

# Blue Jay boys settle for 2nd

By DICK BOYD

For almost 29 minutes, the Norton Community High School boys basketball team battled the Smith Center quintet on even terms, but the final three minutes belonged to the Redmen as they defeated the Blue Jays 57-41 to win the championship of the Mid-Continent League Tournament on Monday evening in Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

The two teams traded the lead throughout the game and, with 3:36 remaining in the fourth quarter, the Blue Jays were on top 39-38. But, Smith Center went on an 11-0 run in less than two minutes to move on top 49-39. The Redmen got their points on two quick baskets inside on turnaround shots by Braden Wilson, a three-point basket by Joe Windscheffel, two free throws by Jared Mocaby and two more charities by Windscheffel.

The Blue Jays got their final basket of the game when point guard Logan Kats fed post Wes Georgeson inside with 1:47 left to make it a 49-41 contest. After that, the Redmen paraded to the free throw line, sinking 8 of 8 to extend the final margin to 16 points.

Smith Center held a slim 11-8 lead after one quarter. Both teams tallied 11 points in the second quarter which ended with Norton trailing 22-19. The Blue Jays' best quarter was the third when Jared Engelbert hit two baskets from beyond the arc and reserve post Preston Herman swished three baskets and Norton outscored Smith Center 14-12 to make it a 34-33 ballgame.

In the fourth quarter, Smith Center hit 14 of 15 free throws in outscoring the Blue Jays 23-8.

"We let it get away from us," said Norton head coach Doug Reusink. "We competed for three quarters. We weren't mentally tough enough down the stretch. We panicked and did some silly things instead of staying with what we can do."

"I'm proud of our players but we lack confidence at times. We just have to learn from this and bounce back."

Leading scorer for Norton was Georgeson with 11 points on 5 of 7 from the field for a net smoking 71 percent accuracy and 1 of 2 from the charity stripe.

Wilson led Smith Center with 18 points, Jared Hayes added 12, Mocaby hit 11 and Windscheffel totaled 10 points.

The Redmen had the edge in the team statistics.

Norton hit 3 of 8 from three-point range for 38 percent, 11 of 40



Norton junior point guard Logan Kats brought the ball down court during the Blue Jays' loss to Smith Center in the Mid-Continent League Tournament at Hays Monday night. Kats led the team in rebounds with 7, steals with 7 and assists with 8. —Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

from two-point land for 28 percent and 14 of 48 overall for 29 percent.

Meanwhile, Smith Center hit 5 of 15 from beyond the arc for 33 percent, 11 of 25 two-point tries for 44 percent and 16 of 40 overall for 40 percent.

From the free throw line, the Blue Jays swished 10 of 16 for 63 percent but the Redmen connected on 20 of 24 for 83 percent.

The Blue Jays pulled down 9 offensive and 11 defensive rebounds for 20 total and the Redmen grabbed 6 offensive and 19 defensive boards for 25 total. Kats was leading rebounder for Norton with 7, followed by Blake Wolf, Nic Lewis, 3 each; Engelbert, Georgeson, 2 each; Brian Juenemann, Jared Cox, Herman, 1 each.

Wolf and Lewis each blocked a shot.

Norton had 13 steals. Kats was the leader with 7, followed by Engelbert, 3; Juenemann, Wolf,

Cox, 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 8 assists and Kats was the leader in this category as well. He had 4, followed by Engelbert, 3; Lewis, 1. Kats also had 1 charge drawn.

Both teams had 13 turnovers.

#### Next action

Norton will travel to Smith Center on Tuesday to play the Redmen in C-team, junior varsity and varsity games, beginning at 4 p.m.

#### BOX SCORE

**Norton Boys 41**  
Jared Engelbert 0 30-09; Logan Kats 2 0 3-4 7; Blake Wolf 0 0-1 0; Jared Cox 0 0 1-2 1; Wes Georgeson 5 0 1-2 11; Nic Lewis 1 0 5-6 7; Preston Herman 3 0-1 6; Total 11 3 10-16 41.

#### Smith Center Boys 57

Joy Drew 0 0 1-2 1; Jared Hayes 1 2 4-4 12; Tate Arnold 1 0-0 2; Braden Wilson 8 0 2-4 18; Joe Windscheffel 0 2 4-4 10; Brayton Gillen 0 10-0 3; Jared Mocaby 10 9-10 11; Total 11 5 20-24 57

each.

The Blue Jays had 11 turnovers and the Cowboys gave up the ball 8 times.

#### Junior varsity

The Norton junior varsity lost to Goodland by a 54-37 score.

Norton trailed by quarters: 16-10, 32-25 and 42-31.

Zac Dreher was leading scorer for Norton with 16 points, followed by Landon Hamel, 6; J.D. Gall, 5; Ashton Draper, D.J. Ebner, 4 each; Jared Cox, 2.

Grant Wilkens led Goodland with 12; Spencer Windell added 10.

#### Next action

Norton will play varsity and junior varsity games at Smith Center on Tuesday, beginning at 4 p.m.

#### BOX SCORE

**Norton Boys 46**  
Jared Engelbert 0 10-0 3; Logan Keiswetter 1 0-0 2; Logan Kats 3 0 2-2 8; Brian Juenemann 0 0-0 1 0; Blake Wolf 1 0 0-0 2; Jared Cox 2 0-0 4; Wes Georgeson 3 0 0-0 6; Nic Lewis 7 0 5-6 19; Preston Herman 1 0-0 2; Total 18 1 7-9 46.

#### Goodland Boys 31

Nick Angelo 5 0 1-4 11; Mikey Doll 0 20-26; Tanner Smith 3 0 3-4 9; Travis Angelos 0 0 2-2 2; Andrew Taylor 1 0 1-2 3; Total 9 2 7-14 31.

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# Good road show Northern Valley ladies win two

By TOM DREILING

Sometimes it's not bad playing on the road.

Ask the Northern Valley varsity ladies.

They picked up two road wins, over Lucas-Luray 68-52 on Jan. 23, and over Logan 72-57 on Jan. 19.

"This was the first time for us to play Lucas," coach Bill Lowry said, "and they are a good team."

"I am excited to get a non-conference game. We shot the ball well and we had the same number of rebounds, but we forced 24 turnovers."

The Huskies scored 20 points in the opening quarter, 9 in the second, 24 in the third and 15 in the final period. Lucas-Luray put in 8 points in the first period, 8 in the second, 22 in the third and 14 in the fourth.

Kelli Cole led the way for the Huskies, shattering the nets with 20 big points. Jessica Largent wasn't far behind with 17 and Alison Cole pumped in 15.

Alison Cole led the team in rebounds with 11, followed by

Largent with 9. Largent was also the assists leader with 4.

Kelli Cole was perfect at the free throw line, going 6/6. Alison Cole was 75 percent at the charity stripe with 3/4.

#### Box Scores

**Northern Valley 68**  
Alison Cole 6 0 4-3 15; Megan Cole 1 0 0-0 2; Kelli Cole 4 2 6-6 20; Kelsey Kinderknecht 1 0 6-2 4; Christina Anderson 1 0 0-0 2; Brittney Braun 0 0 2-1 1; Jena Jessup 3 0 3-1 7; Jessica Largent 8 0 2-1 17. Totals: 24 2 23-14 68

#### Lucas-Luray 52

T. Dougherty 3 2 3-2 14; S. Schneider 1 0 0-0 2; E. Palmer 1 2 6-3 11; J. Ulrich 10 0 6-3 23; B. Stoneburgh 1 0 0-0 2; J. Seirer 0 0 2-0 0. Totals: 16 4 17-8 52

#### Vs. Logan

"Logan is a team that is still improving," coach Lowry said. "They never gave up."

Coach Lowry added that, "We forced 21 turnovers and had 12 assists. Logan continued making runs at us, but my players continued to make plays. We made key free throws down the stretch"

Alison Cole led the Northern Valley charge with a net-punishing

22 points. Also in double digits was Kelli Cole with 15. Alison Cole grabbed the most rebounds (10), with Jessica Largent and Jena Jessup with 7 each. Kelli Cole was assists leader with 4.

Christian Anderson was hot from the line with 4/5 for 80 percent. Kelli Cole was 75 percent at the line with 9/12.

#### Northern Valley 72

Alison Cole 10 0 7-2 22; Megan Cole 1 0 0-0 2; Kelli Cole 0 2 12-9 15; Andrea Lowry 0 1 2-1 4; Kelsey Kinderknecht 0 1 4-0 3; Christian Anderson 1 1 5-4 9; Jena Jessup 3 0 2-2 8; Jessica Largent 4 0 3-1 9. Totals: 19 5 35-19 72

#### Logan 57

S. Kemper 5 1 8-4 17; B. Clements 2 0 11-5 9; A. Hartman 5 0 4-3 13; S. VanLoenen 1 0-0 2; J. Archer 2 0 2-1 5; S. Sammons 5 0 6-1 11. Totals 20 1 31-14 57

The Huskies are now 5-6 overall and 2-0 in conference play. They will play at Kensington on Friday and at Alma on Tuesday.

# Junior high girls suffer setback

The Northern Valley Junior High girls' A-team dropped a 30-22 decision to Eastern Heights.

The Huskies scored 2 points in the first quarter, 6 in the second, 4 in the third and 10 in the fourth. Eastern Heights popped in 8 in the opening frame, 5 in the second, 4 in the third and closed out with 13 in

the final stanza.

Scoring for the Huskies were Staci Dole with 7; Katie Stillion 7; Ashley Constable 6; Erika Chandler 1; and Kayla Field 1.

"After such a long holiday break (our first game since the 18th of December), and once we got off some of the rust, the girls played very hard and with lots of energy and effort," said coach Kevin

Largent.

"Eastern Heights is a good fundamental team and both teams played hard. The girls have been working very hard on free throw shooting and (in this game) Katie Stillion was 5/10 from the line," he said.

"We have stressed going to the basket with a purpose and we did," the coach said.

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# Norton boys lasso Cowboys

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School boys basketball team suffered a tough loss when Smith Center put together a fourth quarter run to defeat them Monday night in Hays for the Mid-Continent League Tournament championship, but the Blue Jays avoided a similar result Tuesday evening when they put together four great quarters to outscore the visiting Goodland Cowboys 46-31.

Shooting 61 percent from the field and 78 percent from the free throw line, Norton took a 12-10 lead after one quarter, outscored the visitors 8-7 in the second quarter for a 20-17 halftime advantage and allowed Goodland only one basket in a 10-4 third quarter that put the Jays ahead 30-21.

It was the Blue Jays who made the fourth quarter run in this game as they outscored the Cowboys 16-10 to win going away. Norton hit 5 of 7 free throws in the final stanza.

"We played great on both ends of the floor," said a jubilant Norton head coach Doug Reusink. "We played great defense and executed well offensively, especially in the second half. We really played well the whole time."

"Our bench did a great job, too. Playing back-to-back games, this was great."

With the win, Norton extended their season record to 8-3 and Goodland fell to 7-5.

Senior post Nic Lewis had a field day offensively as he hit 7 of 10 shots from the field for a net-smoking 70 percent accuracy and was 5 of 6 from the free throw line

for 83 percent and 19 points.

Junior point guard Logan Kats had an excellent shooting night as he hit 3 of 6 from the field for 50 percent and 2 of 2 from the charity stripe and finished with 8 points.

Nick Angelos led Goodland in scoring with 11 points; Tanner Smith added 9.

As a team, the Blue Jays swished 1 of 3 from beyond the arc for 33 percent, 18 of 28 from two-point range for 64 percent and 19 of 31 overall for 61 percent.

The smothering Norton defense limited the Cowboys to 2 of 15 from long range for 13 percent, 9 of 25 from two-point land for 36 percent and 11 of 40 overall for a cold 28 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton converted 7 of 9 for 78 percent and Goodland connected on 7 of 14 for 50 percent.

The Blue Jays outrebounded the Cowboys 20-17. Norton pulled down 1 offensive and 19 defensive boards and Goodland grabbed 6 offensive and 11 defensive caroms.

Lewis led in rebounds with 7, followed by Georgeson, 5; Wolf, 4; Engelbert, Kats, Juenemann, Cox, 1 each.

Blake Wolf, Jared Cox and Lewis each blocked 1 shot.

Kats drew 1 charge. The Blue Jays had 5 steals. Kats led with 2, followed by Brian Juenemann, Wolf, Wes Georgeson, 1 each.

Norton had 11 assists. Kats led with 3, followed by Wolf, Georgeson, Lewis, 2 each; Juenemann, Jared Engelbert, 1

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