

Norton volleyball beats Leoti in Scott City Tourney

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High Schoolgirls defeated Leoti but lost to Oakley and Scott City in the Scott City Invitational Volleyball Tournament on Saturday.

Oakley

Norton played Oakley first in pool play and lost 20-25, 25-22, 20-25.

"This was a close match for us but we really needed to start our day with a win," said Coach Jill Lively.

"Oakley is a good team and they went on to win the tournament. They played very smart and we struggled to return serves several times in a row.

"Defensively we played pretty well, racking up 24 digs as a team, but we just didn't allow ourselves enough opportunities to attack the ball.

"We served 92 percent, which is right at our goal, but we only scored two aces. I like to see some balance in the aggressiveness of our serving by having at least one ace to every missed serve."

Norton statistics leaders were: serving — Rachael Lentz and Rebecca Ebert, 100 percent; Naomi Streck and Chelsea Cox, 1 ace each; passing — Lentz, 2.00; setting — Cox, 13 assists; Alexi Wolf, 9; Whitney Newell and Darci Darling, 1 each; hitting — Cox, 15 kills; Newell, 8; Ebert, 5; Lentz, 3; blocking — Ebert, 2; Cox and Lentz, 1 each; digs — Klaire Mann and Wolf, 5 each; Danielle LeClair, 4; Lentz and Cox, 3; Antrim, Streck, Newell and Ebert, 1 each.

Leoti

In their second match in pool play, the Lady Jays outscored Leoti 25-21, 25-18.

"We played much better during the Leoti match," said Coach Lively. "We kept our focus throughout both games.

"We served very well and averaged 96 percent with five aces. Offensively, we made smart decisions and continued to give the ball to hitters who were hot.

"We blocked well and the back row picked up a lot of digs. There were a couple of times when we would get a nice lead and then start to let Leoti back into the game but we were able to turn around in those situations and push for each point."

Norton statistics leaders were: serving — Ebert and Mann, 100 percent, 2 aces; Lentz, 100 percent, 1 ace; Wolf, 100 percent; passing — LeClair, 2.16; setting — Wolf, 13 assists; Cox, 7; Lentz and Mann, 1 each; hitting — Cox, 12 kills; Ebert, 7; Lentz, 4; Newell, 2; Streck, 1; blocking — Lentz, 4; Streck, 3; Ebert, 1; digs — LeClair, 8; Mann, 6; Cox, 5; Wolf and Ebert, 2 each; Streck, 1.

Scott City

Norton played Scott City in the Lady Jays' final pool match and lost 25-20, 16-25, 21-25.

"This was our best serving match of the season so far," said Coach Lively. "As a team, we served 98 percent with five aces. However, we didn't make the defensive adjustments necessary to win.

"Scott City played a very smart match and, when something worked for them, they would stick with it until we could stop it.

"Once again, we allowed Scott City to string together several points and that just sucked the momentum right out of us.

"We are going to have to make

quick adjustments to our defense and keep our heads up if we plan to come away with wins."

Norton statistics leaders were: serving — Cox, 100 percent, 2 aces; Mann, 100 percent, 1 ace; Wolf, Streck, Lentz, 100 percent each; Ebert, 2 aces; passing — Cox, 2.4; Mann, 2.0; setting — Cox, 15 assists; Wolf, 9; Mann, 3; Lentz, 1; hitting — Cox, 11 kills; Newell and Ebert, 7 each; Lentz, 5; blocking — Lentz, Newell, Ebert, 1 each; digs — LeClair, 8; Wolf and Cox, 6 each; Mann, 4; Lentz, 2; Ebert, Newell, Antrim, 1 each.

Oakley won the championship, followed by Colby, Holcomb and Scott City.

Chelsea Cox was selected to the All-Tournament Team.

Norton will compete in the Mid-Continent League Volleyball Tournament on Saturday in Smith Center.

Norton will be in a pool with Plainville, Stockton, Phillipsburg and Trego Community. In the other pool will be Osborne, Ellis, Hill City and Smith Center.

Norton's pool play will be in the elementary school gym and the other pool matches will be in the high school gym.

Norton's first match will be versus Trego Community at 10 a.m. The Lady Jays' next match will be versus Phillipsburg at 11 a.m.

At 2 p.m., Norton will play the winner of the feather bracket match between Plainville and Stockton, which will be held at 8 a.m.

Semi-finals will be held at 3:30 p.m. with finals and third place matches set for 5 p.m. The finals will be in the high school gym and the third place match in the elementary school.



Norton seniors Whitney Newell and Rebecca Ebert jump up above the net and reject a ball hit by Logan during the Lady Jays' defeat of the Lady Trojans in Norton on Tuesday evening. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton C-team completes season

By DICK BOYD

Coach Joan Bolt's Norton Community High School C-team volleyball team completed an outstanding 13-3 season by defeating Phillipsburg in a best-of-five games match on Monday evening in Phillipsburg.

Norton won by game scores of 25-11, 18-25, 25-9, 21-25, 15-5. "For the most part, our girls played very well," said Coach Bolt.

"We had a lot of control and came through when we needed to. We had a few moments of mental errors but snapped back very quickly into our game."

Ashli Hageman led serving with 17 points and 6 aces, followed by Lacy Ellis, 12 points, 1 ace; Kayla Foley, 10 points, 3 aces; Ashley Colip, 13 points, 1 ace; Thea Wiseman, 8 points, 4 aces; Taylor Rossi, 6 points, 1 ace; Amanda Delimont, 1 point.

Kylie Morel and Taylor Rossi led passing statistics.

Rossi led setting with 15 assists, followed by Colip, 11;

Wiseman and Hageman, 2 each; Foley, 1.

Foley led attacks with 11 kills, followed by Wiyanna Paxton, 9; Hageman, 8; Colip, 4; Morel and Ellis, 2 each; Charli Lawson, Rossi and Wiseman, 1 each.

Morel led digs with 8, followed by Colip, 4; Ellis, 3; Foley, Wiseman and Rossi, 2 each.

"What a great season our young ladies had," said Coach Bolt.

"They reached their goals to be undefeated in league play and win the Hill City Invitational Tournament. They finished the season with an impressive record.

"I am very proud of the efforts and improvements of these girls as the season progressed.

"Many thanks to Janelle Morel, Sue Rossi and Rhonda Colip for helping keep statistics. A great big thank you to the parents, grandparents and fans for all the treats and great support this season."

Junior varsity volleyball team records victories

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity volleyball team recorded victories No. 19 and 20 Oct. 4 defeating Trego Community, 25-20, 25-12, and Smith Center, 25-12, 25-17, in Smith Center.

"This was a test of how our girls would perform back-to-back matches/road trips and a tournament, all within four days," said Coach Peggy Cox.

"Our girls persevered as they easily handled both Trego and Smith Center in two-game matches each. We weren't flashy but our girls did their job and came out of it with wins.

"This group of young ladies has demonstrated this season that a team effort is responsible for their wins. Everyone has contributed to the past eight matches

in one way or another on the floor. They've had fun and gained the confidence needed to play at the varsity level.

"Our last playing date was Tuesday at home against Golden Plains and Logan."

In the win over Trego, Norton served 96 percent with 11 aces as a team. Individual serving statistics were: Katharine Roy, 15-16, 5 aces; Sara Lentz, 10-10, 4 aces; Courtney LeClair, 7-7, 1 ace; Brianna Felton, Courtney Cox and Laura Delimont, 100 percent; Hayli Bozarth, 5-6.

Norton served 82 percent with 7 aces in the victory over Smith Center. Individual serving statistics were: Cox, 10-11, 4 aces; LeClair, 8-10, 1 ace; Lentz, 6-8, 1 ace; Felton, Roy and Bozarth, just missed one each.

Girls place fifth in Regional tennis

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School girls tennis team placed fifth in the Class 3-2-1A Regional Tournament Wednesday in WaKeeney.

Clafin won the championship with 14 points, followed by Hoisington, 7; Phillipsburg, 5; Osborne, 4; Norton, 2; Tribune, Victoria and Trego Community, tied for sixth with 1; Plainville, 0.

Lisa Jones was seeded No. 13 in singles play. She lost her first round match, 1-8, to No. 4 seed Celine Govert, Tribune.

Ashley Maybon was seeded No. 14. In her first round match, she lost 0-8 to No. 3 seed Melinda Schremmer, Phillipsburg.

Schremmer placed fourth in the tournament.

"In singles, Lisa Jones and Ashley Maybon both played well but were unable to win," said Coach Jim Green.

"Lisa continues to be very consistent. Ashley is putting more spin on the ball and hitting harder."

In doubles competition, Chelle Donovan and Hannah Mills were seeded No. 6. In their first round match, they defeated No. 11 seed Jones and Cooper, Plainville, 8-6. In their second match, they lost to No. 3 seed Cassandra Neg and Maggie Urban of Hoisington by a score of 2-6, 0-6. Neg and Urban placed second in the tournament.

"Chelle Donovan and Hannah

Mills got off to a good start but then struggled through their first match," said Coach Green. "Next, they were against Hoisington's best doubles team and were not able to put enough points together to win enough games to defeat this team who went on to finish second."

Norton's other doubles team of Kayleigh Brooks and Reesa Volgamore was seeded No. 7. In their first round match, they defeated No. 10 seed Amanda Tomanek and Dana Diec of Trego Community by a score of 8-1. In their next match, they played No. 2 seed Allison Dusin and Kayla Jarvis, Phillipsburg, and lost 0-6,

2-6. Dusin and Jarvis placed fourth in the tournament.

"Kayleigh Brooks and Reesa Volgamore easily won their first match," said Coach Green. "Then, they played against the Phillipsburg team of Allison Dusin and Kayla Jarvis. This was the third time we have played against them but we were not able to find a way to win. Dusin and Jarvis went on to finish fourth in the tournament."

Norton will lose two seniors, Chelle Donovan and Jessica Cook. Donovan and juniors Mills and Volgamore were the only returning letter winners this year for the Blue Jays.

Volleyball team beats Trego, Smith Center

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School volleyball team defeated Trego Community and Smith Center in Mid-Continent League matches Oct. 4 in Smith Center.

Trego Community

Norton defeated Trego Community 25-15, 23-25, 25-12.

"We started very strong and confident in our match with Trego," said Coach Jill Lively.

"We were reacting slowly and lost our focus in the second game but regained it in the third game.

"As a team, we served very well; we averaged 93 percent and had eight aces. Our blockers were really lining up and timing their blocks well and that is an exciting way to end a rally. Trego had a good blocker but we were able to hit aggressively and communicate well to come away with the win."

Statistics leaders for Norton were: serving — Rachael Lentz, 100 percent; Amanda Antrim, 94 percent; Chelsea Cox, 3 aces; Alexi Wolf and Rebecca Ebert, 2 aces each; Naomi Streck, 1 ace; passing — Klaire Mann, 2.00; setting — Wolf, 11 assists; Cox, 8; hitting — Cox, 9 kills; Whitney Newell, 7; Ebert, 5; Maggie Nielsen, 3; Streck, 2; Lentz, 1; blocking — Ebert, 5; Streck,

Lentz, Newell, 2 each; Cox, 1; digs — Cox, 8; Mann, 4; Streck, 3; Antrim, Ebert and Lentz, 2 each; Wolf, 1.

Smith Center

The Lady Jays defeated the Lady Redmen 25-20, 25-16.

"Several ace serves from Wolf and Cox allowed us to cruise through the match with Smith Center," said Coach Lively.

"The Lady Red struggled to receive serves and broke down in communication with the pressure we applied. This frustration spilled over into other parts of their game. We were able to hit aggressively but didn't have many blocks or digs as Smith Center struggled to set up an offense."

Statistics leaders for Norton were: serving — Wolf, 100 percent, 4 aces; Streck and Lentz, 100 percent each; Cox, 4 aces; passing — Mann, 2.05; setting — Wolf, 9 assists; Cox, 6; Lentz, 1; hitting — Cox, 9 kills; Newell, 5; Ebert, 3; Nielsen, 1; blocking — Ebert, 2; Nielsen, 1; digs — Mann, 4; Wolf, Antrim, Newell, Lentz and Cox, 1 each.



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