

# Engelbert's 3's big for 'Jays

By DICK BOYD

Coach Doug Reusink's Norton Community High School boys basketball team defeated McCook 52-44 in a hard-fought contest on Saturday to win the consolation championship of the Topside Tipoff Tournament in Goodland.

It was an evenly matched game for three quarters with neither team gaining an advantage but senior guard Jared Engelbert broke the Bisons' backs by burying two baskets from beyond the arc in quick succession between the five and three minute marks in the fourth quarter to give Norton a 46-38 lead.

Norton led 8-7 after one quarter and McCook held a slight 25-23 edge at halftime. Both teams scored 8 points in the third quarter to make it a 33-31 game and set the stage for the furious final stanza.

Engelbert's three-point baskets at that point in the game shouldn't have come as a surprise because he had already hit four treys previously!

After Engelbert's final three-pointers, the Blue Jays paraded to the free throw line and put the finishing touches on the win.

Engelbert hit 6 of 11 three-point shots for 55 percent accuracy, was 1 of 1 from two-point range and finished with 7 of 12 for 58 percent and 20 points.

Senior post Nic Lewis also had a big scoring night from inside as he hit 7 of 13 attempts for 54 percent and was 3 of 5 from the charity stripe for 60 percent and 17 points.

Cory Gaston was leading scorer for McCook with 17 points.

"We played a very good game against McCook," said coach Reusink. "We played well defensively the whole game and some of our players stepped up on the offensive end."

As a team, Norton hit 6 of 13 from beyond the arc for 46 percent, 12 of 30 two-point shots for 40 percent and 18 of 43 overall for 42 percent. McCook was 5 of 17 from long range for 29 percent, 9 of 33 on two-point shots for 27 percent and 14 of 50 overall for 28 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton connected on 10 of 15 for 67 percent and the Bisons hit 11 of 14 for 79 percent.

The rebounding battle was even. Norton pulled down 9 offensive and 23 defensive caroms for 32 total and McCook grabbed 11 offensive and 20 defensive for 31 total.

Lewis was a real horse on the boards as he pulled down 9 rebounds to lead the Blue Jays. He was followed by Georgeson, 6; Blake Wolf, 4; Engelbert, Logan Kats, Jared Cox, 3 each; Logan Keiswetter, Brian Juenemann, 2 each

Both teams had 6 steals. Kats led with 3, followed by Juenemann, 2; Lewis, 1.

Norton had 9 assists and McCook had only 2. Kats led with 5, followed by Engelbert, 2; Juenemann, Wolf, 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 12 turnovers and the Bisons had 8.

In other Saturday games, Goodland edged Ottawa 64-62 to win the championship and Sharon Springs got by Colby 46-44 for third place. In the seventh place contest, Weskan rolled over Wray, Colo. 61-27.

### BOX SCORE

#### Norton boys 52

Jared Engelbert 1 6 0-20; Logan Kats 2 0 7-8 11; Brian Juenemann 0 0 0-10; Blake Wolf 0 0 0-10; Wes Georgeson 2 0 0-4; Nic Lewis 7 0 3-5 17; Total 126 10-15 52

#### McCook boys 44

Matt Berry 1 1 1-2 6; Cory Gaston 4 2 3-3 17; Zach Weiser 0 0 2-2 2; Brett Burton 1 1 2-2 7; Chance Unger 0 1 0-0 3; Seth Schaeffer 0 0 2-3 2; Nate Berry 2 0 0-4; John Swanhorst 1 0 1-2 3; Total 95 11-14 44



Norton's Wes Georgeson got loose inside for this basket during the Blue Jays' 47-45 loss to Colby in the opening round of the Topside Tipoff Tournament in Goodland on Thursday. Defending for Colby were Trevor Siebert, No. 3 and Levi Schlick, No. 35.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# Blue Jay boys beat Weskan 58-38

By DICK BOYD

In the consolation semi-finals of the Topside Tipoff Basketball Tournament on Friday, the Norton Community High School boys played a solid four quarters to defeat Weskan 58-38 and advance to the consolation championship on Saturday.

Coach Doug Reusink's Blue Jays worked the ball inside all night to center Nic Lewis and forward Wes Georgeson and they didn't disappoint as they left the nets smoking. Lewis ended with 21 points on 77 percent shooting and Georgeson totaled 20 points on 82 percent accuracy!

Georgeson scored 10 points and Lewis four in the first quarter, which ended with Norton on top 14-12. A 13-9 second quarter, during which Lewis scored eight points, Georgeson three and forward Preston Herman two, extended the Blue Jay lead to 27-21 at halftime.

Three other Norton players also scored in the third quarter, which ended 14-8 in favor of the Blue Jays and stretched the lead to 41-29. Georgeson and Lewis got scoring assistance from four other Blue Jays in the final quarter when Norton outscored the Coyotes 17-9 to win going away.

"We did a great job of getting the ball inside to our post players and

they did a nice job of finishing," said coach Reusink.

"We still need to be more consistent on the defensive end, especially rebounding the basketball but we saw improvement in this game from our first game."

Lewis hit 10 of 13 shots in the game and was a perfect 1 of 1 from the free throw line. Georgeson swished 9 of 11 field goal tries and connected on 2 of 3 free throws for 67 percent.

Drew Frasier led Weskan in scoring with 12 points and was followed by Eric Young, Cole Hershberger and Will Horn with 6 each.

As a team, Norton missed all seven three-point attempts but hit 25 of 45 two-point tries for 56 percent.

Weskan missed all five of their shots from beyond the arc. They connected on 13 of 38 two-point tries for 34.2 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton was 8 of 10 for an excellent 80 percent average and Weskan was 12 of 20 for 60 percent.

The rebounding battle was about even. Norton had 9 offensive and 18 defensive caroms for a total of 27 and the Coyotes pulled down 14 offensive and 14 defensive rebounds for 28 total.

Georgeson was leading rebounder for Norton with 7, fol-

lowed by Jared Engelbert, Jared Cox and Herman, 4 each; Logan Kats, Lewis, 3 each; Zach Dole, Logan Runnion, 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 11 steals and Weskan stole the ball just 6 times. Kats led with 4 thefts, followed by Blake Wolf, 2; Engelbert, Dole, Brian Juenemann, Georgeson, Lewis, 1 each.

Norton had 13 assists and Weskan recorded just 2. Kats was the leader with 6, followed by Engelbert, 3; Georgeson, 2; Wolf, Lewis, 1 each.

Weskan had 19 turnovers and Norton lost the ball 15 times.

With the victory, Norton qualified to play McCook in the consolation championship game on Saturday.

### BOX SCORE

#### Norton boys 58

Logan Kats 2 0 0-0 4; Brian Juenemann 1 0 0-0 2; Blake Wolf 0 0 2-2 2; Jared Cox 0 0 2-2 2; Wes Georgeson 9 0 2-3 20; Nic Lewis 10 0 1-2 1; Zac Dreher 1 0 0-0 2; Preston Herman 2 0 1-2 5; Total 25 0 8-10 58.

#### Weskan boys 38

Eric Young 1 0 4-6; Joe Osburn 1 0 0-0 2; Joel Frasier 2 0 1-2 5; Cole Hershberger 1 0 4-6; Jared Lamm 1 0 0-1 2; Will Horn 3 0 0-1 6; Drew Frasier 4 0 3-8 11; Total 13 0 12-20 38



A Colby player emerged from a crowd with the rebound during the Topside Tipoff Basketball Tournament in Goodland on Thursday. Norton players in the photo are, from left, Brian Juenemann, No. 20, and Preston Herman.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# Norton loses by 2 to Colby Eagles

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School boys basketball team got the new season off to a slow start in the first half of their Topside Tipoff Tournament game Thursday night in Goodland and saw a second half rally come up short in a 47-45 loss to Colby.

Norton trailed 15-10 after one quarter but Colby outscored the Blue Jays 16-6 in the second quarter to extend the Eagles' lead to 31-16 at halftime.

Coach Doug Reusink's quintet started whittling away at the Colby lead in the third quarter and outscored the Eagles 12-9 to cut the margin to 40-28. The fourth quarter was all Norton as the Jays outscored the Eagles 17-7. Jared Engelbert fueled Norton's final drive when he buried a three-point shot with 5:39 left in the game. Point guard Logan Kats fed center Nic Lewis and he scored inside. Kats stole the ball and scored two more Norton points and suddenly the Jays trailed by just 44-40 with 3:35 left.

Two free throws by forward Wes Georgeson at the 1:52 mark cut the Colby lead to 44-42. The Eagles' Trey Barnett was fouled with 1:29 left as Norton tried to regain possession of the ball. He hit one of two charities to make it 45-42. Ethan Stover missed two free throw tries with 1:05 remaining, then Stephan Dinkel was fouled and hit one of two free tosses to extend the Colby lead to 46-42 with one minute left.

Lewis was fouled and hit one charity. Colby brought the ball

down court, shot and missed and Kats was fouled with 24.3 seconds left. With ice water in his veins, Kats buried both free shots to cut the Eagle advantage to 46-45 with 24.3 seconds left. Trevor Siebert was fouled and hit his first free throw for his only point of the game. His second try missed and Lewis rebounded for Norton with 13.8 seconds left. Norton worked the ball around and took one final shot but it missed the mark and Colby won 47-45.

"We didn't rebound very well the first half and our big guys got in foul trouble," said coach Reusink. "They hit a lot of free throws and we missed a lot of them. We lost our poise a little in that first half but we showed a lot of character and got back in the game in the second half."

"We did a better job of blocking out and hit our free throws down the stretch. I'm proud of the way we competed in the second half. Colby has a solid team."

Leading scorer for Norton was Kats with 12 points on 4 of 7 from the field for 57 percent and 4 of 5 free throws for 80 percent. Lewis added 10 points on 3 of 6 from the field for 50 percent and 4 of 6 from the charity stripe for 67 percent accuracy.

Barnett led the Eagles in scoring with 13 tallies and Dinkel added 10.

As a team, Norton swished just 1 of 11 three-point tries for 9 percent, 15 of 34 two-point attempts for 44 percent and 16 of 45 overall for 36 percent.

Colby missed all three shots

they took from beyond the arc but hit 16 of 29 two-point attempts for 55 percent.

From the free throw line, the Blue Jays converted 12 of 20 for 60 percent and the Eagles ripped the nets on 15 of 28 charities for 54 percent.

Norton had a slight edge in rebounding. The Blue Jays pulled down 13 offensive and 13 defensive caroms for 26 total and the Eagles grabbed 7 offensive and 17 defensive for 24 total.

Lewis led Norton in rebounds with 7, followed by Georgeson, 5; Kats, 5; Brian Juenemann, 3; Jared Engelbert, 2; Preston Herman, 2; Blake Wolf, 1; Jared Cox, 1.

The Blue Jays had 12 steals compared to 8 for the Eagles. Kats and Lewis had 3 each, followed by Engelbert, 2; Logan Keiswetter, Juenemann, Cox, Georgeson, 1 each.

Norton had 4 assists. Kats had 3 and Cox 1. Norton had 17 turnovers but Colby had 19.

### BOX SCORE

#### Norton boys 45

Jared Engelbert 1 1 1-2 6; Logan Keiswetter 1 0 0-3 2; Logan Kats 4 0 4-5 12; Brian Juenemann 2 0 0-0 4; Blake Wolf 1 0 0-0 2; Jared Cox 0 0 0-1 0; West Georgeson 2 0 3-3 7; Nic Lewis 3 0 4-6 10; Preston Herman 1 0 0-0 2; Total 15 1 12-19 45

#### Colby boys 47

Trevor Siebert 0 0 1-2 1; Ethan Stover 3 0 2-6 8; Ryan White 2 0 0-4; Trey Barnett 4 0 5-8 13; Stephan Dinkel 2 0 6-10 10; Anthony Rohr 2 0 1-2 5; Levi Schlick 3 0 0-6 6; Total 16 0 15-28 47

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 Norton in Holiday Classic in Goodland ..... 9 a.m., Saturday

### BASKETBALL:

Norton vs. Phillipsburg Varsity, JV, C in Norton ..... 4 p.m., Friday  
 Norton vs. Stockton Varsity, JV (in Stockton) ..... 5 p.m., Saturday  
 Norton in JV Wakeeney Tournament (in Wakeeney) ..... 9 a.m., Saturday  
 Northern Valley vs. Smith Center (in Smith Center) ..... 5 p.m., Today  
 Northern Valley vs. Golden Plains (in Alma) ..... 4 p.m., Tuesday  
 Logan vs. Kensington (in Logan) ..... 4:30 p.m., Friday  
 Logan vs. Natoma (in Natoma) ..... 4 p.m., Tuesday