade volleyball team got to try two new experiences this past Saturday as we traveled to Smith Center for (1) a quad that was played on (2) side-by-side courts, which is what we will see Saturday in the league tournament at WaKeeney," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman.

"Evidently the old phrase 'live

by the sword or die by the sword' fits this group well; just substitute the word serve for sword in our case. We went up against three evenly talented teams, but did not bring our serving game. We gave all three of our opponents points off our missing serves. Remember we rally score now and each serve we miss is a point for them.

"First team we faced was host Smith Center. Giving them 9 points in a close match was the main reason for our doom. We won the first game 25-20, but allowed them to

take the second 25-18 to set up the

third, in which we had a lead late, but couldn't hold it and lost 16-14.

"The second match of the day was against Phillipsburg. We gave 6 points to the Panthers as we lost the first game 25-19. The second game we regrouped, only missed one serve and won 25-17 to set up a third game. We were not able to get our power game untracked, as we couldn't all day, and they won the contest 15-12.

"This set up the final match of the day against Bennington and again we struggled on our serves as we missed 6 and lost 25-22. In our next game, we started to 'wake up' and our game started to come together with our passing and setting, which led to some spiking that we hadn't had all day long. These combos combined with our normal good serving led us to a 25-18 win to get us to the third game. It all came together with great serving and good solid passing, setting and spiking, which led to a normal sounding 15-4 win for our only victory of the day.

"We hope that lessons learned from this experience will prepare us for our up coming week as we take on league leader Osborne and then the league tournament on Saturday to conclude our season."

The eighth-grade Lady Jays will compete in the Mid-Continent Elementary League Tournament in WaKeeney, starting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

# Eighth-grade girls champions at Hoxie Tournament

The Norton eighth-grade Lady Jays were the champions in the Hoxie Volleyball Tournament on Sept. 24, beating Oberlin 25-12, 25-19; Hoxie, 25-12, 25-11; WaKeeney, 25-13, 25-14; and St. Francis 25-15, 25-10 in the championship match.

"We returned to Hoxie for the invitational tournament with one goal in mind — to leave the day being a two-time champion," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman. "We won the tournament last year and wanted to repeat the feat.

"The first opponent was Oberlin. We started the day well as we were on with our serving, our passing was on target, and we even had some very fine hits. Ashlie Stewart was a huge thorn in their

side as she had 8 aces and the team scored 17 points on her 18 of 20 good serves.

"Perfect servers were Beth Winkel with 7, Amanda Ray with 6, Alyssa Thomson with 5 and Hannah Waggoner and Beth Roy with 1 each. The final score was 25-12, 25-19.

"The next opponent was host Hoxie, who put up a good challenge. We bested them by scores of 25-12, 25-11 to continue on our way to the next opponent. In this match, we only served 86 percent. We missed 7, but it was enough for the victory.

"Perfect servers were Lacy Keilig and Ray with 5 each, Winkel with 4 and Thomson with 4.

"Our next opponent was the key match for our girls as we had a rematch with WaKeeney — the team that gave us our only defeat this year.

"We used the passing of Roy, Waggoner and Thomson to get their serves to our setters Winkel and Stewart, who gave our hitters Keilig, Kaitlyn Wolf, Shelby Jones and Ray their chances to dominate the net. They did. WaKeeney did not know what hit them as we rolled through with good serving, only missing 6, and won with scores of 25-13, 25-14.

"This brought up the final match, and unlike last year where we had already won the tournament by this last match, the St.

Francis team was greatly improved. They also came into the match undefeated and looking to take their first tournament championship. But, they were going to have to go through a group of girls who are learning the little lessons of the game of volleyball and are starting to blend together as a very good team.

"Again, as always, serving was the key. To keep your opponent 'off balance' and not let them do what they want to do, offense is key. The only problem to that strategy is most teams will break a 'run' with 'garbage'. Garbage is what we call something that happens that is not pure pass-set-spike volleyball — a crazy hit of some kind that is legal and it

comes over unexpectedly and catches you off guard. We had to be ready for the garbage because they did it well all day long. But, we stayed focused and came away with a great 25-15, 25-10 championship victory.

"We had great serving by all as Winkel and Ray were perfect with Roy getting an ace.

"We thank those who traveled to watch us and support us. We hope you are seeing some pretty fine volleyball being played."

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