# Blue Jay girls open with 'W'

### Late rally by boys falls short

#### Goodland tourney ushers in new season

**By DICK BOYD** Community High School girls and

their season Thursday night with and Nic Lewis added 10. a 55-46 win by the Lady Jays over Sharon Springs and a 47-45 loss by games, Goodland beat Weskan the Blue Jay boys to Colby in the 63-49, Ottawa outscored Topside Tipoff Tournament.

The Norton girls trailed a hot shooting Sharon Springs quintet first round boys contests, 23-16 after one guarter and 33-29 at halftime. The Lady Jays held the Lady Wildcats scoreless in the third quarter while tallying 15 points to take a 44-33 lead into the final stanza. Laura Lee Baird led Goodland in the championship Norton in scoring with 15 points and Taylor Rossi hit 11.

The Norton boys also trailed Colby 15-10 after one quarter and 31-16 at half time, but rallied in the second half and came within one also play on Saturday with game basket of winning.

The Blue Jays outscored the outcome of today's games. Eagles 12-9 in the third quarter to make it a 40-28 contest, then days of basketball action will be outscored Colby 17-7 in the final in the Tuesday Norton Telequarter to cut the final margin to gram.

two points. A Norton three-point GOODLAND - The Norton shot at the buzzer just missed. Logan Kats was leading

boys basketball teams opened scorer for Norton with 12 points

In other first round girls McCook 55-42 and Colby rolled over Wray 69-41. In other Goodland edged McCook 58-56, Sharon Springs defeated Wray 56-41 and Ottawa outpointed Weskan 96-52.

The Norton girls will play semi-finals at 7 p.m. tonight in Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Norton boys will play Weskan at 5 p.m. in the junior high gym.

Norton girls and boys will times being determined by the

Complete details of all three

## Injury cuts season short for Seth Mills

Seth Mills, a sophomore from Norton, played defensive back this season for the Tabor College football team.

After playing three games at defensive cornerback, Mills was lost for the season due to a hamstring injury.

In just three games, Mills had 29 tackles and broke up two passes.

Mills was also chosen as the sophomore representative for the defense on the Team Unity Council.

Tabor ended the season with a 6-4 record and placed fifth in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, after winning the conference championship the past two years.

Mills is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mills, Norton.

Sophomore Seth Mills from Norton is pictured as he played defensive cornerback for Tabor during their first game of the season vs. Kansas Wesleyan.



# Logan drops opener to Trego 67-45

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Trego on Dec. 1 and suffered a 67-45 loss.

Going scoreless in the third quarter pretty well sealed the defeat.

watch, with the score tied at the first buzzer 13-13 and at half 24-24. But the stinger came in the third period when the Trojans just couldn't buy a basket from anywhere on the court. While they were going scoreless, the visitors points vs. Trego's 24.

Tim McElroy was Logan's leading scorer with 13. Others breaking into the scoring column were

The annual Norton Community High School Football Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Blue Jay Booster Club, will be held on

The Logan Trojans opened their Zach Lang with 4; Kyle Brobst 9; 2006-07 season at home against Tanner Pabst 3; Jeff Brown 7; Kevin Burge 4; Payton Chestnut 2; and Ethan Gottschalk 3.

Hemmert led the way for Trego and the game with 25. Geist added 12; Oborny 4; Day 3; Dirks 5; The first half was a good one to Lang 6; Neff 1; Smith 4; Mc Gann Hoxie Indians and lost 57-45.

2; and Locke 5.

#### Logan Jr High boys

The Logan Jr. High boys' basketball Trojans finished fourth at the Longfellow Middle School Shootout Dec. 2 at Hill City.

In the first game of the day against Hill City, the Trojans hung close early, trailing 12-7 at the end of the first quarter. But the Broncos outscored Logan 20-4 in the second quarter, then cruised to a 52-34 win.

and Sean Newlan scoring two apiece. The Trojans then faced the Pakkebier led scoring with 21 points, with Tien scoring 10.

Girard had six points, all in the third quarter. Archer had five points, and Newlan added three.

Mark Pakkebier led Logan in

scoring with 14 points, with Brady

Tien adding 13. Jordan Girard had

three points, with Tracy Archer

Their season's record is 3-2. The boys rolled into the new

season and quickly posted a 3-0 record. On Nov. 14, they took a 29-21 win over Eastern Heights at Agra. Brady Tien led in scoring with 9 points, followed by Jordan Girard with 8, and Mark Pakkebier with 7, Sean Newlan 4 and Tracy Archer 1.

On Nov. 21, they came-frombehind to post a 37-31 victory over Golden Plains in overtime. Pakkebier scored 18, Girard 9, Newlan and Tien 4 each, and Charlie Becker 2.

The Trojans beat Damar 33-24 on Nov. 30.

Pakkebier scored 22, Tien 8, Girard 2 and Newlan 1.

## 7th boys pick up 45-24 win

The Norton 7th grade boys de- Wahlmeier with 9 points; Dillon feated Hill City on Dec. 1 by a McConney 14; Tye Nickell 6; Joe floor, but rebounding was not score of 45-24.

in future games, said coach Chuck

He said the Broncos applied

pressure that Norton did not

handle well and they intercepted

quite a few of the Blue Jays' passes

"We, on the other hand, only had

7 deflects and two steals, and they

were just quicker and we couldn't

apply the pressure that we would

have liked to apply," the coach

He said Norton's shooting woes

that they turned into baskets.

Zimmerman.

said.

"I thought we played our best tin Waggoner 6; and Trey Millan game of the year," said coach Jim 2. Myers. "What we are looking for Nickell was 50 percent from the but that doesn't mean that we can't s steady improvement from one game to the next." The coach was also pleased to see his team shooting much better from the field. One of the statistics that was also pleasing was in steals, with Norton taking away 17. The 'Jays also pulled down 25 rebounds. Scoring for Norton were: Jordan



field with 3 of 6, while McConney

The coach said Hill City "was one of the best junior high shooting teams we have seen in a long time. They shot 51 percent from the field, 60 percent from 3-point range and 67 percent from the free throw line. And we played some pretty good defense when we caught up and got to play defense." "Hopefully, we will learn from

this and learn to play faster ourselves."

Scoring were: Diedra Kramer with 2, Sophie Mills 2, Dustyna Sprigg 5 and Meaghan Peterson 5.

(There was no final score ac*companying this report.*)

having a low number of girls. only 2 quarters were played, said coach Lynette Archer.

defense which worked well and we stuck with it," she said.

Norton shot 26 percent from the good, according to the coach.

"We did not crash the boards like we need to. We are a smaller group

rattled the nets with 19 points. In the final period, Logan canned 21 If only they had a chance to replay that third quarter.

### Blue Jay football banquet Sunday

presentations by head coach Lucas Melvin. All fans are invited and are

asked to bring a meat dish, a veg-Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the etable or salad, a dessert and their high school cafeteria. own table service. Drinks will be A carry-in meal will precede the provided. Help us select the Telegram

Girls lose to talented Hill City squad The Norton Junior High 8th grade girls hosted the Hill City Blue Jay Broncos and hopefully learned from playing against them just Jr. High what it takes to compete with the best in our league and to compete

> roundup shot when we were open were the

culprits. We tend to be too nice and allow the defensive girl the time to come back after we have beaten her and allow the defender to get a hand up to bother our shot. Thus, 19 percent."

In summation, he said, "We were just outplayed this entire

continued by hitting only 19 pernight as we were also out recent of their shots. "Again, defensive pressure and not taking the bounded 32-13."

#### Junior high junior varsity The girls were victorious over the Hill City Broncos on Nov. 30. With a score of 8-6, due to Hill City

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was 46 percent with 6 of 13 and LeClair 43 percent with 3 of 7. Adam Pfeifer was tops for Hill City with 9 points.

be aggressive. The team worked well as a whole and communicated well on the floor," she said.

Scoring were: Kelsie Griffith 2; KyraFulton 2; and Allison Gass 4.

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