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Boys beat Phillipsburg by one in overtime

By DICK BOYD

boys basketball team traveled to Phillipsburg on Friday and began Mid-Continent League play with an exciting 57-56 overtime vic-

The Blue Jays, with only two returning lettermen, outplayed the talented, more experienced Panthers most of the game but the home team rallied in the fourth quarter to take the lead.

With Norton trailing 53-50 in sophomore guard Logan Kats boost. He buried two three-point the net for 3 to send the game into overtime.

It was Kats' only basket but gave the Blue Jays a second chance.

In the four-minute overtime, Phillipsburg freshman Dylan Frantz hit a free throw but missed a second charity toss to put the Panthers ahead 54-53. The Blue Jays took the ball down court and Norton's 6-feet, 6-inch senior center Heath Vincent passed inside from the high post to 6-3 junior center Nic Lewis near the goal. He put the ball up and in for a 55-54 Norton advantage with 2:40 left.

put the Panthers back on top 56-55 but Vincent got loose inside for two more Norton points and the Blue Jays led 57-56.

It was still anyone's game with Jay lead to 48-45. 1:05 left.

rebound and shot again and missed. Phillipsburg got the rebound and missed. Vincent reto the free throw line with two seconds left. He missed but a long over half-court shot by Phillipsburg was way off the mark and the visiting Jays were 57-56 winners.

game because we played harder,"

said Coach Doug Reusink, who The Norton Community High coached Phillipsburg coach Keith with 18 points on seven of 10 shots Sides at Northern Valley High School.

> game. We rotated eight players and we needed all eight of them.

shouldn't have when we had the a pair of two pointers and three of lead late in the game. We're still learning."

quarter. Jared Engelbert, junior guard, hit all of his 10 points then regulation with time running out, to give the Blue Jay offense a Frantz tallied 14 and Abell hit 12. launched a shot from beyond the shots, hit a two-point basket and from three-point range for 37 perarc and it banked off the connected on two of two free cent, 21 of 38 from two-point land backboard and swished through throws. Vincent hit two baskets and Lewis hit one.

Norton was outscored 12-9 in the second quarter to tie at 25-all of 17 three-point shots for 24 perat halftime. Lewis hit two baskets, sophomore guard Jared Cox for 50 percent and 20 of 49 overswished a basket and Vincenthit a all for 41 percent. basket and free throw.

Panthers 17-9 in the third to take a pared to Phillipsburg's 12 of 16 for 42-34 lead. Junior guard Brian 75 percent. Juenemann hit three baskets, sophomore forward Wes Panthers, 28-19. Norton grabbed Georgeson swished two, Vincent 11 offensive and 17 defensive carhit three of four free throws and a basket and Lewis added another basket.

With 4:25 left, Norton led 48-41 basket down under. Frantz scored ket at 3:28 to suddenly cut the Blue Cox, one.

Norton shot and missed, got the players on the court and Abell hit followed by Kats, Juenemann, two free throws to make it a one- Lewis, Vincent, two each. point game.

bounded and was fouled. He went but Frantz tallied for the Panthers one. with 2:18 left and Norton led by just 50-49. Garrett Wickham put the Panthers ahead 51-50 on a basket with 56 seconds remaining. Keesee hit two charities with 13 seconds left but Kats tied the score "I felt we deserved to win the with his last second three-point of 11-2, 15-11 and 19-13. swisher.

Vincent led Norton in scoring from the field for 70 percent accuracy and four of seven from the "We're playing better in every free throw line for 57 percent. Lewis hit 12 points on six of 10 shots for 60 percent. Engelbert hit "We took some shots we twooftwofromlongrange, one of four overall for 75 percent. Juenemann was four of six from Norton led 16-13 after the first the field for 67 percent and 8 points.

> Keesee led Phillipsburg with 17. Norton swished three of eight for 55 percent and 24 of 46 overall for 52 percent.

> Phillipsburg connected on four cent, 16 of 32 two-point attempts

From the free throw line, Norton The Blue Jays outscored the hit six of 13 for 46 percent com-

The Blue Jays outrebounded the oms and the Panthers pulled down six offensive and 13 defensive boards.

Vincent was the rebounding Jarrett Abell hit a field goal to after Georgeson hit Lewis for a leader for Norton with eight, followed by Lewis, seven; Nathan for the Panthers and William Morse, four; Juenemann, four; Keesee followed with another bas- Engelbert, Georgeson, two each;

> Norton had 11 offensive assists. Norton was called for having six Morse was the leader with three,

> The Blue Jays had four steals. Vincent scored for the Blue Jays Lewis had two, Vincent and Kats

> > Norton had 14 turnovers compared to 10 for Phillipsburg.

Junior varsity

Norton lost the junior varsity game, 34-22. Phillipsburg held quarter leads

Logan Keiswetter was leading



Norton's 6-6 senior center Heath Vincent scores in the paint on Friday night during the Blue Jays' exciting 57-56 overtime win at Phillipsburg. Vincent led Norton in scoring with 18 points and also led in rebounds with eight. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

followed by Preston Herman, 6; Saturday Logan Runnion, 4; Matt Stanley, stormy w Zach Dreher, 2 each.

Jono Feik led Phillipsburg in Norton be scoring with 11 points. Jerrad Jerby added 8.

Next action Tuesday, Jan. 3 at home in Norton.

Games will begin at 6:30 p.m. The games versus Stockton in Wes Georgeson 2 0

scorer for Norton with 8 points, Norton which were scheduled for Nic Lewis GAN

Logan Kats Norton will play Oberlin on Jared Engelbert 1 2 Brian Juenemann 4 0 Jared Cox

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FGs FTs TP	2s 3
2838 M-A	Dylan Frantz 4

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	Dylan Frantz	4	1	3-4	14
3	Travis Yoxall	1	1	2-3	
0	Jarrett Abell	3	1	3-4	12
8	William Keesee	5	1	4-5	1′
2	Garrett Wickhan	13	0	0-0	(
4	TOTAL	16	4	12-16	5

6 0 0-1 12

7 0 4-7 18

21 3 6-13 57

FGs FTs TP

Norton girls basketball team defeats Phillipsburg, 57-38

quarter and 16-12 at nalitime but outscored Phillipsburg 10-0 in the third quarter to take a 22-16 advantage into the fourth quarter. Leading scorer for Norton was Katharine Roy with 6 points, followed by Hayli Bozarth, 5; Ashley Colip, Kylie Morel, 4 each; Taylor Rossi, 3; KaraJo Jones, Amanda Delimont, 2 each. Aubreah Smith was leading scorer for Phillipsburg with 8 points. Emilie Coca added 6. 'Our pressure defense was pretty effective to start the game," said Norton Assistant Coach Joan Bolt. "We were able to get some nice traps from it. "Our shooting was a little rusty in the first quarter but improved as the game continued. We did not execute our offense as well as I had hoped but that will get better. "It was a decent first outing for our girls and I have high expectations for the season.'

By DICK BOYD

girls basketball team got the Mid-Continent League race off to a good start with a 57-38 win over Norton's baskets were from inside Phillipsburg Friday on the Lady Panthers' home court.

The Lady Jays, who started the season with a championship at the Topside Tipoff Tournament in Goodland, are now 4-0.

Norton jumped out to a big lead and was on top 16-4 after one quarter and 30-7 at halftime. Phillipsburg did not fold, however, and Norton outscored the Lady Panthers by only 14-13 in the third quarter and Phillipsburg outscored Norton 18-13 in the final stanza.

"It was a tale of two halves," said Coach Kevin Jilka. "We had only five turnovers and allowed them to take only 11 shots in the first half. We got off to a big lead but I was disappointed in our second half performance. We relaxed in the second half, which is a natural tendency when you have a big lead.

"You have to give Phillipsburg credit for not quitting. They hit the boards the second half on us and kept hustling. I hope we learned from this experience.

"It was a great road win for us and that's the bottom line."

Norton scored from all over the court.

In the first quarter, senior guard Karlie Jones hit two three-point baskets and senior center Chelsea Cox put in two baskets in the paint. Senior guard Whitney Newell, senior center Becca Ebert and freshman guard Laura Lee Baird each hit two-pointers.

Jones continued to score from the perimeter in the second period as she hit a trey and two-pointer. Cox, Baird, Ebert and senior guard Amber Overlease each hit a basket and sophomore center Chantille Campbell hit one of two free throws.

In the third quarter, Baird buried Ebert, Jones, two each; Baird, Hayli Bozarth with 9 points, fola shot from beyond the arc, Newell one.

nit a basket and free throw and The Norton Community High Cox, Overlease, Ebert and Jones

> In the final quarter most of where Cox swished four. Jones hit her fourth trey and Newell hit a two pointer.

The Lady Jays' shooting was accurate. They hit five of 12 long range shots for 42 percent, 20 of 37 two-point tries for 54 percent and 25 of 49 overall for 51 percent accuracy.

of two treys for 50 percent, 12 of 41 two-point attempts for 29 percent and 13 of 43 overall for 30 percent.

Leading scorers for Norton were Cox and Jones with 16 points each. Cox hit 8 of 11 shots for 73 percent accuracy but was 0 for two from the free throw line.

Jones connected on four of seven from beyond the arc for 57 percent, two of five two-point shots for 40 percent and six of 12

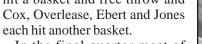
From the free throw line, Norton hit two of six for 33 percent and the Lady Panthers connected on 11 of 18 for 61 percent.

Norton was outrebounded 37-20. The Lady Jays pulled down six offensive and 14 defensive boards and the Lady Panthers grabbed 11 offensive and 16 defensive rebounds.

Ebert was leading rebounder for Norton with six, followed by each; Klaire Mann, Overlease, Campbell, one each.

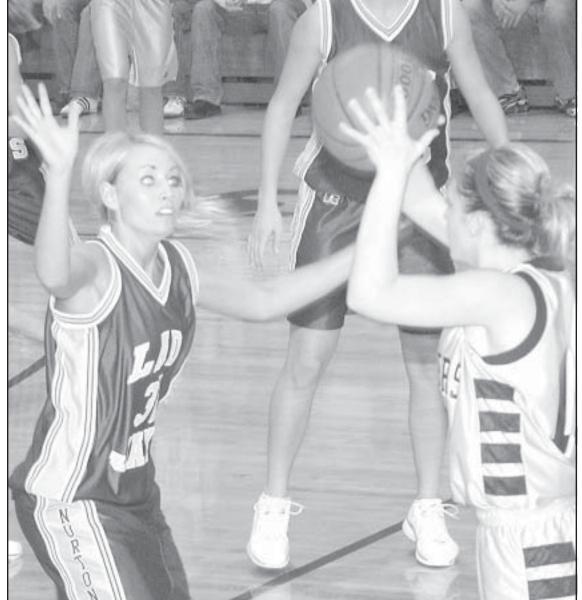
Norton had 11 steals in the game compared to five for Phillipsburg. Newell, Mann, Baird and Ebert had two each and Cox, Jones and Overlease had one each.

The Lady Jays had 16 offensive assists and the Lady Panthers had 12. Assists leader for Norton was Newell with four, followed by Overlease, three; Cox, Mann,



Phillipsburg connected on one

overall for 50 percent.



Newell, five; Cox, Jones, three Norton senior guard Karlie Jones guards a Phillipsburg player during the Lady Jays' win on Friday. In addition to playing good defense, Jones hit 50 percent from the field and scored 16 points. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

> Norton had 16 turnovers but caused Phillipsburg to turn the ball over 22 times.

Junior varsity

The Norton junior varsity girls team defeated Phillipsburg 45-15. Norton held quarter leads of 13-6, 24-12 and 30-14.

lowed by Laura Lee Baird, 7;

Haley Jones, Chantille Campbell, KaraJo Jones, 6 each; Wiyanna Paxton, 4; Megan Kats, 3; Amanda Delimont, Kylie Morel, 2 each.

Toma Griffey was scoring leader for Phillipsburg with 5 points. Emilie Coca added 4.

"It was a great way to start the Leading scorer for Norton was season," said Assistant Coach George Rossi.

"Our girls played outstanding

defense in the second half, allowing only three points.

"We are playing a bunch of girls but they all play well together. This is a very hard working group and we are looking for many good things to happen." C-team

The Norton C-team defeated Phillipsburg 26-22.

Norton trailed 4-3 after one TOTAL

Next action

Norton will play Oberlin on Tuesday, Jan. 3 in Norton in nonleague action. Games will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Norton's games with Stockton scheduled for Saturday were postponed due to bad weather in the Stockton area.

GAME STATISTICS:

Norton girls 57 FGs FTs TP

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	2s 3s M-A				
Whitney Newell	3	0	1-2	7	
Chelsea Cox	8	0	0-2	16	
Laura Lee Baird	2	1	0-0	7	
Amber Overlease	2	0	0-0	4	
Becca Ebert	3	0	0-0	6	
Chantille Campbel	10	0	1-2	1	
Karlie Jones	2	4	0-0	16	
TOTAL	20	5	2-6	57	
Phillipsburg girls	38				
	FC	Зs	FTs	TP	
	2s	3s	M-A		
Jordan Redinger	1	0	2-4	4	
Stacy Rachow	6	0	6-10	18	
Melanie Bilby	2	0	0-0	4	
R. Schilowsky	3	1	3-4	12	
TOTAL	12	1	11-18	38	