

Boys beat Phillipsburg by one in overtime

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High boys basketball team traveled to Phillipsburg on Friday and began Mid-Continent League play with an exciting 57-56 overtime victory.

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 regulation with time running out, sophomore guard Logan Kats launched a shot from beyond the arc and it banked off the backboard and swished through the net for 3 to send the game into overtime.

said Coach Doug Reusink, who coached Phillipsburg coach Keith Sides at Northern Valley High School.

Norton led 16-13 after the first quarter. Jared Engelbert, junior guard, hit all of his 10 points then to give the Blue Jay offense a boost.

Vincent led Norton in scoring with 18 points on seven of 10 shots from the field for 70 percent accuracy and four of seven from the free throw line for 57 percent.

Phillipsburg connected on four of 17 three-point shots for 24 percent, 16 of 32 two-point attempts for 50 percent and 20 of 49 overall for 41 percent.

Norton which were scheduled for Saturday were postponed due to stormy weather near Stockton.



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.

Norton was called for having six players on the court and Abell hit two free throws to make it a one-point game.

Norton had 14 turnovers compared to 10 for Phillipsburg.

GAME STATISTICS: Norton boys 57

	FGs	FTs	TP	
	2s	3s	M-A	
Logan Kats	0	1	0-1	3
Jared Engelbert	1	2	2-2	10
Brian Juenemann	4	0	0-0	8
Jared Cox	1	0	0-0	2
Wes Georgeson	2	0	0-2	4

Phillipsburg boys 56

	FGs	FTs	TP	
	2s	3s	M-A	
Dylan Frantz	4	1	3-4	14
Travis Yoxall	1	1	2-3	7
Jarrett Abell	3	1	3-4	12
William Keesee	5	1	4-5	17
Garrett Wickham	3	0	0-0	6
TOTAL	16	4	12-16	56

Norton girls 57

	FGs	FTs	TP	
	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 Campbell	0	0	1-2	1
Karlie Jones	2	4	0-0	16
TOTAL	20	5	2-6	57

Norton girls basketball team defeats Phillipsburg, 57-38

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The Norton Community High girls basketball team got the Mid-Continent League race off to a good start with a 57-38 win over 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.

hit a basket and free throw and Cox, Overlease, Ebert and Jones each hit another basket.

In the final quarter most of Norton's baskets were from inside where Cox swished four.

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.

Phillipsburg connected on one 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.

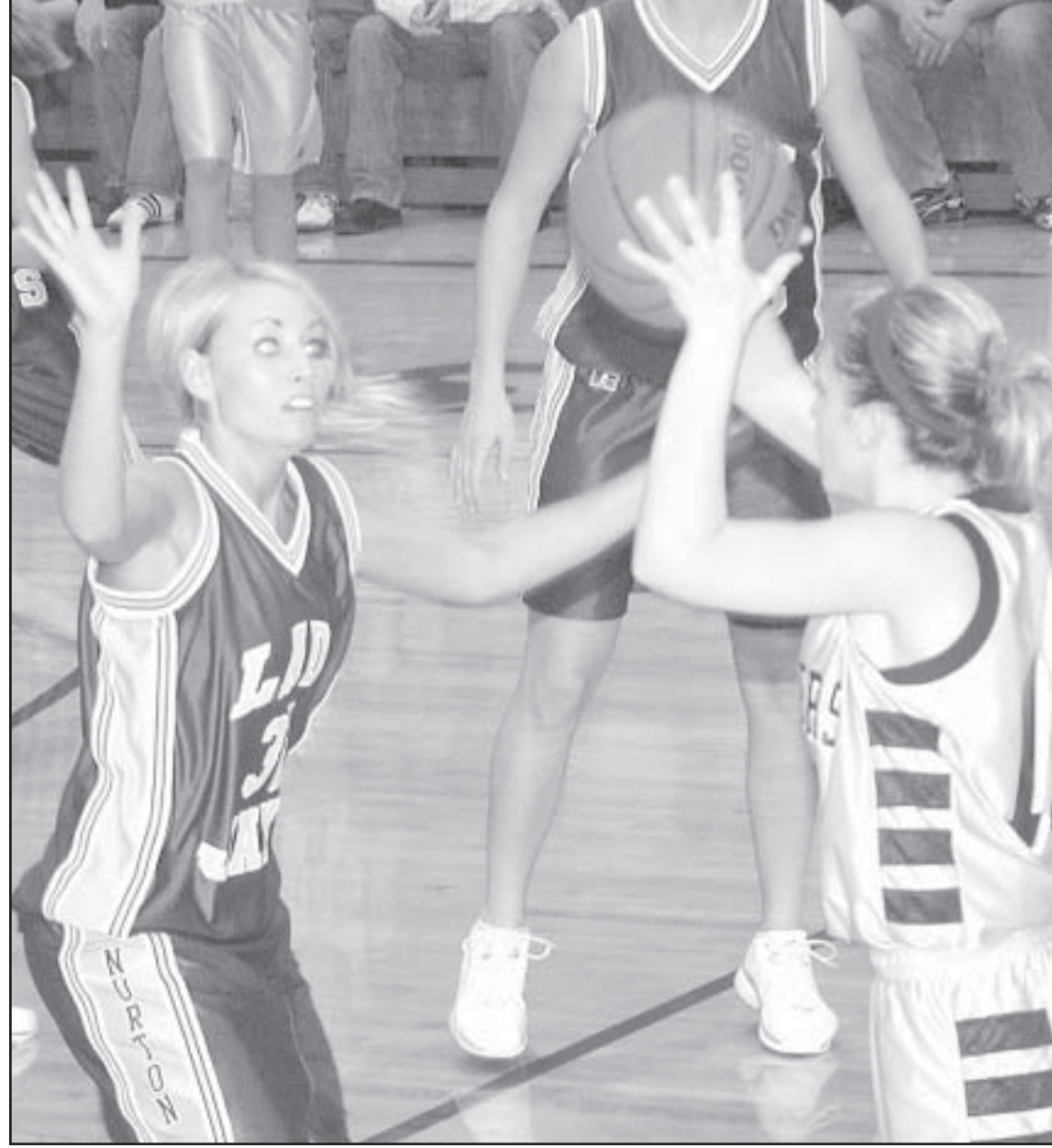
Jones connected on four of seven from beyond the arc for 57 percent, two of five two-point shots for 40 percent and six of 12 overall for 50 percent.

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 Newell, five; Cox, Jones, three each; Klaire Mann, Overlease, Campbell, 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, Ebert, Jones, two each; Baird, one.



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.

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

Norton trailed 4-3 after one quarter and 16-12 at halftime but outsourced Phillipsburg 10-0 in the third quarter to take a 22-16 advantage into the fourth quarter.

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

defense in the second half, allowing only three points.

GAME STATISTICS: Norton girls 57

	FGs	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